

**LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM
IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllr R Craft (Chairman)
Cllrs P Suter, E Mulcahy T Molesworth and Mrs M Hughes
Clerk to the Parish Council – Susanne Griffiths
Clerical Assistant – Jayne Mylchreest
No members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C Davies
Cllr Roger Craft paid tribute to Dennis Claydon who sadly passed away in November and a one minute silence was observed in his memory.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting on the 2nd November 2015 having been circulated were approved by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. None were declared.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

The Local Area Technician has confirmed that the sign reported in the September meeting has been removed in Slad Lane. Cllr E Mulcahy confirmed that he had not yet met with the contractors to arrange quotations for the fencing.

5. REPORT ON DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS RELATING TO THE LACEY GREEN PARISH FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR C ETHOLEN

Cllr. Carl Etholen gave a report on the following: -
The Bucks County Council budgets for 2016/17
An update on the funding regarding repairs to the road surface in Studridge Lane

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A. To consider New Planning Applications

15/08076/FUL Address: Chiltern Cottage Pink Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PG

Proposal: Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey rear extension and insertion of 2 No. light-wells to allow additional habitable space within existing basement **The Parish Council has no objections**

15/08174/FUL Address: Midmede Chapel Hill Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SP

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension

The Parish Council has no objections

15/08248/FUL Address: The Thatched Cottage Hampden Road Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0RU

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of 1 x 4 bed dwelling including detached car port and associated works (alternative scheme to pp 15/06062/FUL. **The Parish Council has no objection to the proposed incorporation of a basement and changes to the elevations as a revisions to the planning application ref:15/06062/FUL**

15/08320/CTREE Address: Stone Cottage Studridge Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SF

Proposal: Reshape tree (1) Yew following previous works; remove (2) Yew; reduce (3) Hawthorn and Lilac to incorporate into hedge; reduce canopy of (4) Ash by approximately 1-2 metres; reduce (5) 2 no. Blackthorn to incorporate into hedge **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist**

15/08457/FUL Address: Margene Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QN

Proposal: Householder application for construction of new detached garage and removal of existing garage (part retrospective) **The Parish Council has no objections**

15/08483/FUL Address: Linden Lea Westlands Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QP

Proposal: Householder application for demolition of existing detached garage and erection of single storey side extension. **The Parish Council has no objections**

15/08521/CTREE Address: The Spinney Church Lane Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QX

Proposal: Fell Holly tree(T1)and Cherry tree(T2).**The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.**

15/08554/FUL Address: OS Parcel 0361 Slad Lane Speen Buckinghamshire

Proposal: Erection of detached building for use as livestock stables and storage of hay/food/equipment

The Parish Council has no objections

15/08565/FUL Address: 10 Abbotswood Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SR

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey side/rear extension, extension of first floor dormer and fenestration alterations. **The Parish Council has no objections**

B. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved

15/07177/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Midmede Chapel Hill Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SP

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey side extension, first floor rear infill extension and single storey front porch extension. Addition of x 2 new bay windows, extension to existing garage to form a Cart Lodge parking area and conversion of the remainder of the garage to studio

15/07691/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: 9 Roundlands Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QL

Proposal:

Householder application for demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension with balcony over, insertion of door at first floor with dormer pitch over and associated fenestration alterations.

15/07697/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Flint Cottage Kiln Lane Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PU

Proposal: Householder application for conversion of existing garage to habitable

15/07698/TPO *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: 9 Hambye Close Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QZ

Proposal: Crown reduce T1 Ash by 20-25%, removing about 2 metres from the overall height and 1.5-2 metres from the radial spread to ensure a balanced, natural crown shape.

15/07705/CTREE *Decision* Not to Make A Tree Preservation Order

Address: 9 Hambye Close Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QZ

Proposal: Raise the crown of T2 Oak to 2 metres and reduce by around 20%, removing 1 metre off height and radial spread; raise the crown of T3 Maple to 2 metres and reduce by 20%, removing 1 metre off height and radial spread.

