

LACOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Those Present:

L Heren, S Wise, P Shaw, H Shepherd, J Boldon, P Glen, P Burkinshaw, J Durrant and C Doel.
Also present: D Walters (Unitary Councillor) and seven members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from P Holliday and S Gregory

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

JD and HS declared an interest in Planning Application PL/2024/05691 – The Old Clubhouse, Chapel Hill, Lacock

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Two residents from Corsham Road had written to the PC highlighting issues which they wished to be considered for action. Lisa Culshaw advised those present that there are 78 houses, 18 flats, 23 children of primary school age and 30 dogs on the estate. She invited members of the PC to come to Corsham Road and have a look around the area to see what the issues are. There is a parking issue and it was suggested that the garages be knocked down for parking. DW advised that he had a meeting with Green Square Accord and would be discussing the issue of the garages with them.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (JD/PB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2024 be signed as a true record.

5 CORSHAM ROAD ISSUES:

Bin or waste bin by the play area – Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council to enquire if they would empty the new bin which GSA have agreed to provide or would GSA empty the bin. It was proposed by JD, seconded HS that if the PC has to provide the bin and arrange the emptying (Idverde) that they do so. All in favour.

Large lorries along the Corsham Road – there is nothing the PC can do about Stonegate lorries. The road is too narrow for two lorries to pass. SW suggested calming measures from the traffic lights be looked into – LTG will look into this. The size of the lorries is the issue. Request a metro count. In the meantime ask Stonegate if their drivers could drive more responsibly.

Cantax Hill narrow pavement is difficult to negotiate with prams, etc. SW will raise an issue on MyWilts.

Garden Centre entrance – LH to speak to Mr Self – ask for a notice to warn vehicles exiting the site about pedestrians crossing the footpath.

Defibrillator – Stonegate are open 24hours/day and they have a defibrillator. LH to ask for access and LC to ask GSA to provide a defibrillator.

Removal of bus shelter – it was noted that it is used by children waiting for the school bus. It was agreed it and the noticeboard need to be cleaned.

6 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG:

The Bell happy to go 50% for a defibrillator to be sited on their building. The school has one which is available but only during school times.

LS to chase Kalum House re Ask the Leader event dates.

7 DEREK WALTERS – UPDATE:

Railings at the traffic lights – were a specific type; it will be expensive to stop the traffic. WC will be stopping traffic for some roadworks so will the railings be available in time? Planters etc – enforcement by WC is being undertaken where people are stopping up the highway.

8 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

Emily Frayling had provided a report which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and the contents of which were noted.

NT have had a request for a footpath in Church Street to stop vehicles from parking right up to the windows. Could the PC consider with NT to make space in front of the cottages – not just Church Street but High Street also?

SM has asked for streamline communications. If PC needs to contact NT to go through LH and SW in the capacity of the PC and they will be able to track. SM the only contact with copy to EF her assistant.

Gate repair by NT – did not use oak or security screws. Is it a temporary fix or will be it remedied?

9 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:

S Wise –

MyWilts – action is being taken but it is not being updated by WC. DW advised that there has been a revamp of MyWilts.

Community Orchard – continues to be used. Working Group on Saturday 13 July – football weekend!

P Shaw –

Ninety-nine questionnaires and information packs distributed. So far Online 116 responses. Some of the comments are based on false assessments. 22 hard copy responses received.

Any work for the Parish Steward – please let SG know.

P Burkinshaw -

Work carried out on the website – the problems are being looked into. Will set up LPC facebook page and Instagram – on broadcast but not to receive.

J Durrant –

Updated the Spend against Precept. Looking into NALC Financial Regulations. Asbestos survey now completed.

H Shepherd –

School – Service on 20 June was very well received. Parents have been informed about the visit by The Queen on 11 July – she will be arriving at 2.30pm. New MP will also be coming along and HTV will be there. PC to visit to see the final artwork and plaque.

Lackham – met on 1 July. Most of Wiltshire Business School is being moved to Lackham House with a video conference centre to join up Swindon, Chippenham and Lackham. Numbers for next year very good. They want a bus stop within the campus and looking into a cycle route within the campus.

C Doel –

Allotments – there are one or two issues where people are not working their plots and letters have been sent out. There are some empty plots available at the moment.

Renew water pipe from Whitehall to the top of Blue Barn a distance of 3 kms will be a 2.5 to 3 month project. Mons Lane – a 7 month project is going to create a big traffic problem along Bewley Lane. Two camps will be erected 50m x 50m. They hope to commence next April 2025 with stock proof fencing – 25 metres.

