

**LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM
IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs C Davies (Chairman)
Cllrs, R Craft P Suter, E Mulcahy and Mrs M Hughes
Clerk to the Parish Council – Susanne Griffiths
Clerical Assistant – Jayne Mylchreest
Bucks County Cllr C Etholen
Wycombe District Cllr G Peart
5 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs D Claydon and Tony Molesworth

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting on the 7th September 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

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

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

Cllr Etholen reported that the roads that had been prioritised had now been repaired.

The repaired potholes in Studridge Lane have reappeared. Cllr Etholen is to make a site visit with the Local Area Technician.

He is waiting to be advised of the amount of funding that will be available from The Local Area Forum Delegated Budget 2016/2017.

Cllr Peart gave his report and informed the members that it will be decided in December which exchanges are to be upgraded with regard to the Broadband speed.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A. To consider New Planning Applications

15/07589/CTREE

Address: Woodbine Cottage Studridge Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SA

Proposal: Removal of diseased Plum. **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.**

15/07620/CTREE

Address: Collins Farm Lower Road Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0PE

Proposal: Reduce the crown height of the Ash, Lime and other trees on Lower Road by up to 20% so they are just above the height of the telegraph poles; re-pollard Horse Chestnuts (T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6), Sycamore (T7) and Lime (T8); reduce multi-stemmed Horse Chestnut (T9) that overhangs the house by approximately 5 metres (20%); reduce Limes (L1, L2, L3) by 5 metres (20%). **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.**

15/07691/FUL

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. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

15/07697/FUL

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

Proposal: Householder application for conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation **The Parish Council has no objections.**

15/07698/TPO

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 .**The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist**

15/07705/CTREE

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. **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist**

15/07764/TPO

Address: 9 Hambye Close Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QZ

Proposal: T1 Ash - fell to ground level. **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist**

15/07836/TPO

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

Proposal: Reduce Cedar T1 of order 51/1992 by 25% with particular attention paid to branches overhanging street and telephone wires ; reduce Cedar located in group G1 of order 51/1992 by 25% due to excessive shading. **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist**

15/07876/CTREE

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

Proposal: Crown reduce T1 Oak Tree in height by 5/6 metres and sides, crown clean and remove deadwood **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist**

15/07880/TPO

Address: Gracefield Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QU

Proposal: 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. **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist**

15/07886/CTREE

Address: Gracefield Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QU

Proposal: Crown thin by 15% T1 Pine to reduce sail area; crown thin T1 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. **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.**

15/07899/FUL

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 **The Parish Council has no objections.**

15/07928/VCDN

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 **The Parish Council has no comments.**

15/08032/FUL

Address: Windy Ridge Woodway Loosley Row HP27 0NN

Proposal: Householder Application for construction of detached double garage/store

All present agreed that Cllrs C Davies and E Mulcahy will make a site visit and report back to the other Councillors to agree a response.

CD/EM

B. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved

15/07258/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: The Old School Loosley Hill Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NT

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension over proposed extended basement garage, demolition of existing single storey conservatory and reconstruction of existing single storey garden room.

15/07197/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: 7 Abbotswood Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SR
Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey side and rear extensions and part two storey, part first floor side extension

15/07162/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: Lodge Hill View Lower Road Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NU
Proposal: Householder application for extension to balcony at rear and fenestration

15/07091/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: Dhunbeag Water Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SW
Proposal: Householder application for construction of part single storey, part two storey front, side and rear extension

15/07190/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: 1 Woodfield Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QQ
Proposal: Householder application for construction of rear conservatory

15/07169/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: Shootacre House Shootacre Lane Saunderton Buckinghamshire HP27 9NN
Proposal: Householder application for erection of detached double garage and creation of crossover from Upper Icknield Way

15/07314/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: Chapel Cottage Chapel Hill Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SL
Proposal: Householder application for the erection of shed to rear following removal of existing shed

15/07347/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: Apple Acre Slad Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0PW
Proposal: Erection of 1 x 3 bed replacement incorporating (alternative scheme to pp 15/06642/VCDN)