15/07764/TPO *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: 9 Hambye Close Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QZ

Proposal: T1 Ash - fell to ground level

15/07836/TPO *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: 1 Loosley House Lower Road Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0PF

Proposal: T1 Cedar: Reduction of side lateral branches by approximately 2 - 3m to ensure clearance to the telephone wires. T2 Cedar: Crown reduction of up to approximately 2m to address issues of excessive shading. T3 Yew: Fell to ground level due to poor form and excessive shading.

15/07876/CTR *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

Address: Acorn Cottage Church Lane Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QX

Proposal: Crown reduction of the height to a suitable branch union by approximately 2 to 3.5 metres. Side lateral reduction of the branch length back to a suitable branch union by between 1 - 2 metres to the side closest to the house to improve symmetry. Crown lift of the secondary branches by up to 4 metres above ground to Oak tree T1

15/07880/TPO *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Gracefield Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QU

Proposal: Crown thin by 15% T1 Pine to reduce sail area; crown thin by 15% T2/3/4/5 Pine to reduce sail area; thin foliage clusters of T7/8 Pines by 15% to reduce sail area and windage.

15/07886/CTR *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

Address: Gracefield Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QU

Proposal: Crown thin T6 Beech by 15% on right hand side of canopy as viewed from driveway to alleviate strain on decaying base by removing up to 2 metres of apical and lateral growth

15/07899/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Alverstoke Pink Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PG

Proposal: Householder application for construction of first floor roof extension to side to provide increased headroom

15/07928/VC *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Land Adjacent The Meadows Greenlands Lacey Green Buckinghamshire

Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 (plan numbers) on planning approval 14/06778/FUL to enable revisions to the setting out of parking spaces to the front of the properties

15/08032/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: Windy Ridge Woodway Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NN
Proposal: Householder application for construction of detached double garage/store

15/08088/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: The White House Of Speen Hampden Road Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0RU
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling, lodge and outbuildings, erection of replacement 5 bed dwelling, lodge, garages, stables, store, greenhouse, garden pavilion, new entrance gates and re-creation of former tennis court

C. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Refused
 None

D. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Withdrawn
 None

7. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET.

Receipts - TSB - Bank Interest £1.64

Bank Balance £ 66, 442.30 (allowing for the entries above).

The receipts for December and payments for December and January were examined by the Council.

The above payments for December and January were **approved by all present** and the necessary cheques signed.
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Dec	s/o	Risk Assess	K Dobson - Nov	34.30		34.30
Dec	s/o	Maintenance	PRTC - 9/10	280.00	56.00	336.00
Dec	s/o	Salaries	December salaries	444.69		444.69
Dec	s/o	Cllrs Allowances	Quarter 3 expenses	150.00		150.00
Jan	s/o	Risk Assess	K Dobson - Dec	280.00	56.00	336.00
Jan	s/o	Maintenance	PRTC - 10/10	444.69		444.69
Jan	s/o	Salaries	January salaries	150.00		150.00
Jan	1512	Hire of Hall	Speen Village Hall	20.00		20.00
Jan	1513	Parks	TBS Hygiene Ltd - dog waste collection Aug Sep& Oct	27.30	5.46	32.76
Jan	1514	Admin	WDC - electoral services	283.87		283.87
Jan	1515	Garden of Rest	Thames Water - 12/8- 10/11	5.72	1.14	6.86
Jan	1516	Salaries	HMRC paye Oct Nov Dec	121.00		121.00

The Clerk presented the accounts together with the bank statements and bank reconciliation for the members' consideration together with a copy of all standing orders and direct debits made from the Parish Council account. **All present agreed** that the accounts were being handled in a satisfactory manner and the monies were all accounted for.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Risk Assessment

There were no medium or high risk issues highlighted on the November and December monthly risk assessment report

A letter has been received from Lloyds Bank regarding the Financial Services Compensation Scheme

With effect from 1st January 2016 the Scheme limit will change from £85000 to £75000.

Noted

A letter has been received regarding the Studridge Lane Pond

The Women's Institute is concerned about the overgrowth and overhanging trees at the pond. The Clerk is requested to contact The Chiltern Society for guidance. **SG**

9. REPORTS ON THE ROADS, VERGES AND RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE PARISH **SG**

The Clerk is requested to report to the relevant authority the following issues:-

- A4010 directional sign needs cleaning.
- Drains blocked at Walters Ash

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The members were asked to advise the Clerk of any other issues as a meeting has been arranged with the Local Area Technician on the 14th January 2016.

