



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on 9 June 2025
at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

Those Present:

L Heren (Chair), S Wise, P Chilton, J Parsons, S Longo, C Trought, P Shaw, M Bowsher, J Durrant, and J Boldon,. Also present: Peter Wragg, and Sonya McMillan (National Trust)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from A Bone

2 INTRODUCTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Newly co-opted members (PC, SL, MB, CT) introduced themselves and signed Declarations of Acceptance of office.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no declarations of interest

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

There were no members of the public present.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (JD/JB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2025 be signed as a true record.

7 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG:

There was nothing to discuss

8 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

An update from Emily Frayling was circulated to members prior to the meeting. More signage to channel vehicles to the car park. Flagpole hole outstanding. Planning Application being submitted for the trees to be cut back.

9 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:

The following AoRs to remain:

J Durrant –

JD advised that PC now needs to pay Employers NI contributions.
Village Hall ticking along. Curtain poles need to be fixed.

L Heren –

Met with Peter Wragg and NT Conservation Officer re Carpenters Arms – no movement.

S Wise –

Community Orchard – working party meets second Saturday each month.
Public Rights of Way – four in our parish are closed – three with diversions and one because of structural damage (Pinnells Mill)

P Shaw –

LHFIG Group – only issues for PC: speed bumps on Cantax Hill – going through design works at the moment.

J Boldon - Planning

Remaining Areas of Responsibility will be filled as follows:

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| Cemetery & Amenity Seats: | S Longo |
| Playing Field/Pavilion/Corsham Road Play area: | Chris Trought |
| Rep on Garden & Allotments Committee: | Andrea Bone |
| Community Engagement: | Jamie Parsons |
| IT & Website: | Phil Chilton |
| Defibrillators: | Louise Heren |
| Traffic/Highways Task Group: | Pete Shaw/Andrea Bone/Phil Chilton |
| School/Wise Owls/Lackham Liaison | Meg Bowsher |
| Flooding/Flood Warden: | Louise Heren |

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. From Ruth Young asking to have a memorial bench in the Playing Field in memory of her husband.
New benches only to replace old ones – being looked into as no requirement at present
2. Various communications from Lime Down Solar Park – Project Update advising of targeted consultation on proposals for Lime Down Solar Park - **noted**
3. From Wiltshire Council reminding candidates who stood at election that they are required by law to complete a declaration of expenses return to the Returning Officer.
4. From WC Highways re urgent closure of Beanacre Road (Part) Melksham commencing 12.6.25 between 1900 and 2359.
5. From Emily Frayling – National Trust updates
6. Democratic & Member Services – advert re recruitment for Co-opted Member of the Standards Committee of Wiltshire Council – closing date 20.6.25.

7. Wiltshire Council – report on Wiltshire Independent Remuneration Panel – Scheme of city, town and parish allowance.
8. From Nicky Sheldrake offering to donate tree in memory of her mother Lyn Allen. **SW to contact Nicky re possible tree in community orchard**
9. From Peter Glen re NT – EV Mini Pickup Truck – self-explanatory – **pass to NT**
10. Mayor of Royal Wootton Bassett – Charity Golf Event – early autumn. Any interest? – **possibly dependent on date**

11 FINANCE:

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

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| Idverde Ltd | £ 279.94 | (Village mtce – May) |
| Idverde Ltd | £ 270.82 | (PF mtce – May) |
| Idverde Ltd | £ 9.60 | (C/Rd dog bin empty – May) |
| S Steward | £ 48.22 | (back pay for April) |
| S Steward | £ 521.25 | (for May) |
| S Steward | £. 16.09 | (office/exps) |
| Falcon Landscapes | £ 320.00 | (Cemetery grass cutting 31/5/25) |
| Wheeler's | £ 105.60 | (Pavilion call out retrospective) |
| Emergent Creative | £ 100.00 | (website /email access support) |
| Clear Insurance | £ 669.04 | (PC insurance retrospective) |

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

It was resolved (JD/JP) that the statement of account showing a balance of £22393.94 as at 19 May 2025 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no. 260) and £66846.31 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

- iii) It was resolved (JD/PS) that the External Audit Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025 be approved and signed by the Chair
- iv) It was resolved (JD/PS) that the External Audit Accounting Statements 2024/2025 be approved and signed by the Chair

12 PLANNING:

PL?2024/07097

Outline planning permission – erection of up to 300 dwellings ... Land South of Snarlton Lane Farm, Snarlton Lane, Melksham SN12 7QP **STRONG OBJECTION**

The reason being that in the absence of the necessary new road infrastructure to serve such a development much of the traffic from the new houses when travelling north will choose to use New Road then Forest Lane to gain access to the A350 at the Whitehall junction. By doing this they will go through the historic village of Lacock which is already suffering the adverse effect of the traffic from all the other new developments to the east of Melksham. This is completely unacceptable and is placing a serious burden on the residents of Lacock.

PL/2025/0004685

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – Glenverne, Folly Lane, Lacock SN15 2LL

NO COMMENT

PL/2024/04056 & PL/2024/04525

Reybridge Farm Stables & 32 Reybridge, Lacock – Notification of Written Reps Appeal

FOR INFORMATION

13 OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:

- i) Estimate from TAN Electrics to be circulated with quote from Wheeler’s for decision prior to July meeting

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14 July 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

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14 July 2025