

LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 19th APRIL 2016

Present: Councillors, Mrs Cathryn Davies, Mr Roger Craft, Mr Philip Suter and Mr Tony Molesworth.
Clerk Mrs Susanne Griffiths.
Clerical Assistant Jayne Mylchreest
1 member of the public

1.INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Cllr Mrs Cathryn Davies welcomed everyone and introduced the Parish Councillors, the Clerk and Clerical Assistant.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Miv Hughes.

The Chairman introduced the councillors and staff.

Councillor Roger Craft – Vice Chairman and member for Speen

Councillor Tony Molesworth – member for Loosely Row

Councillor Miv Hughes – member for Lacey Green

Councillor Philip Suter – member for Speen

Mrs Susanne Griffiths – the Responsible Financial Officer and Parish Clerk

Mrs Jayne Mylchreest –Assistant to the Clerk

2. REPORT FROM THE POLICE

P.C. Andy Ralph reported that the current team consists of a Sergeant, 4 full time Police Constables, 2 part time Police Constables and 2 Police Community Support Officers.

As there is to be new housing developments in the area it is hoped that the current police station will be replaced and be based in Princes Risborough.

The crime and anti-social behaviour statistics are very low for the parish.

It is hoped to attract membership to the Speed watch campaign through Ringmaster for the Lacey Green Area.

3.CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman gave the following report

“ The Parish Council lost Dennis Claydon towards the end of last year. Dennis had been on the council for over 25 year and was an integral person to both the council and the village.

The Parish Council is now advertising for councillors as it has two vacancies owing to the resignation of Eddie Mulcahy due to pressures of work.

The Speen Playground Lease is now progressing and are in contact with solicitors and the committee from the Playing Fields, all working towards an amicable arrangement. The Parish Council is hoping that this will be finalised soon.

The bus shelters that have been in the village for what seems forever, have decided to make us all aware of how important they are!

The wooden shelter opposite RAF Strike Command blew down in some very strong winds and the Parish Council hope to be able to replace this one shortly following a successful claim with the insurance company and agreement with the Councillors on the replacement.

The green metal shelter beside St John’s School took exception to a car, this is also a write off and the Parish Council are trying to obtain quotations for a like for like replacement, not as easy as one would think, as this was purpose built by Gommers Forge to match the one by ‘The Whip.’

The Parish Council has active speed watch programmes in action in both Speen and Lacey Green, reports will follow in our meeting, and at this point I would like to thank all volunteers for their time and effort to help on behalf of the Parish Council.

Planning applications continue to be received and we have planning committees in both Speen and Lacey Green to look at the plans and formulate responses to Wycombe Planning Department.

I would like to thank all the councillors for their time and effort and expertise throughout out the year. Councilor Craft and will give a brief financial report.”

4.REPORT ON THE LACEY GREEN PLAYGROUND

Cllr Miv Hughes was unable to attend.

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5. PARISH ACCOUNTS AND PRECEPT

Copies of the Estimates Summary (Appendix 1) which showed the actual spend £21,545.00 against the budget £38,145.00 in the financial year 2015/2016 and the proposed budget for the year 2016/2017 of £35,635.00 were distributed.

Vice- Chairman Cllr Roger Craft explained the makeup of the precept. The Parish Council has requested an amount of £24,991.00. The band D council tax requested has remained virtually the same for ten years. The District Council will give a reduced grant of £274.00 in response to the reduction in tax base for the Localised Council Tax Scheme for the year 2016/2017. This is likely to be reduced again next year. Cllr Roger Craft finished his report by saying that he hoped the residents of the Parish approved of the expenditure of the Parish Council and that the Councillors welcome any feedback.

There being no further questions, the meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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Appendix 1

**Lacey Green Parish Council Accounts
Financial Year 2015 – 2016**

OVERALL SUMMARY	Actual	Budget	Difference	Budget for 2015/2016
ADMINISTRATION	£8,425.00	£8,950.00	£525.00	£9,350
GARDEN OF REST	£1,054.00	£1,550.00	£496.00	£800
PARKS	£4,139.00	£4,175.00	£36.00	£15,650
PR	£1,650.00	£1,650.00	£0.00	£750
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	£4,880.00	£5,000.00	£120.00	£5,500
GRANTS	£2,750.00	£2,750.00	£0.00	£5,600
SUBS	£396.00	£475.00	£79.00	£495
	£23,294.00	£24,550.00	£1,256.00	£38,145

* Further £10,000 earmarked for future years playground Equipment

INCOME	Actual	Budget	Difference	Reason
Precept	£24,498.00	£24,498.00	£0.00	
Localised Council Tax Grant from WDC	£382.00	£382.00	£0.00	
Internment/Memorial Fees	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	
Speen Playing Fields (ROSPA)	£0.00	£65.00	-£65.00	
Bank Interest	£20.00	£12.00	£8.00	
Devolved Services	£3,600.00	£3,600.00	£0.00	
Parish Paths Scheme (Chiltern Society)	£781.00	£781.00	£0.00	
	£29,381.00	£29,338.00	£43.00	

EXPENDITURE / INCOME RECONCILIATION	Actual	
INCOME	£29,381.00	
EXPENDITURE	£28,082.00	
	£1,299.00	Balance to reserves