10. A PROPOSAL FOR LEASING THE PLAYGROUND IN SPEEN

Cllr Roger Craft circulated a copy of the first draft of the proposed lease to the members. **All present agreed** for Cllr R Craft to clarify some points with the solicitor before accepting the draft for the proposed lease on behalf of the Parish Council. **RC**

11. REVIEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICY

The members reviewed the Insurance cover and **all present agreed** the amendments to be made
Cllr R Craft agreed to ascertain if Speen Playing Fields were insuring the clock on the Speen Sports Pavillion.
The Clerk is requested to contact the Insurance Company with the amendments.

JM

12. CLEAN AND REPAIR OF THE CHAIRMAN’S PENDANT AND BARS

All present agreed to accept the quote for £ 280.65 for the pendant and bars to be cleaned and repaired, and to take
photographs for insurance purposes.

CD

13. LACEY GREEN AND LOOSLEY ROW TENNIS CLUB REQUEST TO CONVERT FINAL LOAN REPAYMENT INTO A GRANT

A request has been received to convert the final loan repayment of £450.00 to a grant. Accounts from the Lacey Green and
Loosley Row Tennis Club for the year ended 31/10/2015 have been received. Cllr M Hughes proposed to approve the
request. Seconded by Cllr P Suter. **All present agreed**
The Clerk is requested to advise the Tennis Club

JM

14. DRAFT PROPOSAL REGARDING THE FEES AND CRITERIA AT THE LACEY GREEN GARDEN OF REST

The Clerk circulated a copy of the proposed regulations. The members agreed to research other Local Authorities fees for
internments to enable them to make an informed decision regarding the fees to be charged at the Lacey Green Garden of
Rest for the next meeting. **All present agreed** to appoint Cllr E Mulcahy as the Garden Of Rest representative. **ALL**

15. APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE TO THE PRINCES RISBOROUGH CHARITY

Following the resignation of the two previous Trustees appointed by the Lacey Green Parish Council for the Princes
Risborough Charity, the Parish Council has been asked to appoint further representatives.

All present agreed to appoint Cllr Miv Hughes. The Clerk is requested to advise the Charity of the appointment

JM /MH

16. TRAFFIC CALMING INITIATIVE IN SPEEN

Cllrs Philip Suter and Roger Craft attended a Speedwatch training session on the 15th December 2015.
The first monitoring session by volunteers will take place on the 21st January 2016.

17. THE DRAFT APPLICATION FORM FOR THE LOCAL AREA FORUM LOCAL PRIORITIES BUDGET

Bucks County Cllr Carl Etholen advised that although funding has been frozen he suggests an application be prepared and
sent. **All present agreed** at the November 2015 for Cllrs C Davies and P Suter to prepare a draft application form for the
consideration of the members.

CD/PS

18. THE EXPENDITURE AND PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-2017

Estimates summaries were circulated to members prior to the meeting. The Clerk explained that for this year the
grant from WDC to compensate for the Reduction in Tax Base for Localised Council Tax has been reduced to £274.89 Cllr
R Craft proposed that Council approve the budget and a request for a precept of £24 991.00 Seconded by Cllr Miv Hughes.
All present agreed.

SG

19. BOUNDARY CHANGE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE A4010 FROM LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL TO BLEDLOW CUM SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Miv Hughes informed the members that there are only three houses in Lacey Green Parish which are on the west side of
the A4010. and it would seem more sensible for these houses to be in the Bledlow cum Saunderton parish instead of Lacey
Green, as the Bledlow Parish boundary is across the road . The A4010 divides the parishes. The Clerk is requested to contact
WDC for advice regarding the procedure.

JM

20. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS THAT THEY HAVE ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Reports were received from the members on the meetings that they had attended on behalf of the Council.

21. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

- To appoint the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2015-2016
- To consider introducing a Grant Policy and Application Form
- To decide on the preferred supplier for the fences around the playground
- To approve the Garden of Rest regulations and fees
- To discuss and decide whether to fill the vacancy for a councillor by co-option

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 7th March 2016 at Lacey Green Village Hall at 7.30pm.
There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.