15/00118/NEWDEV
Address: Land Adjacent The Meadows Greenlands Lacey Green Buckinghamshire
Development: Registration of Two Dwellings/renumbering An Existing
13A The Meadows 1 Meadow View Close HP27 0ND
Plot 1 2 Meadow View Close HP27 0ND
Plot 2 3 Meadow View Close HP27 0ND

TPO 20/2015 *Decision* To Make a Tree Preservation Order
SITE: Trees on land at The White House Hampden Road Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0RU

15/07589/CTR *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order
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C. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Refused

15/07457/MIN *Decision* Application Refused
Address: Land Adjacent The Meadows Greenlands Lacey Green Buckinghamshire
Proposal: Proposed non-material amendment to permission for Erection of 2 x 4 bed detached dwelling with associated parking granted under 14/06778/FUL

D. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Withdrawn

15/07105/FUL

Address: Moonacre Highwood Bottom Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0QS

Proposal: Householder application for demolition of existing side extension and construction of two storey side extension incorporating new front entrance porch to front ,single storey side /rear extension and associated external works

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

VAT

Oct	s/o	Risk Assess	K Dobson - Sep	34.30		34.30
Oct	s/o	Maintenance	PRTC - 7/10	280.00	56.00	336.00
Oct	s/o	Salaries	October salaries	444.69		444.69
Oct	1509	Salaries	HMRC - paye July Aug Sep	121.00		121.00
Oct	1510	Parks	TBS Hygiene Ltd- dog waste May June July	30.80	6.16	36.96
Oct	1511	Parks	Safe & Sound Playgrounds - repairs to playground equipment	2,443.00	488.60	2,931.60
Nov	s/o	Risk Assess	K Dobson - Oct	34.30		34.30
Nov	s/o	Maintenance	PRTC - 8/10	280.00	56.00	336.00
Nov	s/o	Salaries	November salaries	444.69		444.69

The Parish Council requested the Clerk to send a letter with cheque number 0001511 expressing the disappointment with the finish of the work and enclose photographs to support this.

Receipts - Bucks County Council Devolved Services £9,991.71 TSB - Bank Interest £1.64

Bank Balance £ 70 562.48 (allowing for the entries above).

The receipts for September and payments for October and November were examined by the Council.

The above payments for October and November were **approved by all present** and the necessary cheques signed.

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 two medium or high risk issues highlighted on the September monthly risk assessment report as follows:-

1. At the playground what looks like scorch marks have appeared under the slide on the artificial grass. The Maintenance team have confirmed that there is a 2/3" circular piece of plastic that has melted. The original supplier has made a site visit and advised that no further action is required.
- 2 The picnic table is deteriorating with rotten planks and needs attention. The Clerk has obtained 3 quotes for a replacement which is to be discussed in the closed session.

There were no medium or high risk issues highlighted on the October monthly risk assessment report

It was reported that there is still slight evidence of burning under the slide but nothing structural and no further action necessary.

An email has been received from Buckinghamshire County Council

A Town and Parish Council event is taking place on the 25th November at the Kings Church Amersham to include key note speakers from the National Association of Local Councils and the leader of Bucks County Council. There will be various workshops including Emerging devolution proposals. The final programme is to be confirmed.

Noted

An email has been received from the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum

The forum would like to invite a member of the Parish Council to join a working group of volunteers taking part in historical research towards achieving more joined-up public access on the rights of way network. **All present agreed** for Cllr C Davies to contact a resident known to be interested in this subject, to ascertain if he would be interested in becoming a volunteer on behalf of the Parish.

CD

An application has been received for a Memorial in The Garden of Rest

An application for a South African Gray Granite Wedge has been received. The Clerk is requested to contact the funeral directors to ascertain the size of the wedge. **All present agreed** to approve the application providing the size is acceptable,

JM

Email received from the Local Area Forum regarding the Local Priorities Budget Application Form

The Parish Council has received letters and emails from residents concerned about speeding in the Parish. **All present agreed** that the preferred bid for funding from the LAF Delegated Budget will be for a traffic calming initiatives in Speen and Lacey Green. **All present agreed** for Cllrs C Davies and P Suter to prepare a draft application form for the consideration of the members.

