



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on 9 September 2024
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Those Present:

L Heren, S Wise, P Shaw, H Shepherd, J Boldon, P Glen, P Burkinshaw, P Holliday and C Doel.
Also present: Ten Members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from J Durrant, D Walters, S Gregory and Karen Bolger (National Trust)

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

PB declared an interest in Planning Application PL/2024/07743 – Lacock C of E Primary School.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

The issue of enforcement notices received by several of the public members present was highlighted. It was pointed out that the use of planters had been adopted to provide a safe entrance to the Village Shop, The Red Lion and Primary School and they were not a hazard to traffic using the High Street. The matter was causing a great deal of disquiet in the village. Approach to unofficial stopping up needs to be consistent across all properties concerned.

Mrs O'Neill advised that because of the damaged kissing gate at Lovers Walk it was being used as a short cut by motorbikes and horses. SW to flag with MyWilts.

Concern at the level of tourism, particularly in the evening – lack of care and respect for the residents, rubbish left and organised tours using small buses to drive through the ford.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (HS/CD) that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2024 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG:

EV charging – it is likely that Lacock will be a pilot site – 12 chargers are due to be installed in Hither Way car park in approximately 8 months. Charging points will be available for use by residents and visitors. Electricity supply will need to be upgraded.

Common above Stoggy Lane – has been discussed with estate manager – no plans at the moment – a long term project.

Flooding above common – ditch clearance has been completed and will be monitored this winter.

Coach recording in Hither Way Car Park ongoing through September and October

6 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

No rep from NT was present and the update was not received in time to be circulated prior to the meeting. However, LH advised members of the following items from the update by Karen Bolger:

- 1 Lacock has been selected to receive EV charging points as part of a central project. 12 chargers are due to be installed in Hither Way car park in approximately 8 months – tbd. The Red Lion Car Park is out of the current scope of the project. Charging points will be open for use by the community as well as visitors.
- 2 Traffic outcomes – car count analysis will be forthcoming; Coach recording in Hither Way Car Park in September and October; Contacting coach companies for more information on their tour programmes is ongoing; A version of AA signs that were used for Summer of Play etc will be trialled pre Christmas to see if they work before investing in permanent signage – wording to be decided with PC traffic management group. Request to NT Grants team to explore potential sources to help fund a buggy type service that will help less mobile visitors – will update when more known.

7 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:

P Burkinshaw –

PC Facebook page set up. Members reminded they should be using the lacockparishcouncil.gov.uk email address. Anyone not doing so by end of December 2024 will have their personal email address blocked.

J Boldon –

Remembrance Day – road closure application to be applied for and letters to addresses affected to be distributed.

H Shepherd -

School – new Head Teacher, Aaron Laws now in post. Using Village Hall for school assemblies.

Have requested white lines on front of the school for safe walkway.

Wise Owls – numbers good

Lackham – numbers good this year. They will be providing the Christmas tree.

Defibrillator installed at The Bell Inn.

PH asked how many Lacock children there were in the school and Wise Owls – 50:50 at the school.

LH to ask NT if new houses to rent will prioritise families who will use the school and Wise Owls.

C Doel –

The school has applied for an allotment – meeting with the school and Allotment committee to be arranged to discuss.

Flower Show – excellent this year with some superb exhibits.

There are a few allotment plots available at the moment.

The committee is taking advice from National Allotment Society re Code of Conduct – in progress.

The AGM will be held in February/March date to be confirmed.

L Herren –

Play Park – RoSPA inspection due – this will be the last one before PC hands back the lease.

Fence becoming loose – LH to contact NT for a repair.

S Wise –

Community Orchard – working group on Saturday 14 September for general maintenance.

RoW – one footpath closed at Pinnells Mill – footbridge has been closed by WC.

With the help of some Cotswold Warden tools and three willing volunteers will be fixing the stile on LAC013 on Friday.

P Shaw –

Walkway from Bewley Lane to the abbey bridge – nettles very high on Chapel field side and weeds along the length of the bridge on both sides – forward to Parish Steward for action.

P Holliday –

PH obtaining quotes for steps on the right hand side of the cemetery path.

Playing field - nets have been taken down on the tennis court.

Basketball nets have been vandalized

Football season has started – lines have been painted.

Cricket – Lacock won the Spye Park Cup.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 From PCC – latest inspection into Wiltshire Police’s performance. The latest Police Efficiency, Effectiveness and Legitimacy (PEEL) report from HM Inspectorate of Constabulary & Fire Rescue Service
- 2 From Peter Foster (Neighbourhood Policing Inspector – Chippenham/Calne/Corsham) – next Neighbourhood Parish Forum at Devizes HQ at 1800hrs on 20 November 2024
- 3 From WC – Gypsies & Travellers Development Plan Consultation begins 20/8 until 4/10 with list of engagement dates – **7 or 8 sites have been identified – PC needs to keep an eye on this**
- 4 Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch Association AGM 5/10 at Wiltshire Police HQ at 10am – **note in parish magazine to see if any interest in setting up a scheme in Lacock**
- 5 From Wiltshire PCC – First Draft of New Police & Crime Plan in development following public consultation
- 6 From Sarah Cozens re planters outside village shop – necessary for safety reasons
- 7 From Village Shop re Plant Pots at 12 High Street
- 8 From Lacock School re White Lines

Idverde Ltd	£ 270.82	(PF mtce – July)
Idverde Ltd	£. 246.20	(January invoice)
S Steward	£ 472.10	(for July)
S Steward	£ 15.07	(office expenses - July)
British Heart Foundation	£1526.99	(LS defibrillator – retrospective)
Falcon Landscapes	£ 280.00	(Cemetery grass cutting 30/7)
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F Brind	£ 638.00	(Cemetery gates – painting)
Huyton Restoration	£ 125.00	(Play eqpt repair)
Water2business	£ 87.81	(Allotments)
Butterworth Consulting	£ 144.00	(Laptop)
HM Land Registry	£ 29.94	(JB – search – retrospective)
Idverde Ltd	£ 279.94	(Village Mtce - August)
Idverde Ltd	£. 270.82	(PF mtce - August)
S Steward	£ 472.10	(for August expenses – August)
S Steward	£ 17.03	(office expenses – August)

ii) To approve Statement of Account –

It was resolved (PB/PH)) that the statement of account showing a balance of £19563.67 as at 29 May 2024 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.247/248) and £51846.31 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

14 PLANNING:

PL/2024/07743 – Listed Building Consent

Taking down in sections and rebuilding of leaning boundary wall, reusing the existing stones and capping stones – Lacock C of E Primary School, High Street, Lacock **NO OBJECTION**

15 OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:

- i) Vans parked at the top of Nethercote Hill
- ii) Replacement seat in cemetery – offer from ex parishioner to fund a seat

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14 October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.28pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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14 October 2024

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