



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting  
held on 14 April 2025  
at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

**Those Present:**

L Heren, S Wise, P Shaw, P Glen, J Boldon, J Durrant , S Gregory and C Doel.

Also present: Derek Walters, Sonya McMillan (National Trust) and four members of the public

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from H Shepherd and P Holliday

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were none

**3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

There was nothing raised

**4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

It was agreed (JD/JB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2025 be signed as a true record.

**5 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG:**

There was nothing to discuss; three NT issues ongoing:

- 1 EV charging – update at June meeting
- 2 Parking on common at Stoggy Lane – no news
- 3 Flooding above the common; test of pond water to be conducted if deemed necessary by NT - SMc to chase James Bradshaw

## **6 UNITARY COUNCILLOR – UPDATE:**

DW advised that nothing regarding highways enforcement has been received from Wiltshire Council.

## **7 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:**

An update from Emily Frayling was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Closure of footpath from Nethercote to Reybridge

No.20 Church Street – work ongoing with a view to having works completed summer 2025.

Car parking and RV issues in the coach park – RVs are being asked to park at the back of the car park.

Joint traffic management plan – have not done the work – but will in time for May meeting for PC to discuss in collaboration with NT.

Martin Parr currently setting up photo shoot with residents and will be in the village on 8 May.

Allotments – padlocks will be installed and the Allotment Association will be advised of the code.

Plans in hand for the Easter weekend – will check if AA signs will be in place.

Agenda item 9 was moved up the order so that ‘Communications with NT’ could be discussed while SMc was in the hall. LH and SMc, supported by SW, repeated the reasons for communications between LPC and NT to be channelled through chair/vice chair: firstly to streamline communications and secondly to ensure that all emails/calls to NT represented areas that had been discussed and agreed by LPC prior to communication to NT. JD confirmed that similar communications had occurred during her tenure as chair.

In relation to recent direct communication between PS and NT regarding coach parking in March and discussion thereof at March’s LPC meeting, and whether any further acknowledgement by NT between March and April was necessary, there was disagreement regarding the nature of the Lacock Traffic Group’s constitution – an LPC working group or a traffic discussion group working outside LPC remit? The logical argument was put that if the traffic group reported to LPC which it does due to several of its members being councillors, then it was bound by LPC guidance on communications with NT. This was not resolved by members of the traffic group.

## **8 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:**

### **C Doel –**

Nothing to report from the Allotments.

### **J Durrant –**

Reported that certain areas of the new Precept have already exceeded estimates submitted during December 2024. Request for more accuracy in future Precept submissions. Electrical certificate for the Pavilion – to be updated and clerk to seek 2x further quotes.

### **L Heren –**

Will be having a meeting with SMc re the signage at the play area and a full handover of paperwork etc. Proposal submitted via HS to purchase a village flagpole was agreed which SW will organize in time for VE Day anniversary, SW was granted approval to spend up to £300, in parallel a contribution would be sought from the NT

### **H Shepherd –**

An update from HS was circulated prior to the meeting. HS appealed for volunteers to help with the invite drop to residents for VE Day event.

Wise Owls – still awaiting date for AGM. Places currently full with lots of enquiries for September.

School – school travel plan – no progress. Plans for this year’s scarecrow trail are well advanced and school is working with NT on plans for lantern parade on 8 December 2025.

### **S Wise –**

Asset Register updated and would be passed to Clerk as soon as e-mail functionality restored.

Footpaths: Path across Wick Solar Farm – PROW LAC02 being maintained whilst work is ongoing.

Pinnells Mill PROW LAC06 still closed – footbridge is dangerous – with Wiltshire Council pending resources

PROW 9 north of Lackham Roundabout TRO issued with temporary diversion.

Community Orchard: a good working group last Saturday (8 Mar 25). Shelter construction in progress – half the work completed for a third of the money, project on track to come in underbudget

### **P Shaw –**

PS clarified that the Lacock Traffic Group is an independent group and not a sub committee of the Parish Council. SW has resigned from the Group. JD indicated that LPC ‘Terms of Reference’ existed for the traffic group with LPC.