CD/PS

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

The Clerk informed the members that she is meeting with the Local Area Technician on the 26th November and members are requested to contact the Clerk to report any issues.

10. A PROPOSAL FOR LEASING THE PLAYGROUND IN SPEEN

Cllr R Craft informed the members a reply has been received from the Solicitor highlighting areas that need to be addressed by the Speen Playing Field Association for the Charities Commission. Cllr R Craft will contact the Speen Playing Field Association for their views. The Solicitor has quoted two amounts as requested to cover the requirements of drawing up the new lease. Quotation 1 to cover updating the current under lease in respect of Speen Playground, £100.00 and Quotation 2 to cover the specific requirements/ amendments to the final agreed proposals for Terms of Agreement for the Speen Playing Fields lease of Speen Playground, noting there are a number of additional requirements compared with the current Lacey Green Playground lease/ under lease, £550.00 plus disbursements of £55.00. **All present agreed** to accept the quotations and instruct Hedley Solicitors.

SG/RC

11. REVIEW OF THE FEES AND CRITERIA AT THE LACEY GREEN GARDEN OF REST

All present agreed to establish a Working Group comprising of two Councillors and the Clerk. The Clerk is requested to prepare a draft for their consideration. Cllrs M Hughes and C Davies agreed to form the Working Group.

SG/MH/CD

12. DEVOLVED SERVICES FOR WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL 2016-20

All present agreed to accept the contract now that the sections covering Japanese knotweed and maintenance of the trees has been removed.

SG

13. APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION EMPLOYER'S DISCRETIONS POLICY

The Clerk had circulated a Local Government Employers Discretionary Policy for the consideration of the Councillors. **All present agreed** to adopt the Policy.

SG

14. TRAFFIC CALMING INITIATIVE ON HAMPDEN ROAD SPEEN

Cllr P Suter circulated various options of traffic calming methods. The Parish Council is supportive of traffic calming initiatives in Speen and encourages residents to work with PC Turnham to establish a Community Speed Watch Campaign in Speen.

15. THE COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID – APPROVED NOMINATIONS

Councillor Craft explained that CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) has been active in working with local communities across the country to protect valued local pubs by listing them as Assets of Community Value (ACV). These can be nominated as a CAMRA Branch, as an informal group of 21 local people or as a Parish Council. In 2015, two pubs in Lacey Green Parish have been listed as Assets of Community Value (ACV) over the next five years, These are the "King William IV" in Speen, the listing of which expires on 20th May 2020 and the "Black Horse" in Lacey Green, the listing of which expires on 11th August 2020.

Nominating your local pub as an ACV ensures it is protected in your community. Currently a pub can be demolished or converted to several other uses without a planning application – meaning your local can be converted over night without your knowledge! ACV status ensures that this cannot happen – and the local community has a say should it come under threat.

16. 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.

17. THE DATES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2016

The dates for the Parish Council meetings in 2016 were **agreed** as follows:-

Monday 11 th	January	Speen Village Hall
Monday 7 th	March	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday 11 ^h	April	Speen Village Hall (Annual Parish Meeting)
Monday 11 th	April	Speen Village Hall
Monday 16 ^h	May	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)
Monday 4 th	July	Speen Village Hall
Monday 5 ^{t h}	September	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday 7 th	November	Speen Village Hall

18. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To discuss and decide on the draft proposal for fees and criteria at the Lacey Green Garden of Rest
To receive an update on the Speeding Initiative in Speen
To decide on the preferred supplier for fencing around the playground
To discuss and decide on the draft application form for the Local Area Forum Local Priorities Budget

19. TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC & PRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION (12) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Cllr Craft proposed to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press in accordance with section (12) of the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960 to discuss and decide on quotations for new picnic benches. A vote was taken and **all present agreed**.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 11th January 2016 at Speen Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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