10 TRAFFIC IN LACOCK:

It was agreed to defer this to the NT, LPC and Sune traffic/coach meeting on 1 August 2024.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 Briefing Note 24-13 – Housing Land Supply and House Delivery Test
- 2 From Lisa Culshaw – Corsham Road – agenda item 5
- 3 From Nicky Troughton – Corsham Road Issue – parking at entrance to the estate
- 4 Briefing Note 24-14 Solar Together, Scheme 3
- 5 Melksham Without PC – Formal Notice of consultation on the Regulation 14(b) Stage of the Reviewed Melksham Neighbourhood Plan – **noted - thank you for informing LPC**
- 6 Wiltshire PCC – PCC visits community group supporting the homeless after grant helps to fund running costs
- 7 Wiltshire PCC – Volunteers needed to assess and scrutinise the standard of Wiltshire Police’s custody facilities
- 8 Wiltshire Council – Join Solar Together – Wiltshire’s biggest solar panel scheme supported by Wiltshire Council
- 9 Wiltshire Council – Emergency contact Hub – sign up – **no interest**
- 10 PCC – Animal Welfare Scheme to support the care of police dogs launches in Wiltshire
- 11 From Nicky Troughton – request for defibrillator and removal of bus shelter at Corsham Road
- 12 Wiltshire Council – Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan 2 (First Review 2023- 2038) Regulation 16 Consultation
- 13 From Caroline Jackson – Thank you letter for donation towards commemorative badges and plaque
- 14 PCC – launches public consultation to gather residents’ views to inform future policing priorities
- 15 From Emily Frayling – NT updates for PC meeting

12 FINANCE:

i) It was resolved (JD/PS) that the following accounts be paid:

Alarms & Electrical Ltd	£ 69.60	(Retro – fire extinguisher annual service)
S Steward	£ 472.10	(for June)
S Steward	£ 14.39	(office/exps)
Idverde Ltd	£. 279.94	(Village mtce – June)
Idverde Ltd	£ 270.86	(Grounds mtce – June)
Falcon Landscapes	£ 280.00	(grass cutting – cemetery)
Lacock School	£ 960.00	(donation 200 th anniversary – retrospective)
Idverde Ltd	£ 156.00	(annual dog bin collection – retrospective)
HM Revenue & Customs	£ 354.06	(PAYE)
James Long (Masons) Ltd	£1512.00	(Memorial H&S inspection – cemetery)

ii) **To approve Statement of Account –**

It was resolved (PG/HS) that the statement of account showing a balance of £21281.49 as at 29 May 2024 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.245/246) and £51846.31 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

13 PLANNING:

PL/2024/03497

Extend the existing workshop building to include two additional bays to the west to provide further workshop and storage space, reroute HGV access internally with the site and retain the temporary offices approved under PL/2022/04870 for a further three year period. – Yard and buildings, Folly Lane, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

PL/2024/03694 & PL/2024/03948 Listed Building Consent – Amended Plans/Additional Information
Improvement of external area to the front of the building with seating area, access ramp, pedestrian crossing and outlining of 5 parking bays – Carpenters Arms, Church Street, Lacock

OBJECT as per previous comments

PL/2024/05691

Retrospective Application for Change of use of live/work premises for use as self-contained dwelling (Class C3), together with change of use and adaptation of 3No Bed and Breakfast rooms previously approved to provide 1No two bedroom holiday let unit (retrospective) or for use as a self-contained residential annex, not to be disposed of separately from the attached main dwelling – The Old Clubhouse, Chapel Hill, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

PL/2024/02660

Installation of a viewing platform in the Tithe Barn and installation of ramp in the Infirmary Passage at The Cloisters, Lacock Abbey – Tithe Barn and The Cloisters, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

PL/2024/05770

Single storey extension to front elevation – 36 Reybridge, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

PL/2024/06075 Listed Building Consent & PL/2024/06086

Replacement of existing timber windows and external doors – Carpenters Arms, Church Street, Lacock.

NO OBJECTION

The Council appreciates that by installing single glazing it represents a like for like replacement for what is there already, but it considers to require this is retrograde and an unacceptable stance having regard to the need to adapt buildings to improve their energy efficiency and assist in meeting the demands of climate change. It would therefore request that the Council reconsiders its stance to require single glazing.

14 OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:

- i) Speed Limit Task Group has finished its work and a report will be forthcoming.
- ii) Mr Harris still concerned about the stream.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 9 September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.03pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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9 September 2024