

**THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM
IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs C Davies

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting on the 2nd December 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

Apologies were received from County Cllr C Etholen.
District Cllr M Foster gave an update on the new waste collection which is experiencing some teething problems and advised that the council tax rate will be set in February for the coming financial year.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. To consider New Planning Applications

13/07995/FUL: Ashlea Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QN

Proposal: Householder application for removal of existing boundary hedge and erection of 1.8 to 1.2m high timber boundary fence. **Lacey Green Parish Council object to this application. The proposal does not accord with the Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Design Statement. Recommendation 6 states the mature trees and hedges within the two villages are great community assets. Every effort should be taken to preserve and enhance them, wherever possible.**

b. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved

13/07395/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Laburnum Cottage Lower Road Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0PE

Proposal: Householder application for the construction of first floor extension and new gable roof to detached garage

13/07807/MIN *Decision* Part Allow Part Refuse

Address: 5 St Peters Close Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SS

Proposal: Proposed non-material amendment to permission for erection of a two storey rear, two storey side & single storey front extensions following demolition of existing garage/playroom/utility rooms granted under householder planning application.

13/07530/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Malmsmead Kiln Lane Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PU

Proposal: Householder application for the erection of a greenhouse to the rear garden

13/07819/AGI *Decision* Details Not Required to be Submitted

Address: Collins Farm Lower Road Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0PE

Proposal: Agricultural Notification of erection of feed storage and secure equipment store

13/07643/CTR

Decision Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

Address: Woodbine Cottage Studridge Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SA

Proposal: Reduce height by up to 1.8 metres and spread by up to 1 metre to Plum T1; reduce height by up to 1 - 1.2 metres and spread by up to 1.2 - 1.5 metres to Apple T2; reduce height by up to 1.2 - 1.8 metres and spread by up to 1 - 1.2 metres to Apple T3; coppice Buddleia T4; reduce height of Cotoneaster T5 by 1 - 1.2 metres to previous pruning points in line with existing hedgerow.

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

VAT

S/o	Cllrs Allowances	D Claydon - Q3 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	C Davies - Q3 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	D Clay - Q3 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	T Molesworth - Q3 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	M Hughes - Q3 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	R Craft - Q3 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	J Sherlock - Q3 Expenses	£25.00		£ 25.00
s/o	Maintenance	PRTC 10/10- Maintenance duties	260.00	52.00	£312.00
s/o	Clerks fees	S Griffiths - January Salary	393.00		£393.00
s/o	Risk Assess	K Dobson- Risk Assessment Duties (December)	27.55		£27.55
142 1	Hire of Hall	Speen Village Hall - hall hire 4th November	20.00		£20.00
142 2	Garden of Rest	Thames Water - 12/08/13 - 11/11/13	7.06	1.41	£8.47
142 3	Insurance	Broker Network - Parish Council Insurance Premium 2014/15	1110.5 5		£1,110.5 5

B/ Receipts -Lloyds TSB - Bank Interest £1.53

C/ Bank Balance £ 51,263.95 (allowing for the above entries).

The receipts for December and the payments for January were examined by the Council

Cllr M Hughes 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.

Request for a grant from the Lacey Green Windmill Restoration Committee

Noted.

Request for a grant from the Speen Village Hall

Noted.

E-mail requesting the Parish Council lay a wreath at each War Memorial in the Parish on August 4th at noon as part of the Centenary commemorations for the beginning of WW1

All present agreed to lay a wreath at the four memorials in the Parish on the 4th August 2014 at 12 noon. The Clerk is requested to ascertain if the RBL will be supplying the wreaths. **SG**

An invitation to renew the long term agreement with the insurance company

The current Long term agreement expires on the 4th February 2015. If the Parish Councils renews the long term agreement until 4th February 2017 the premiums are reduced by 5%. **All present agreed** to sign the new Long Term Agreement. **SG**

Monkton Wood

Cllr R Craft has received correspondence expressing concerns about the access road into the wood. **All present agreed** for Cllr R Craft to draft a letter for the members' consideration and approval, to raise these concerns with the Environment Officer at W.D. C. **RC**

Nominations for the Royal Garden Party on Tuesday 3rd June 2014.

BALC has sent the nomination form and criteria for nominations to the Royal Garden Party on Tuesday 3rd June 2014 and requested that they are submitted by Monday 27th January. Successful applicants will be notified ASAP after the closing date of Monday 27 January 2014. **All present agreed** to nominate Cllr Dennis Claydon in recognition of his long service, quiet, selfless attitude and the inordinate amount of work that he undertakes on behalf of the Parish. **SG**

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A consultation from WDC with regards to Developer contribution funding of infrastructure.

WDC is undertaking a consultation on options for the broad allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding for future years. A draft 2014/15 CIL funding programme and an updated 2014/15 S106 funding programme are also being published for information. Any comments should be sent by 8 January 2014..
Noted.

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

Cllr D Claydon and the Clerk met with the Local Area Technician to discuss highways matters on the 4th December. Councillors are requested to advise the Clerk of any issues prior to the next meeting due to take place on the 5th February 2014.

The Clerk is requested to raise the following comments with TFB:-

- A thank you for the clearing of the vegetation from the footpath on the A4010 in Saunderton.
- A large pothole on the bend outside Darvill's Hill Farm, Flowers Bottom Lane in Speen. **SG**

10. AN UPDATE ON THE GARDEN OF REST

Nothing to report.

11. A REPORT ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL OPENING CEREMONY.

All present agreed to place an article in the Speen and North Dean News advertising the ceremony. **TM/DC**

12. CREATION OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE AND A PROCEDURE IF A PLANNING APPLICATION DEADLINE IS PRIOR TO THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

All present agreed to create a Planning Committee and that Lacey Green Parish Council's planning committee has delegated powers from the full Parish Council in respect of planning consultations. However, where a proposal is likely to have a major impact or have significant policy implications, it will be referred to the full Parish Council. Where the Planning application deadline is prior to the next Parish Council meeting, the Planning Committee will meet and review the applications and will send the response to the Clerk and advise the Parish Council at their next meeting. **ALL**

13. THE EXPENDITURE AND PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2014-2015

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 has been reduced by 14% to £382.00. Cllr R Craft proposed that Council approve the budget and a request for a precept of £24,498. Seconded by Cllr M Hughes. **All present agreed.** **SG**

14. THE EXPENDITURE ALLOWED UNDER SECTION 137 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2014-2015

Cllr R Craft advised the Parish Council that included in the budget for 2014/2015 is a sum of £750.00 to be charged against expenditure allowed under Section 137 and he proposed that this be accepted. Seconded by Cllr M Hughes. **All present agreed** **SG**

15. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS THAT THEY HAVE ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

16. TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC & PRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION (12) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 2014 -2015

Cllr Craft proposed to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press in accordance with section (12) of the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960 to discuss and decide on the maintenance contract for 2014 - 2015. A vote was taken and **all present agreed.**

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To receive a report on the preparations for the War Memorial Opening Ceremony.

18. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 3rd March 2014 at Lacey Green Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

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