



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting
held on 12 May 2025
at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

Those Present:

A Bone, J Parsons, J Durrant, J Boldon, L Heren, S Wise. Also present: Peter Wragg, Sonya McMillan (National Trust) and three members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from P Shaw

2 INTRODUCTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Members introduced themselves and signed Declarations of Acceptance of office.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2025/2026:

JB proposed LH, seconded JD. There was no other nomination and LH took the chair.

4 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2025/26:

JD proposed SW, seconded LH. There was no other nomination and SW agreed to be Vice Chair.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no declarations of interest

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Liam Healy (applicant PL/2025/03943) gave an account of the background to the application and the intention of the application. It was confirmed by JB that only 2x dwellings to be erected and Mr Healy confirmed they would be of similar construction to existing buildings on the site. Mr Healy undertook to provide a written statement to LPC of his undertaking to maintain the existing character of the site, a note of materials and construction type.

7 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was agreed (JD/JB) that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2025 be signed as a true record.

8 UPDATE FROM MINUTES/ACTION LOG:

There was nothing to discuss

9 NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE:

An update from Emily Frayling was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Martin Parr would like to come to the June meeting to take photographs of the Parish Council.

Councillors suggested that before the meeting would be more appropriate.

Following the VE day event two NT blankets were missing and their return was requested.

We have had a national planning application to extend/change the overflow car parking from 28 days/year to permanently. Surface water may be an issue. Hope to have planning ready for next year to be open end of March. LPC agreed tacit approval of the application.

10 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – REPORTS:

J Durrant –

Finances updated and circulated to members. £15k transferred to Cambridge & Counties bank. Village Hall AGM on Wednesday 14 May 2025. NT have done work on the Village Hall roof. Gas usage halved – working on the bill.

L Heren –

Play park now property of National Trust. Long term plan for stable tea rooms access on the Pound side in the Red Lion Car Park. Access to the playing field remains as is.

S Wise –

Local angst about top of Nethercote path to Reybridge – cannot cross the field on the eastern side. Community orchard – roof now on and the shelter is completed.

11 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Four expressions of interest were received and JB proposed, seconded JD, that Seb Longo, Megan Bowsher, Chris Trought and Phill Chilton be co-opted. Agreed.

12 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1** From Phil Boddy (electrician) re EICR quote – **unable to quote not having done the inspection**

- 2 Various TTRN notices
 3 From Wiltshire & Swindon Prepared – Powering communities to Net Zero Fund – SSEN
 Grant opened for this year
 4 From Emily Frayling – National Trust updates
 5 From Peter Glen re No Dogs signs on Playing Field – **check with WC – cheaper dog signs?**
 6 From Jon Lux re EICR quote – **unable to quote not having done the inspection.**
JP agreed to obtain a second quote for the EICR work needed.

13 FINANCE:

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

Idverde Ltd	£ 279.94	(Village mtce – April)
Idverde Ltd	£ 270.82	(PF mtce – April)
Idverde Ltd	£ 9.60	(C/Rd dog bin empty - April)
S Steward	£ 472.10	(for April)
S Steward	£. 18.28	(office/exps)
Falcon Landscapes	£ 320.00	(Cemetery grass cutting 10/5/25)
Wheeler’s	£ 270.00	(EIC Report – Pavilion 24.3.25)
Emergent Creative	£ 50.00	(website training & email access support)
Lacock Village Hall	£ 25.00	(APM 28.5.25)
Shaw & Sons	£ 26.34	(accounts book)
Simon Wise	£ 264.27	(flagpole)
Simon Wise	£ 203.15	(Community Orchard)

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

It was resolved (JD/JB) that the statement of account showing a balance of £25476.29 as at 1 May 2025 in the Co-operative Bank current account (statement no.258/259) and £66846.31 in the Cambridge & Counties deposit account should be signed by the Chair as being correct.

iii) **Cambridge & Counties Bank – authorised signatories**

It was agreed that JD and SW should be the authorised signatories on the account.

14 PLANNING:

PL/2025/03847

Variation of Conditions 3, 9 and Removal of Condition 10 of 20/02335/REM – Land at Rowden Park, Patterdown Road, Chippenham **NO OBJECTION**

PL/2025/03975

Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area – T1 Beech tree – Fell T2 T3 Poplar trees - Fell Mons Lane, Lacock SN15 2JY **NO COMMENT**

PL/2025/03943

Outline application for the erection of x2 self-build dwellings (access details in full, all other matters reserved) – Land at Notton, Corsham Road, Lacock SN15 2NF **NO OBJECTION**

PL/2025.04077 – Listed Building Consent

Joinery repairs to windows – Carpenters Arms, Church Street, Lacock **NO OBJECTION**

15 OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:

- i)** Rubbish in lay-by at the top of Bowden Hill. NT to be asked to clear
- ii)** Burning of green waste/private residents' bonfires at properties on Bowden Hill
- iii)** Sign on A342 advising of major works on the A350?

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 9 June 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signature of Chair upon approval of Minutes

.....

9 June 2025