

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.30PM
IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Clay

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting on the 3rd December 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

None.

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

Cllr M Foster sent his apologies. Cllr R Craft delivered the report on council matters from WDC.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. To consider New Planning Applications

13/05023/FUL: Pye Corner Chapel Hill Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SP

Proposal: Householder application for demolition of existing double garage & erection of new double garage with ancillary accommodation in the roofspace with glazed link extension to main dwelling. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

13/05070/FUL: Stone Cottage Loosley Hill Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NT

Proposal: Householder application for demolition of existing summerhouse and construction of two storey side and rear extension and single storey detached car barn/work shed. **The Parish Council has no objections in principle, providing that the extension does not exceed the permitted development allowance and set a precedent for the future. The site lies outside the village curtilage, within the Green Belt and Chilterns AONB.**

13/05094/FUL: April Cottage Archway Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SB

Proposal: Householder application for construction of first floor side extension. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

13/05165/CLP: Valley Cottage Highwood Bottom Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0PY

Proposal: Certificate of proposed lawfulness for construction of two storey front extension
The Parish Council has no comments on this application.

12/07870/FUL Horseshoe Cottage, Lower Road, Loosley Row, HP27 0NU.

Proposal: Householder application of an open-sided three bay carport
The application site lies within the Loosley Row Conservation Area. Providing the 'important trees and walls' located within the site are adequately protected, the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

12/07904/FUL The Lea-Dens, Lower Road, Loosley Row, HP27 0PE.

Proposal: Householder application for construction of three storey front extension, single storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration and new rear terrace area (alternative scheme to pp 12/06120/FUL)
The Parish Council has the following observations:- The application site lies adjacent to the Loosley Row Conservation Area. It is concerned regarding the proposed three storey front extension, which will protrude well beyond the original building line. This will affect adjoining dwellings in terms of loss of light and privacy. The Local Plan states: 'Generally, front extensions will be small scale and should not significantly project forward of the dwelling....' Overcrowding development would destroy the openness of the village and should be avoided. (Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Design Statement 7/12)

b. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved

Case Ref: **12/07822/CTR** *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order
Address: Grace Cottage Church Lane Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QX
Proposal: Fell Copper Beech T1

Case Ref: **12/07635/CTR** *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order
Address: Spinning Wheel Cottage Studridge Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SF
Proposal: Fell Apple T1 and Hazel T2, coppice Hazel T3, crown lift Yew T4 to 4.5 metres and prune to give 1 metre clearance from roof of Spinning Wheel Cottage

Case Ref: **12/07601/MIN** *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: Wildwood 25 Woodbank Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0TS
Proposal: Proposed non-material amendment to permission for Construction of two storey side extensions and alterations of rendered finish with new brick facing. granted under 09/05137/FUL

Case Ref: **12/07500/FUL** *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: The Forge Flowers Bottom Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0PZ
Proposal: Householder application for construction of detached timber garage

Case Ref: **12/07293/FUL** *Decision* Application Permitted
Address: Hayton Cottage Flowers Bottom Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0PZ
Proposal: Householder application for construction of timber outbuilding to be used as summerhouse and garden office (retrospective)

Case Ref: **12/07427/CTR** *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order
Address: Brambley Hedge Studridge Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SA
Proposal: Crown reduce 25 - 30% to one Cotoneaster (T1) and crown lift this screen of trees on the side of the garden only to about 2 metres to give space to the shrubs below, reduce branch spread on the garden side and footpath side by about 1 - 2 metres to avoid undue overhang and shading to gardens and footpath to one group of Ash & Holly trees (GP2)

Case Ref: **12/07517/CLP** *Decision:* Grant Certificate of Proposed Use
Address: Hill Cottage, Flowers Bottom Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire HP27 0SX
Proposal: Certificate of proposed lawfulness for construction of single storey rear extension.

