

**THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.30PM
IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs C Davies (Chairman)
Cllrs D Claydon, J Sherlock, R Craft, D Clay, Mrs M Hughes and T Molesworth
Clerk to the Parish Council – Susanne Griffiths
WDC Cllr M Foster
County Councillor C Etholen
5 Members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting on the 5th August 2013, 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 R Craft declared an interest in agenda item 6 with reference to planning application 13/06918/FUL

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

The Clerk informed the members that work had started on the playground surface.

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

Cllr M Foster informed the members of the progress of the work in relation to moving the sports facilities from the Handy Cross Centre to Little Marlow and the John Hampden School.

He further informed them that a date has been set for the HS2 appeals in October 2013.

Cllr D Clay raised a question as to the progress on the planning application for a Crematorium in Kimble. Cllr M Foster did not have any further details, but will make enquiries.

Cllr C Etholen gave a report on the progress of road works in the Parish and advised that the County Council now have 2 jet patchers to repair the pot holes.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. To consider New Planning Applications

Cllr Roger Craft left the meeting and did not take part in the discussion or decision for the following application.

13/06918/FUL: 1 Woodview Drive Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0RY

Proposal: Demolition of the existing dwelling and car port & erection of a two storey detached 4 x bed dwelling with attached carport to side.

Cllr C Davies proposed that the Parish Council recommend refusal to this application on the following grounds.

The Parish Council has no objection in principle to a replacement dwelling; however, the present proposal is completely out of keeping. Situated in a pleasant estate of six chalet bungalows, a traditional style dwelling would be more appropriate on the site.

The ridge height on the proposed dwelling is in excess of that on the existing chalet bungalows.

The metal roof will be subject to reflection and glare, likewise the ‘wrap around’ windows. Ref: Policy G3 (c) & (d) of the Local Plan.

The footprint of the proposed dwelling extends closer to the rear gardens of properties in Hampden Gate. A ‘wrap around’ window will overlook the rear privacy of these dwellings, causing serious visual intrusion.

Ref: Policy G8 (b) & (c) of the Local Plan.

The proposal is to have vertical timber cladding on the new dwelling, as opposed to horizontal timber cladding on the chalet bungalows.

A Sycamore tree, under TPO 03/1996, is in close proximity of the proposed works. This could easily suffer root damage.

The design is not in sympathy with the local landscape and local traditional building styles within the Chilterns AONB.

Ref: Policy L1 of the Local Plan.

A vote was taken and the proposal carried with 5 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Cllr R Craft returned to the meeting.

13/06937/TPO: Cottage Farm Chapel Hill Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SP

Proposal: Reduce 5 branches or shoots by side lateral to a suitable length to allow approx 1metre of clearance away from property. **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.**

13/06892/CLP:The Old Bakehouse Studridge Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SA

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed use or development). For construction of single storey rear extension with rooflight over. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

13/06973/FUL: Chipko Pink Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0RJ

Proposal: Householder application for enclosure (in part) of existing car-port/open bay to form guest bedroom with rear deck and enclose open front porch to form entrance hall with steps/ramp. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

13/07127/CTREE: Palmers Lower Road Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0PE

Proposal: Fell 1 no. Conifer at rear, 1 no. Sycamore at front, 1 no. Hawthorn at front, 1 no. Silver Birch at front and crown raise 1 no. Sycamore by 3 metres. **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.**

13/06982/FUL: 4 Cottage Farm Way Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0RQ

Proposal: Householder application for construction of front porch extension, erection of detached outbuilding to front and alterations to driveway. **The Parish Council has no objections.**

b. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved

13/06305/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Omar Lodge Highwood Bottom Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0PY

Proposal: Erection of single storey timber building consisting of two stables, feed store, tack room, log store and a hay store.

13/06633/CTR *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

Address: The Old Cottage Studridge Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SA

Proposal: Crown height reduction by up to 2 metres, side lateral reduction of longer branches by up to 1.5 metres and crown lift to 2 metres to group of six Silver Birch.

