

**THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.30PM
IN LACEY GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs C Davies (Chairman)
Cllrs D Claydon, J Sherlock and D Clay,
Clerk to the Parish Council – Susanne Griffiths
County Councillor C Etholen

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs R Craft and Mrs M Hughes and T Molesworth

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting on the 2ND September 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. None were declared.

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

None.

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

WDC Cllr M Foster sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr C Etholen informed the members of 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 2014- 2015.

Cllr Etholen confirmed that he will supply the wreaths for Remembrance Day but that he was unable to lay them as he was otherwise engaged as the Chairman of County Council. Cllr C Davies agreed to lay them in his absence. CD/CE

New seats for the swings are required in the Lacey Green Playground. Cllr C Etholen offered to pay for these seats from his Community Leadership fund to help improve the facilities for the children of Lacey Green. **CE**

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. To consider New Planning Applications

13/07145/FUL: Mill Lea Pink Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PG

Proposal: Householder application for replacement of flat garage roof with pitched roof and insertion of a window in front gable. **The Parish Council has no objection to this application.**

13/07174/TPO: 5 Hambye Close Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QZ

Proposal: Fell Twin-stemmed Ash.

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

13/07350/AGI : Grazing Land Behind Collins Farm Lower Road Loosley Row

Proposal: Agricultural Notification of erection of open hay barn/tractor store/feed store

The Parish Council has no objection in principle to agricultural buildings. However, in this case, the Parish Council found it difficult to comment owing to the fact the Application fails to record the materials to be used in construction of same.

It was felt this was important as the site is close to the Loosley Row Conservation Area boundary.

The Application also states the site cannot be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land. In fact, a public footpath passes immediately by the proposed site.

13/07281/FUL: Speen Farm Lodge Slad Lane Speen

Proposal: Householder application for erection of single storey side extension with rooms in roof space and Juliet balcony to first floor side and alterations.

The Parish Council has the following comments:-The site lies outside the curtilage of the village within the Green Belt and Chilterns AONB. Provided the proposal meets the requirements of Policy GB6 of the Local Plan, the Parish Council has no objection.

13/07358/FUL: The Haven Main Road Lacey Green

Proposal: Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension and first floor side extension. Construction of one dormer window to front and reconstruction of one existing dormer to rear, associated rooflights (five), new porch to front and erection of detached double garage to front.

The Parish Council has the following comments - The proposed extension will create a dwelling of substantial size. The Parish Council has a concern regarding the proposed detached double garage. It would have a detrimental visual impact on the front garden and the street scene. The Chilterns Buildings Design Guide (3.79) suggests front gardens should not be turned into parking areas, nor garages set forward of the main building. Furthermore, to avoid creating parking areas which dominate the front of the building in full view of the street.

13/07395/FUL: Laburnum Cottage Lower Road Loosley Row

Proposal: Householder application for construction of construction of first floor extension and new pitched roof to detached garage. **The Parish Council has no objection to this application.**

b. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved

13/06937/TPO *Decision:* Application Permitted

Address: Cottage Farm Chapel Hill Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SP

Proposal: Reduce 5 branches or shoots by side lateral to a suitable length to allow approx 1 metre of clearance away from property to weeping Ash (T1)

Case Ref: **13/07127/CTREE** *Decision:* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

Address: 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.

13/06701/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: 13 Woodfield Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QQ

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey front and rear extensions and external alterations

13/06733/MIN *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Stone Cottage Loosley Hill Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NT

Proposal: Proposed non-material amendment to permission for Householder application for demolition of existing summerhouse and construction of two storey side and single storey side extension at first floor level, enlarged patio area with retaining walls and single storey detached car barn/work shed granted under 13/05070/FUL

Case Ref: **13/07028/MIN** *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Crendon Cottage Chapel Hill Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SL

Proposal: Proposed non-material amendment to permission for construction of part 2-storey/part single storey side extension following demolition of existing detached garage granted under householder planning ref. 12/06280/FUL

To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Refused

None.

To Receive Notice of Applications withdrawn

13/06755/VCDN Application Withdrawn

Address: The Cedars, Grubbins Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire, HP27 0SE

Proposal: Variation of Condition 05 (Existing Levels) of pp 12/06223/FUL to allow creation of two plateau areas at the rear.

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

Receipts -Lloyds TSB - Bank Interest £1.69, WDC – Precept £12,278.00

Bank Balance £55,961.67 (allowing for the above and below entries). The receipts for September and the payments for October were examined by the Council.

