



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on 11 November 2024
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Those Present:

L Heren, S Wise, P Glen, P Shaw, S Gregory, P Burkinshaw, J Boldon, J Durrant and C Doel.
Also present: D Walters, S McMillan and J Bradshaw

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from H Shepherd and P Holliday

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

CD declared an interest in Planning Application PL/2024/04525

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

There were no members of the public present

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The following amendment to the minutes of 14 October 2024 –
Page 3 item 9 Play Park Lease & earlier revisions: final sentence should read:
It was agreed that the consensus was to appoint Awdry's solicitors (JD/HS)
Page 4 item 11 Councillor's Code of Conduct: second sentence should read:
It was voted and agreed to adopt LPC revised CofC from September meeting

It was agreed (JD/PB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2024 be signed as a true record.

5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG:

SMc advised that NT keeping an eye on flooding issue at Bowden Hill but no work is planned for this winter.

LS to contact Kalum House (copy to DW) again to invite Richard Clewer to attend a PC meeting.
Emergency Plan – ongoing

LS advised that the bus shelters would be cleaned 19 November

LS confirmed that the dog bin for Corsham Road play area is on order

6 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

SMc had submitted a report prior to the meeting which was circulated to all councillors.

Security of the allotments area – NT completed some minor repairs and have approval to fit new locks; going to review the wider security issue in the allotments. Ask that any breaches/thefts be reported to the police.

Held a traffic management meeting which was really positive. Have agreed to hold meetings every quarter with 2 reps from each organization – and agreed to have the meetings a week or so after the PC meetings allowing time to feed back to the next PC meeting.

Collecting car parking data for the village and a spreadsheet of coach companies with their information, visit dates etc. Plans to trial AA signage at peak times to direct traffic to the car park; to be trialled Christmas 2024 initially.

PC to talk to Highways re signage.

Buggy service from Hither Way car park – unfortunately there is no funding available at the moment but this is in NT long term plan.

There is a spatial planning project commencing which will address the visitor experience making the area around the Abbey and Red Lion traffic-free and safe for visitors, and the village. Consultation with LPC as plans are drawn up.

Staggered parking charge for the NT car park has been discussed, but as part of an NT national policy it is difficult to change. They are looking at possibilities.

JB advised that six cottages have been refurbished this year and three have been let. Two cottages are nearly complete. Cantax House still ongoing. There are still five properties empty.

SG asked if there is a plan to carry out maintenance on the Cantax House garden. JB responded that he would ask the estate team to look into this to keep the garden under control before the Spring.

7 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:

P Burkinshaw –

Corsham Road Play Area – PB was not impressed with the RoSPA response to his comments on their recent report.

J Boldon –

Remembrance Day – all went well

J Durrant –

JD reminded councillors that there was £10k still for this year for traffic initiatives and money available for grants.

LS to check if 2025 election costs need to be considered for the precept.

S Wise –

Footpaths – SW has raised a lot of issues with MyWiltshire. 20+ have had a result, 21 are still showing as open, 11 the state of which is unknown. Three which are outstanding require definite action.

Community Orchard – project for next year is to create a shelter over the current stone seat – minimal cost – for precept consideration.

P Glen –

Memorial inspection report from James Long – LS to contact JL to ascertain why some newer headstones, installed by JL, are now reported as needing attention. JL quote needs to be added to precept.

P Shaw –

PS advised that NT will share information on vehicles in the village. NT amenable to request for contribution to funding of final interventions. SG advised that a reply from Sarah Deardon stated £120k including £13K for contingencies. Four speed bumps needed Cantax Hill and Bell Inn. It was agreed that £20k is needed towards the substantive bid with an approach to NT for a contribution. PS and SG to write to NT requesting a contribution for the speed bumps intervention.

SG has received an email from Highways – they have identified East Street as needing surface dressing – what and when will it be?

