

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 6th August 2012 AT 7.30PM
IN LACEY GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs C Davies (Chairman)
Cllrs D Claydon, J Sherlock, R Craft, T Molesworth, D Clay and Mrs M Hughes
Clerks Kerrie Griffiths and Susanne Griffiths

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting on the 2nd July 2012, 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

Hampden notice board. Cllr Mrs M Hughes proposed to accept a replacement board for the Hampden Notice board. Roger Craft Seconded. All Present Agreed.

5. A REPORT ON DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS FROM WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M FOSTER

Nothing to report.

6. A PRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME FROM MIKE LEGGE AND SALLY EVATT FROM COMMUNITY IMPACT BUCKS

Mike Legge and Sally Evatt sent their apologies as they were unable to make the meeting.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. To consider New Planning Applications

Case Ref: 12/06341/FUL **Date Validated:** 17/07/2012 **Expiry Date:** 11/09/2012

Address: Brimmers Farm & OS Parcels 9158 & 0064 Brimmers Road Princes Risborough

Proposal: Change of use of land from Agricultural to campsite with associated change of use of farm building to toilet block (part retrospective).

The Parish Council has the following comments.

The letter from Wycombe District Council refers to OS Parcels 9158 and 0064 only. Presumably OS0064 should read OS9964, whereas no mention is made of OS8102. For ease of clarity our comments relate to Fields A, B and C outlined in red on plan accompanying the Application.

The site lies in the Green Belt, within the Chilterns AONB. Contrary to Design and Access Statement the proposed site is prominent in several locations from surrounding public footpaths and bridleways. It is also visible from nearby properties, some of which overlook the site. Given the topography of the area it is difficult to see how visual screening would have any effect, although none is proposed. The proposed campsite would be an inappropriate intrusion into the AONB countryside. Policy L1 of the Local Plan requires special attention to safeguard the special character, appearance or natural beauty of the AONB landscape.

Whilst Policy RT9 of the Local Plan makes limited provision for small scale campsites, this Application is contrary to the Policy. The establishment of twenty tents, plus, over a six month period, 'two ready pitched luxury tents' is not considered to be small scale. Policy RT9 states a proposal should not be visually intrusive and the preservation of the quality of the landscape will be paramount and of overriding importance. Policy RT9 also states particular regard will be paid to the traffic implications of any proposal. Whilst access to the fields A, B and C are via existing farm gateways, they are both situated on a sharp bend, with limited vision, on a 60 mph narrow country road, without pavements. Access to the site in general is mostly via steep narrow country lanes. We note the Application is 'part retrospective', but understand the operation has been in existence for a year/eighteen months. Most campers have been observed to travel by car or campervan. We would suggest a campsite would generate more traffic using these gates than the occasional farm vehicle.

Instances of noise and nuisance connected with this site have also been brought to our attention.

The Parish Council recommend this Application is refused.

Case Ref: 12/06548/FUL **Date Validated:** 10/07/2012 **Expiry Date:** 04/09/2012
Address: Orchards Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QT
Proposal: Householder application for erection of detached garage
Deadline for 14/08/2012

The Parish Council has no comments on this application.

Case Ref: 12/06567/CLE **Date Validated:** 13/07/2012 **Expiry Date:** 07/09/2012
Address: Green Pastures Lower Road Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0PF
Proposal: Certificate of existing lawfulness for retention of existing timber shed
Deadline for 14/08/2012

The Parish Council has no comments on this application.

Case Ref: 12/06625/FUL **Date Validated:** 23/07/2012 **Expiry Date:** 17/09/2012
Address: The Cedars Grubbins Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SE
Proposal: Demolition of existing house and garage and erection of 1 x 4 bed dwelling
(alternative scheme to pp 12/06223/FUL)

The Parish Council has the following comments.

Some disquiet was expressed regarding the Officer's Report/Notes on the recently permitted application on this site (12/06223/FUL), where it is erroneously stated 'The site currently forms a detached two storey dwelling....'. In fact the current dwelling is a bungalow.