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Cllr C Davies proposed that the payments listed below are approved and the necessary cheques signed.
Seconded by Cllr D Claydon. **All present agreed.**

VAT

Clerks fees	S Griffiths - Oct Salary	393.00		£393.00
Maintenance	PRTC 07/10- Maintenance duties	260.00	52.00	£312.00
Clerks fees	HMRC -PAYE July, Aug & Sept	96.60		£96.60
Hire of Hall	Speen Village Hall - hall hire 2nd September	20.00		£20.00
Risk Assess	K Dobson - Risk Assessment Duties (August)	26.93		£26.93
Parks	Playground Facilities	4018.14	803.63	£4,821.77
Cllrs Training	Chilterns Conservation Board - Cllrs R Craft and J Sherlock	60.00		£60.00
Cllrs Allowances	D Claydon - Q2 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
Cllrs Allowances	C Davies - Q2 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
Cllrs Allowances	D Clay - Q2 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
Cllrs Allowances	T Molesworth - Q2 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
Cllrs Allowances	M Hughes - Q2 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
Cllrs Allowances	R Craft - Q2 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
Cllrs Allowances	J Sherlock - Q2 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00

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 Inspection Report

No medium or high risks identified.

A quotation has been received to replace the seats on the cradle and flat swings.

All present agreed to accept the quotation and the Clerk is requested to place an order. County Cllr C Etholen has agreed to pay for the cost of the replacement seats from his Community Leadership Fund. **SG**

A letter from the Chiltern Society inviting applications for grants for community projects.

The Clerk is requested to contact the Chiltern Society to request advice or help with a grant for the clearing of vegetation from Deep Pit Pond, Kiln Lane. **SG**

Invitation from Red Kite Community Housing to an event on the 7th November to meet the staff and board members and to receive an overview of their work

Cllr David Clay **agreed** to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. **DC**

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 2014- 2015

Parishes are asked to complete the form by the **2 December 2013**, residents by the 18th November 2013.

All present agreed to make individual responses to the consultation and decide on a parish response at the next meeting **ALL**

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

Cllr D Claydon informed the members that the annual autumn cut of stinging nettles along the roadside boundary of Deep Pit Pond in Kiln Lane is due. **All present agreed** to instruct the Maintenance Team to undertake this work in the next couple of weeks. **SG**

The stile on Public Footpath LAG/15 on Brimmers Road needs attention.

Cllr D Claydon and the Clerk will meet with the Local Area Technician on Wednesday 9th October 2013 to discuss any Councillors concerns with the Highways Dept. **DC/SG**

10. AN UPDATE ON THE GARDEN OF REST

Cllr D Claydon informed the members that grave marker pegs were being placed in the graves and that a register of graves to record the number of the grave would be useful to record the information for future generations. **All present agreed** for the Clerk to purchase a suitable register. **SG**

It was reported the hedge surrounding the Garden of Rest had been trimmed. A request was made for the Maintenance Team to cut the hedge back where the tractor cannot reach. **SG**

11. WHETHER TO APPLY FOR A DEVOLVED SERVICES BUDGET FROM BCC FOR 2014/2015

Cllr C Davies proposed that the Parish Council apply for a budget from B.C.C to enable the Parish Council to undertake devolved services which include the following:-

- Removal of fly posters and other illegal signs within the public highway or attached to street furniture
 - Approval of charity event advertising signage .
 - Cleaning of traffic signs
 - Minor traffic sign repairs (e.g. fixing loose clips)
 - Trimming vegetation obstructing pavements and footpaths
 - Serving hedge cutting notices on frontages to be administered in accordance with the procedure but not including instigating legal proceedings.
 - Checking for obstructions to pavements and footpaths
- Seconded by Cllr D Clay. **All present agreed** **SG**

12. ACTION TO BE TAKEN REGARDING THE INCREASE IN VEGETATION ON THE KILN LANE POND.

After a short discussion, it was **agreed** to revisit the pond report and contact the Chiltern Society for advice. **SG**

13 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

14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

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

To discuss and decide on the response to 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 2014- 2015

To discuss and decide on the action to be taken on the Notice board in Westlands Road. (Cllr D Claydon)

To discuss and decide on the dates for the Parish Council meetings in 2014.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 4th November 2013 at Speen Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman.....

Date.....