13/06104/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

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

Proposal: Change of use of field for the purposes of Polo & siting of timber pavilion on polo field and replacement of obsolete toilet block with new single storey toilet building (part retrospective)

13/06302/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: 5 Meadow Rise Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QY

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey side extension to enlarge existing garage

13/06623/FUL: *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Kia Cottage, Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QU

Proposal: Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey rear extension and single storey side extension

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 - September Salary	393.00		£393.00
s/o	Maintenance	PRTC 06/10- Maintenance duties	260.00	52.00	£312.00
1402	Hire of Hall	Speen Village Hall - hall hire 1st July	20.00		£20.00
1403	Parks	TBS Hygiene Ltd - Collection of waste 03/05/13 - 26/07/13	28.60	5.72	£34.32
1404	Admin	Wilkinson - Ink cartridges	17.00		£17.00
1405	Garden of Rest	Thames Water - 21/02/13 - 11/08/13	15.63	1.65	£17.28
1406	Risk Assess	K Dobson - Risk Assessment Duties (August)	26.93		£26.93
1407	Maintenance	G Blakey – Repair of notice board and bus shelter in Speen	300.00		£300.00

B/ Receipts -Lloyds TSB - Bank Interest £1.69

C/ Bank Balance £ 49,587.28(allowing for the above entries). The receipts for August and the payments for September were examined by the Council

Cllr C Davies proposed that the above payments are approved and the necessary cheques signed. Seconded by Cllr R Craft. **All present agreed.**

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Monthly Risk Inspection Report

No medium or high risks identified.

E-mail from WDC requesting initial programme CIL submissions and advising of a Stakeholder Event 1st October 2013

All present agreed for Cllr J Sherlock to attend the Stakeholder Event on behalf of the Parish Council. **JS**

A request for a grant from the Buckinghamshire Age UK.

All present agreed that the Parish Council is unable to issue any further grants as the funds have now been allocated for this financial year. The Clerk is requested to advise the charity to apply in the autumn for consideration for funds in the next financial year. **SG**

E-mail from Insaf Ahamed Commercial Services Manager, Scotia Gas Networks,

In response to Cllr R Crafts letter, he advises that he has been in touch with the Connections Team and they are more than happy to provide a quotation in bringing gas to Speen village. However, prior to that, he feels that it would be best if he can visit the two residents who have been campaigning to bring gas to the village to obtain a few more details in order to make the quotation feasible.

Invitation from Wycombe District Association of Local Councils to attend a Councillor briefing event on the Data Protection Act and the Freedom of Information Act

Noted

An invitation to the Chilterns AONB Planning Conference on Wednesday 9th October 2013 at a cost of £30.00 per delegate.

All present agreed for Cllrs J Sherlock and R Craft to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk is requested to book the places for the Councillors. **SG/JS/RC**

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

Cllr D Claydon reported on a meeting with the Clerk and Local Area Technician and the actions that have been taken to resolve the issues. Cllr C Davies raised the issue of obscured vision on the junction of Wardrobes Lane with Pink Road due to the verges only being cut back by 1 metre. Cllr C Etholen agreed to ask the LAT to revisit the junction.

10. AN UPDATE ON THE GARDEN OF REST

Cllr R Craft reported on the meeting of the Working Group with regards to the proposed War Memorial Opening Ceremony in 2014 at the Garden of Rest. He informed the members of planned opening dates, guest lists and ideas for the timing of the function, service and the possible afternoon tea to follow in the Village Hall.

11. THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS CERTIFICATE AND OPINION ON THE AUDIT OF THE ANNUAL RETURN YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2013

The Auditors Certificate for the Annual Return year ended 31st March 2013 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. On other matters not affecting their opinion, they draw the Councillors' attention to the fact that outstanding cheques should be deducted from the year-end balance. **All present agreed** to amend the date of the standing orders due on the 30th March to 24th March to avoid the delay in payments due in one financial year being made in the following year due to bank holidays and weekends. **SG**

12. 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

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To receive a report on the proposed gas supply to Speen (Cllr R Craft)

To discuss and decide on replacing the seats on the swings in the playground (Cllr J Sherlock)

To discuss and decide on the date and format for the War Memorial Opening Ceremony in 2014 (Cllr R Craft)

14. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 7th October 2013 at Lacey Green Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman.....

Date.....