

**LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30PM  
IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Mrs C Davies (Chairman)  
Cllrs D Claydon, J Sherlock, R Craft, D Clay and M Hughes  
Clerk to the Parish Council – Susanne Griffiths

B.C.C. Cllr C Etholen  
WDC Cllr M Foster  
1 member of the public

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr T Molesworth

**2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014, 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. Cllr D Clay declared an interest in the agenda item 6, the application for Derwent House.

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

None

**5. REPORT ON DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS FROM WYCOMBE DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR M FOSTER AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR C ETHOLEN**

Reports were received from the District and County Councillors.  
Cllr R Craft requested that Cllr M Foster investigate the appearance of advertising boards on private land abutting the roads in Speen.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a. New Planning Applications

**14/07264/CTREE:** Acorn Cottage, Church Lane, Lacey Green, HP27 0QX

**Proposal:** Fell T1 Cherry

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

**14//07275/FUL:** Margene, Main Road, Lacey Green, HP27 0QN

**Proposal:** Householder application of dropped kerb open access to front garden and construction of driveway on existing hard standing

**The Parish Council has the following concerns: - The location plan does not accord with features on the ground. An existing entrance is located to the north-west of the plot; there is also a high close-boarded fence, both of which appear to be outside the boundaries of the property. There is obviously some dispute over this access, reference planning history 12/00172/MS of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**

**The Parish Council has concerns with this proposal regarding the possible vision splay, lack of turning area and removal of hedge. We believe it might not be possible to drive a vehicle in and out in forward gear. The Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Design Statement, Recommendation 6 states that mature trees and hedges within the two villages are great community assets. Every effort should be taken to preserve and enhance them, wherever**

possible. The Parish Council consider this mature hedge, in this prominent position at the centre of the village, makes a significant contribution to the rural feel of the village and that it should be retained as much as possible.

The proposal will also necessitate the repositioning of a 30mph repeater sign.

If minded to approve the application, then the Parish Council suggests the removal of the high close-boarded fence, which is an eyesore and closing up of the existing entrance.

**14/06778/FUL:** Land adjacent 'The Meadows', Greenlands, Lacey Green

**Proposal:** Erection of 2 x 4 bed detached dwelling with associated parking. (AMENDED PLANS)

**The Parish Council consider the amended plans do not offer a great deal of improvement. The proposal is still considered to be an over development of the site, giving a cramped appearance, with insufficient parking. The proposed dwellings remain at two and a half storey, making them higher than 'The Meadows'. We maintain the site is best suited to one new dwelling only. (Reference Recommendation R7 Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Design Statement.) Our original comments and objections still stand.**

**14/07537/FUL:** 1 Springwood, Chapel Hill, Speen, Buckinghamshire. HP27 0SN

**Householder application for construction of two storey side and single storey rear extension.**

**The Parish Council has no objections**

Cllr D Clay declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision.

The meeting closed to allow WDC Cllr M Foster to comment on this application.

The meeting reopened at 7.55pm

**14/07536/FUL:** Derwent House, Studridge Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire. HP27 0SA

**Proposal:** Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey side and rear extension with associated external works

**The Lacey Green Parish Council has the following comments. The site lies within the village curtilage and the Speen Conservation area. There is concern regarding the size and bulk of the proposed extension; also the very close proximity of the proposed single storey extension to the neighbouring property.**

b. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved

**14/07069/FUL Application Permitted**

**Address:** Widmer Farm Pink Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PG

**Proposal:** Extension to existing indoor school, re-siting and extension of isolation stable and re-siting of horse walker

**14/07033/CLE Certificate of Lawful Use Granted**

**Address:** Poachers Hollow Highwood Bottom Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0PY

**Proposal:** Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as residential (garden)

**14/06949/FUL: Application Permitted**

**Address:** Heather Bank Woodway Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NS

**Proposal:** Householder application for replacement of concrete tiles to detached garage roof with natural slate tiles

**Case 14/07095/FUL Application Permitted**

**Address:** Highwood Kiln Lane Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PU

**Proposal:** Householder application for alterations to 2 x existing rear facing dormer windows to form glazed Juliet balconies.