PS to write about re-tarmacking of Naish Hill next year – it will be uprooted next year by the Wessex Water works.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

1 From Peter Glen re Petition – “in my opinion serious consideration should be given to withdrawing this petition, as it is inappropriate under the circumstances ...”

PS – the petition serves no purpose.

DW – has asked for evidence for the need to enforce – he has raised it at a full council meeting.

CD – disagreed with idea of petition.

JB – we represent the parish and villagers and the petition is what they wish in order to resolve the safety issues.

SW – school and post office also understood to be raising petitions providing and demonstrating a collective approach; LPC only initiating an on-line petition to represent the community.

The petition was raised not in the name of the Parish Council but to enable the participation of parishioners and members of the public.

2 National Trust update for November PC meeting

3 Quote from Sutcliffe Play for bespoke replacement part for play equipment at Corsham Road

4 National Trust re Lacock Sports Pavilion – Rent Review – increase from £150 per annum to £225.44 per annum wef 1 May 2024. – **clarity needed on what NT is responsible for. All were in favour for the rent review form to be signed.**

9 COUNCILLOR BEHAVIOUR & CODE OF CONDUCT:

Prior to the meeting all Councillors had been provided with x3 emails originating from the Lacock Parish Council email account of Peter Glen: at the meeting Peter was invited to provide an explanation for them, before each councillor in turn was invited to offer their view. The meeting agreed that each of these e-mails constituted a breach of the Lacock Parish Council Code of Conduct. Peter Glen agreed that each of these e-mails constituted a breach of the Lacock Parish Council Code of Conduct and apologised to the Council. It was proposed, voted upon, and agreed that Peter's

apology would be accepted, and that until such time as any re-election, Peter's Lacock Parish Council's outgoing emails would be monitored as an extra safeguard to ensure compliance: Peter stated that he would accept this condition. He was again reminded of the need to ensure his compliance with the Code of Conduct in particular member obligation No10. i.e. to respect and support the collective policies and decisions of the Parish Council.

10 WEIGHT LIMIT ON C155:

It was agreed to carry forward this item to the January 2025 meeting.

11 FINANCE:

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

S Steward	£472.10	(for October)
S Steward	£. 14.99	(office expenses – October)
Idverde Ltd	£279.94	(Village Mtce – October)
Idverde Ltd	£270.82	(PF mtce – October)
Falcon Landscapes	£280.00	(cemetery grass cutting – retrospective)

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

It was resolved (JD/PG)) that the statement of account showing a balance of £36667.17 as at 21 October 2024 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.251) and £51846.31 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

iii) It was proposed by PB, seconded JD, that Quotation 60013248 from Sutcliffe Play in the sum of £72.00 (seventy two pounds only) for a bespoke replacement part for the play equipment at Corsham Road be accepted : all were in favour.

14 PLANNING:

PL/2024/09383

Conversion of former agricultural storage building to provide 2no dwellings pursuant to Part 3, Class Q of the town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) – Barn at Piccadilly House, Folly Lane, Lacock, Chippenham SN15 2LP

NO OBJECTION

PL/2024/09463

Re-hang timber doors to open outwards and add inner sliding glazed doors for additional access – Fox Talbot Museum, High Street, Lacock SN15 2LG

NO OBJECTION

PL/2024/09768

Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area – Land at Bewley Common, Lacock

NO COMMENT

PL/2024/09781

Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area – Cantax House, 1 Cantax Hill, Lacock

NO COMMENT

PL/2024/04525

Conversion of existing stables into a single storey 3 bedroom dwelling house with extensions to the eastern and western ends – Reybridge Farm Stables, 32 Reybridge, Lacock

NO OBJECTION

15 OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:

- i) From HS – Christmas tree will be erected 20 November.
- ii) Request from NT for volunteer to deliver invitations within the village for 9 December event – SG
- iii) PG raised issue of 'pinch point' at Griffin Farm area and whether signage could improve traffic flow and safety.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 16 December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.13pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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16 December 2024

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