### **P Glen –**

The quote for the work to plots in the cemetery together with a price for the topsoil needed had been circulated to members and was discussed under Finance. Mrs Tapliss had contacted PG with an offer to supply a new bench in the cemetery. There is a seat which is in a poor condition which could be replaced. The Clerk was asked to find out who had provided this seat and whether the Tapliss family might consider sharing a plaque on any replacement seat with the incumbent owners.

### **S Gregory -**

LHFIG plans and costs for traffic calming will be submitted over the Summer.

## **9 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1 Via PC website from Chris Moore re removal of chain linked fence from family gravestone – “graveyard vandalism – The Clerk was requested to write to the family offering LPC’s **Apologies for any upset but the grave was not being tended and the fence posed a Health and Safety risk. PC had no contact details for the family/owner of the grave.**
- 2 From Polly Tuckwell, Site Co-Ordinator at Griffin Estate – road signage request for black and white directional signage – **PC agreed to support the request in principle.**
- 3 From William Ranger, cousin of Chris Moore – same as Item 1
- 4 From Emma Knight, Stonegate, re Vandalism at Carpenters Arms - **noted**
- 5 From Patrick Holliday – Sign of the Angel tables on the pavement and Carpenters Arms re build issues

- 6 From Wheelers – Electrical Inspection Certificate in respect of Cricket Pavilion together with quote for remedial works in the sum of £1391.82 – **Quote deemed to be very high – PC to obtain two additional quotes**

10 **FINANCE:**

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

Idverde Ltd	£ 279.94	(Village mtce – March)
Idverde Ltd	£ 270.82	(PF mtce – March)
Idverde Ltd	£ 9.60	(C/Rd dog bin empty - March)
S Steward	£ 472.10	(for March)
S Steward	£. 18.28	(office/exps)
Falcon Landscapes	£ 320.00	(Cemetery grass cutting 29/3/25)
Wiltshire Council	£ 316.99	(Cemetery NNDR- retrospective)
National Trust	£ 225.44	(Pavilion rent 29.3.25-28.3.26 - retrospective)
Dropbox	£ 199.00	26.3.25-25.3.26 – retrospective)
Krystal Hosting Ltd	£ 132.00	(domain lacockparishcouncil.gov.uk)
Water2business	£ 161.08	(cemetery)
WALC	£ 36.00	(Training – retrospective)
WALC	£ 447.23	(Annual subscription)
HMRC	£ 354.06	(PAYE)

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

It was resolved (PG/JD) that the statement of account showing a balance of £23057.70 as at 1 April 2025 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.257) and £51846.31 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

- iii) It was resolved (JD/SG) to transfer £15k from the Co-operatve Bank current account to the Cambridge 7 Counties Bank 31 Day Business Notice Account.
- iv) Cemetery memorial clearance work – it was agreed (PG/JB) that the quote £420 for the work and **£220.80** for replacement topsoil be accepted.
- v) It was agreed, ( LH/SW) that a flagpole, together with three sleeves, be purchased for use at village events.

12 **PLANNING:**

**20/02383/REM**

Reserved Matters in relation to Outline Planning Permission 14/12118/OUT – Crest Nicholson South West, Rowden Park, Patterdown Road, Chippenham. **NO OBJECTION**

**PL/2025/03583 – Decision Notice**

Dead tree overhanging the road – fell – The Paddocks, Mons Lane, Lacock. **NO COMMENT**

**PL/2025/02057**

Double storey side extension – 3B Melksham Road, Lacock **NO OBJECTION**

**PL/2025/03414 – Listed Building Consent**

Take down and rebuild chimney in central valley; apply render to chimney facing courtyard –  
Carpenters Arms, Church Street, Lacock

**NO OBJECTION**

**13 OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:**

- i) Four telegraphs poles in Bewley Lane – belong to Openreach – fibre broadband
- ii) More damage to Abbey Bridge – reported to Wiltshire Council – four reports to date
- iii) Wick Lane/A350 – no provision for pedestrian safety
- iv) DW offered his thanks to the council for its work over the previous four years.
- v) SG – not standing for election and thanked the Council for support over the years.
- vi) CD – not standing for election and thanked the Council for support over the years.
- vii) **PG concurred with CD and thanked councillors for their support over his 30+ years as a member of LPC**

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 12 May 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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12 May 2025