**Case 14/06815/FUL Application Permitted**

**Address:** White Cottage, Main Road, Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire HP27 0QT

**Proposal:** Householder application for construction of new entrance and porch to side, alteration to existing side bay window and single storey rear extension.

C. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Refused

None

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

VAT

s/o	Clerks fees	S Griffiths - Oct Salary	£ 438.67		<b>£438.67</b>
s/o	Risk Assess	K Dobson - Risk Assessment Duties (September)	£ 27.55		<b>£27.55</b>
s/o	Maintenance	PRTC 07/10- Maintenance duties	£ 277.00	55.40	<b>£332.40</b>
1464		cheque cancelled			
1465	Risk Assess	WDC -Playground Inspections by RoSPA	£ 128.00	25.60	<b>£153.60</b>
1466	Admin	C Page - Cover for Clerk	£ 30.00		<b>£30.00</b>

Receipts -TSB - Bank Interest £1.58

WDC- Precept £12,249.01

Bank Balance £ 66,593.82 (allowing for the above entries).

The receipts for September were examined by the Council.

The above payments for October 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. **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 was 1 high risk item on the Risk Assessment Report concerning damage to the Middle log walk which has a rotten pole clearly visible at the end of it. As it was a high risk item, temporary repairs were made immediately. A quotation has been received from the original supplier to supply and install a new Balance Beam Flat Top Beam at a cost of £147.22. **All present agreed** to proceed with the order. **SG**

W.D.C. Annual Play Inspection and Risk Assessment for the Lacey Green Play Area

The Risk Assessment for the site was considered to be Low Risk with no high or moderate risks identified. The Clerk will seek quotations to remedy the low risk items. **SG**

A request for funding to provide defibrillators in strategic locations within the villages of Lacey Green/Loosley Row, Saunderton and Speen

The Clerk is requested to reply that the Councillors will consider the application at the Estimates meeting in November. **SG**

A request relating to the official Speen War Memorial - the Lych Gate on Chapel Hill, Speen. For the Parish Councils assistance in the repair and restoration of the memorial.

The Parish Council agreed in principle to support this request, but has requested that ownership is established to determine the correct way to provide the financial support. **RC**

A request for a non resident's ashes to be interred in the Garden of Rest

**All present agreed** to this request subject to the non resident charges applicable being paid. **SG**

A request from BCC to complete a consultation on what the Parish Council consider should be the County Council's priorities for the financial year April 2015- 2016.

Residents to reply by the 9th November 2014. **All present agreed** to make individual responses to the consultation and decide on a parish response at the next meeting. **ALL**

Notification of a Polling District and Polling Places Review

WDC has set its consultation period from Monday 6 October 2014 until the 5 November 2014.

Electronic access to the maps, electoral statistics and the current list of the polling places can be accessed via the council's web page. **Noted.**

Invitation to State of the Chilterns Environment Seminar 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014

This year's seminar will spend some time looking at ways of delivering on some of the ambitions of the plan, as well as taking a look at pressures and opportunities facing the AONB.

The seminar will run from 10.00 - 13.00, followed by a light lunch. There will be a small delegate fee of £10 to cover costs. **Noted.**

Invitation to an Urgent Health Care - Public Listening Event 15 October 2014

Wycombe District Council is calling on local residents to have their say about their experiences of Minor Injuries and Illness Unit (MIIU) at Wycombe Hospital and the Accident and Emergency department at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, at a public listening event at 7pm on Wednesday 15 October at Bucks New University.