Case Ref: **12/07478/FUL** *Decision:* Application Permitted
Address: Pretoria Cottage, Coleheath Bottom, Speen, Buckinghamshire HP27 0SZ
Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey side extension

Case Ref: **12/07395/FUL** *Decision:* Application Permitted
Address: Nells Cottage, Studridge Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire HP27 0SQ
Proposal: Householder application for the construction of a two storey rear extension

Case Ref: **12/07698/FUL** *Decision:* Application Permitted
Address: Green Pastures, Lower Road, Loosley Row, Buckinghamshire HP27 0PF
Proposal: Retention of existing chimney and fireplace to form barbeque, retention of existing plinth walls to form pond, retention of quarry tiled floor to form patio and amendments to previously approved landscaping design

Case Ref: **12/07617/FUL** *Decision:* Application Permitted
Address: Highways, Pink Road, Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire HP27 0PG
Proposal: Householder application to replace existing pig sty with new shed

Case Ref: **12/06647/FUL** *Decision:* **Application Withdrawn**
Address: Box Cottage, Woodway, Loosley Row, Buckinghamshire HP27 0NS
Proposal: Householder application for closing off existing accesses and creation of new vehicular access with entrance and pedestrian gate and associated alterations

c. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Refused

None.

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

The receipts for December and January and payments for February were examined by the Council. The below payments were **approved by all present** and the necessary cheques signed.

Receipts -Lloyds TSB - Bank Interest £1.76
Speen Playing Fields – Repayment of Loan £5000.00
Surmans Ltd – Memorial application fee £80.00
Donation – Garden of Rest £540.00

VAT

S/o	Clerks fees	K Griffiths - January Salary	£398.60		£ 398.60
S/o	Maintenance	PRTC 10/10 - Maintenance Duties	£ 250.00	50.00	£ 300.00
S/o	Clerks fees	S Griffiths - February Salary	£ 340.00		£ 340.00
1362	Hire of Hall	Speen Village Hall	£ 20.00		£ 20.00
1363	Risk Assess	K Dobson - Risk Assessment Duties	£ 26.93		£ 26.93
1364	Garden of Rest	Gommes Forge Ltd - sign	£ 40.00	8.00	£ 48.00
1365	Garden of Rest	P J Tapping & Sons - War Memorial Instalment 3	£3,827.55	765.51	£4,593.06
1366	Insurance	Broker Network Ltd - Parish Council Insurance	£1,135.04		£1,135.04
1367	Admin	Adlam Reprographics – Copy of Parish Paths	£17.77	3.56	£ 21.33

Bank Balance £ 46852.76 (allowing for the above entries).

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Update to planning enforcement plan for Wycombe District Council
Noted

Response from Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission confirms that it has no objection to the work proposed to the private memorial to Lance Corporal Aubrey Clifford Rixon. The Clerk is requested to obtain a quotation for the work to remove the kerbing. **SG**

WDALC Councillor Briefing Event 25th Feb 7-9pm

All present agreed for Cllr J Sherlock to attend. **JS**

Introduction for consideration for tender from Windmill Landscapes

The Clerk is requested to obtain a quotation. **SG**

Letter from Charles Power, Development Management Team Leader at Wycombe District Council, regarding "clarification as to the current planning position" in relation to Green Pastures

All present agreed that Cllr T Molesworth draft a suitable response to the Head of Planning for circulation to the Councillors for their consideration and approval. **TM**

A resident has requested that he would like to reserve a plot for his wife and himself in the Garden of Rest, but would prefer to have the hedge higher so it hides the builders yard next door.

All present agreed to reply that no reservations are taken for graves and that the hedge does not belong to the Parish Council so it is unable to influence the height. **SG**

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

All present agreed for Cllrs D Claydon, C Davies and the Clerk to meet with the Local Area Technician on the 5th March 2013 to discuss the outstanding issues in the Parish. **DC/CD/SG**

10. AN UPDATE ON THE GARDEN OF REST

Cllr D Claydon informed the members that:-

A resident donated a sum of money to pay for a sign to be fitted on the gate of the Garden of Rest. This has now been installed.