Whilst it is appreciated the basement of the current Application (12/06625/FUL) is not counted in calculating the floor area, there is some concern at the massive proposed increase in living accommodation.

Case Ref: 12/06742/FUL **Date Validated:** 03/08/2012 **Expiry Date:** 28/09/2012
Address: The Manse Hampden Road Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0RU
Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey side extension and creation of new vehicular access and hardstanding to create driveway

The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Case Ref: 12/06280/FUL **Date Validated:** 01/06/2012 **Expiry Date:** 22/08/2012
Address: Crendon Cottage Chapel Hill Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SL
Proposal: Householder application for construction of two storey side extension following demolition of existing detached garage.

b. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved

Case Ref: **12/05965/FUL** *Decision* Application Permitted *Date:* **19/07/2012**

Address: Forge Cottage Foundry Lane Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NY

Proposal: Householder application for conversion of garage to use as artists workshop/studio including new pitched roof, one new window to side & insertion of two velux windows to east side & one in west side (part retrospective)

Case Ref: **12/06223/FUL** *Decision* Application Permitted *Date:* **13/07/2012**

Address: The Cedars Grubbins Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SE

Proposal: Demolition of existing house and garage and erection of 1 x 3 bed dwelling

Case Ref: **12/06082/FUL** *Decision* Application Permitted *Date:* **04/07/2012**

Address: 3 Woodfield Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QQ

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey side extension and conservatory to rear

Case Ref: **12/06120/FUL** *Decision* Application Permitted *Date:* **05/07/2012**

Address: The Lea-Dens Lower Road Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0PE

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey front extension with conversion of garage into living accommodation to lower ground floor; front lightwell extension to ground and upper floor, 2 new front bay windows to ground floor, new cladding and external fenestration alterations

Case Ref: **12/06355/CTR** Decision Not to make a Tree Preservation Order Date: **23/07/2012**

Address: Lacey House Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0RB

Proposal: 6 x Leylandii - fell to ground level (T1 -6), Fell 2 x conifers (T7-8), Limbs to be removed to dead tree (T9), Fell 1 x Horse Chestnut (T10), fell 5-6 conifers (Group 1), 8-9 Leylandii to be reduced to 2.4 metres (Group 2)

c. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Refused

Case Ref: **12/06283/FUL** Decision Application Refused

Date: **27/07/2012**

Address: Clarensted Loosley Hill Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NT

Proposal: Householder application for insertion of front and side dormers with gable roof alteration to rear in connection with loft conversion

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

1338	Garden of Rest	PRTC - Hedge Cutting GOR	362.00		434.40
1339	Admin	ICO - Annual Charge for Data Protection Register	35.00		35.00
1340	Clerks fees	K Griffiths Tax Refund July Salary	170.00		170.00
1341	Admin	Royal Mail - Deferred Mail			
1342	Subs	WDALC - J Sherlock Training	15.00		15.00
1343	Hire of Hall	Speen Village Hall	20.00		20.00
S/o	Clerks fees	K Griffiths - August Salary	340.00		340.00
S/o	Maintenance	PRTC 05/12 - Maintenance Duties	250.00	50.00	300.00

Receipts -Lloyds TSB - Bank Interest £1.95

Bank Balance £60,606.22 (allowing for the above entries).

The receipts for July and payments for August were examined by the Council.

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.

RoSpa Play Area Inspection Report

Clerk to action points to resolve the low risk issues.

KG

All Present Agreed to purchase weed killer for use on the overgrown bench.

A copy of the BCC (Parish of Lacey Green) Definitive Map Modification Order

E-mail from Chilterns AONB

E-mail advising that there is still money left in this year's Chilterns Sustainable Development Fund for good projects which will help to conserve and enhance the Chilterns and / or raise public awareness and understanding of the area's special features.