The public listening event is being held by the Council as part of a review into the state of urgent health care in the Wycombe district. The primary focus of the event is to hear from residents of the Wycombe district on how well they think that the current urgent care arrangements work for them. Following the event, the aim is to produce some practical recommendations to the relevant agencies to ensure that local people get the best health care treatment they can, as quickly as possible. **Noted.**

Invitation to the Annual Chilterns Forum on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Places at the event are free but must be booked in advance: the deadline for bookings is 24th October 2014. **All present agreed for Cllr J Sherlock to attend.**

**JS**

Invitation to Standards Training at Wycombe District Council – Tuesday 28 October at 7pm

Peter Keith-Lucas of Bevan Brittan, a specialist adviser to local authorities on standards issues, will be giving a presentation to update members on the current Standards regime, local codes of conduct, bias and pre-determination, declaring interests, and the Code's effect on planning issues.

The session will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 28 October 2014 in the Council Chamber at Wycombe District Council offices, and all Parish Clerks and Parish Council Chairmen are welcome to attend. Cllr **C Davies agreed to attend.**

**CD**

A Copy of the Accounts for Speen Village Hall.

**Noted.**

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

Cllr D Claydon met with the Local Area Technician on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to discuss any concerns from the Councillors.

Cllr D Claydon reported that the meeting had been successful and many outstanding issues were now dealt with.

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

**SG**

- "Give Way" sign which is obstructed by vegetation at the bottom of Loosley Hill with the junction of Lower Road.
- A branch is blocking the footpath between Smalldean Lane and the RAF Base.
- The bus stop besides the school is covered in green algae and needs washing.

**10. THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS CERTIFICATE AND OPINION ON THE AUDIT OF THE ANNUAL RETURN YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2014**

The Auditors Certificate for the Annual Return year ended 31st March 2014 had been received. On the basis of the auditors review, in their opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

**11. A PROPOSAL FOR LEASING THE PLAYGROUND IN SPEEN**

Cllr D Clay reported on the latest meeting with the trustees of the Speen Playing Fields. There is not an agreement on the proposed term for the playground and further discussion is required. This item is to be included on the next Parish Council agenda.

**12. REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOLLOWING THE REPEAL OF s150 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Cllr R Craft explained that this section concerned the necessity of having 2 signatories to cheques, Standing Orders and Direct Debits.

A revised version of the Regulations had been circulated to the members encompassing these changes. Subject to the correction of typing errors, Cllr R Craft proposed adopting the revised Financial Regulations. Cllr C Davies seconded the motion. A show of hands was taken and **all present agreed.**

**SG**

**13. WHETHER THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO JUSTIFY THE LAF FUNDING THE PURCHASE OF 2 MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATE SIGNS (MVAS) FOR USE IN THE AREA**

The meeting was closed to allow WDC Cllr M Foster to comment.

The meeting reopened at 9.10pm

**All present agreed** for the Clerk to respond that the Parish Council supported funding for the purchase of 2 MVAS for use in the area.

**SG**

**14. THE DATES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2015.**

The meeting was closed to allow WDC Cllr M Foster to comment.

The meeting reopened at 9.15pm

The dates for the Parish Council meetings in 2015 were **agreed** as follows:-

Monday 12th January – Speen Village Hall

Monday 2nd March- Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall

Monday 13th April– Speen Village Hall (Annual Parish Meeting)

Monday 18th May - Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)

Monday 6th July– Speen Village Hall

Monday 7th September -- Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall

Monday 2nd November– Speen Village Hall

**SG**

**15. ON WHETHER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED BCC DEVOLUTION PROGRAMME FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.**

Cllr R Craft proposed that Lacey Green Parish Council join the proposed BCC devolution programme for a trial period of one year with the Princes Risborough Town Council cluster. Seconded by Cllr M Hughes. **All present agreed.**

**SG**

The Clerk left the meeting at 9.30pm

**16. 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.

**17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

To receive a report on the progress on the playground repairs.

To receive a report on the Garden of Rest.

To receive an update on a proposal for leasing the Playground in Speen

**18. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 1st December 2014 at Lacey Green Village Hall at 7.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 10.05pm.