A further donation has been received towards the Garden of Rest Memorial.

Cllr C Davies **agreed** to instruct B Turney to cut the hedge at the Garden of Rest. **CD**

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

Cllr M Hughes agreed to recirculate the details of three companies' quotes. **All present agreed** to defer this agenda item until the next meeting to enable the members to consider the quotations and make an informed choice. **MH**

12. DECISION ON MAINTENANCE OF SPEEN BUS SHELTERS

Cllr R Craft agreed to liaise with two recommended builders/carpenters and obtain quotations.

RC

13. DECISION ON QUOTATIONS FOR REPAIR OF LACEY GREEN BUS SHELTERS

Cllr C Davies presented a quotation of £450.00 for the repaint and refurbishment of the wooden bus shelter in white in Walters Ash and £450.00 for the refurbishment of the two metal bus shelters in Hammerite Green Paint.

All present agreed for the Clerk to issue a work order for both quotations for the work to be done as per the original specifications in the spring. Cllr J Sherlock agreed to liaise with the carpenter.

JS

14. DECISION ON BUDGETS AND THE PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/2014.

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 will not be reduced.

However, future support will depend on the level of the grant supplied to WDC from central government and WDC believes that this will be reduced next year. Cllr C Davies proposed that Council approve the budget and a request for a precept of £24,556. Seconded by Cllr R Craft.

All present agreed.

SG

15. DECISION ON EXPENDITURE ALLOWED UNDER L.G.A 1972 SECTION 137.

Cllr R Craft advised the Parish Council that included in the budget for 2013/2014 is a sum of £150.00 to be charged against expenditure allowed under Section 137 and he proposed that this be accepted. Seconded by Cllr C Davies.

All present agreed

16. DECISION ON PAYMENT TO THE RECEIVER FOR P J TAPPING.

All present agreed to send a cheque £4,593.06 for the third instalment to the liquidators as requested.

SG

17. THE LEVEL OF COVER OF THE PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICY AND WHETHER TO RENEW THE POLICY WITH AVIVA FOR THE COMING YEAR.

All present agreed to increase the present level of cover and to pay the premium as per the quotation received.

SG

18. RESPONSE TO WDC'S REVIEW OF THE LOCAL PLAN.

WDC has requested that the Parish Council write to inform them of any issues in the local community that should be addressed including any plans to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan and any sites that might be suitable for development especially for housing or sites for new employment. **All present agreed** no comments are required at this stage as no sites are identified and the existing policies in the Local Plan are sufficient.

19. DECISION ON THE NOTICEBOARD IN SPEEN.

All present agreed for Cllr R Craft to contact a carpenter to make the necessary repairs.

RC

20. DECISION ON TRAFFIC CALMING.

Cllr C Davies informed the members that there was concern over speeding traffic in Main Road outside the school and suggested the following ideas for their consideration:-

- Flashing lights – only flashing at school drop off and collection times – one set would be erected at Slad Lane just before the bend and the other would have to be outside Stocken Farm
- A five bar gate on either/both sides of the road at the bend before Slad Lane again, and have the school children design a poster that could be enlarged and made suitable for all weathers and have this mounted on the gate.
- Signs erected on the bend and near Stocken Farm giving priority to oncoming vehicles – the white and red upward and downward arrow signs – fairly unobtrusive, but effective, and this would give the buses the right of way, which at the moment they do not have, and this seems to cause most of the problems
- Main Road will be resurfaced soon and a decision is required whether to opt for not having a white line down the middle of the road – but white lines up the inside of the kerbs, giving the effect of a narrower road, that does have an impact on fast drivers

All present agreed to have a site meeting with the Local Area Technician to receive his advice on the above schemes.

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

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

22. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To discuss and decide on the action to be taken concerning the play surface in the playground. (Cllr M Hughes)
To discuss and decide on the appointment of the internal auditor for the 2012/2013 audit.

23. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 4th March 2013 at 7.30pm in Lacey Green Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chairman.....

Date.....