E-mail from BALC advising of consultation on the removal of the statutory rule requiring cheques and other orders for the payment of money by parish councils (in England) and community councils (in Wales) to be signed by two councillors.

This provision is virtually unchanged from that used in the Local Government Act 1894 and puts barriers in the way of the councils using electronic means of payment and adopting proportionate controls on payments.

Responses to be sent to parishpaymentslro@communities.gsi.gov.uk; **by 5pm on Tuesday 11 September 2012**

All Present Agreed to make an individual response.

E-mail from resident expressing objections towards the development on Brimmers Farm.

E-mail from about a seminar on community planning.

Cllr T Molesworth to attend.

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

The Clerk is requested to raise the following concerns with the relevant local authority: - **KG**
To report once more that Footpath 4010 on Shootacre Lane by the Chilton hotel is overgrown.
To report that footpath L43 in Flowers Bottom Lane heading towards North Dean is overgrown with nettles.
There is an obstruction opposite the Pink and Lily.

11. AN UPDATE ON THE GARDEN OF REST

Hedge Cutting done

War Memorial Grant sent 20th July. Building work to start 8th August.

Levelling done.

Request to remove kerbing on the double grave.

12. CONTENT OF A LETTER TO BE SENT TO BCC AND THE W W Chiltern RURAL FORUM REQUESTING THAT MAIN ROAD LACEY GREEN IS RESURFACED AND REPAINTED

13. REPORT ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN CONCERNING THE PLAY SURFACE IN THE PLAYGROUND.

Nothing to Report.

14 A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM SPEEN PLAYING FIELDS

Cllr Mrs C Davies Proposed to provide Speen Playing Fields with a two year loan of £5,000 to contribute to roof repairs. This was seconded by Cllr T Molesworth. **All Present Agreed.**

15. ADOPTION OF A MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

From July 1, the legal requirement (in Section 30 of the Localism Act) is for members to register their disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days from the date of their election or co-option as members of the Council. The problem is that on 1 July, the Councillors were of course already elected for at least 28 days.

ACSeS (the Association of District Council Secretaries and Solicitors) have pointed this out to the DCLG. They have suggested that the DCLG should state that the duty to register in section 30 currently only takes effect on election or co-option after 1 July 2012. An answer is awaited. In the meantime, my view is that a Councillor will not be committing an offence if he or she fails to register the interest. However I think you should respond by saying that, even if the legislation is defective, it does prescribe the minimum standards and I think we should all be encouraging our councillors voluntarily to adopt the standards in the interests of good governance, in the public interest and in the interest of their own public reputations. Councillors do not need to wait for amending legislation. They should do what they know is right in relation to the notification of interests and adherence to the standards the public expect of them. This includes registering their DPIs.

At Wycombe, I am proposing that Members should be required under the Code to register their DPIs within 28 days of the Council's adoption of the new Code. That way, a failure to register will be a breach of the Code even though it may not (at least until the legislation is amended) amount to a criminal offence. Perhaps your Council should consider doing the same.

Cllr Mrs C Davies proposed to accept the Wycombe District Council code of conduct. This was seconded by Cllr D Clay. **All Present Agreed.**

16. ADOPTION OF A DATA PROTECTION POLICY

All present agreed to adopt the Data Protection Policy as previously circulated.

SG

Cllr Mrs C Davies proposed that the Clerk is the nominated person to be the Information Officer. This was seconded by Cllr R Craft. **All present agreed.**

17. CONTENTS FOR THE LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

See Johns notes. It was suggested that a map should be included.

Cllr Mrs C Davies proposed to accept the proposals for the website outlined in the email from Andy Forgen dated 20th June, including two updates to the website monthly. This was seconded by Cllr R Craft. **All Present Agreed.**

18. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS THAT THEY HAVE ATTENDED.

All present agreed to defer this agenda item until the next meeting.

19. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

None.

20. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 3rd September 2012 at 7.30pm in Speen Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.45.

Chairman.....

Date.....