

**THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2014 AT 7.30PM
IN LACEY GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs C Davies (Chairman)
Cllrs D Claydon, R Craft, J Sherlock, Mrs M Hughes, D Clay and T Molesworth
Clerk to the Parish Council – Susanne Griffiths
3 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 6TH January 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 C Davies declared an interest in Planning Application 14/05237/REM.

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

The Clerk was requested to ascertain if the RBL will be supplying the wreaths for the Parish Council to 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. The RBL has replied that it would be providing the wreaths but any donations towards the cost would be welcome.

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 and District Cllr M Foster. Cllr M Foster sent the following report:-

Council Tax

At the Full Council meeting on February 27th the 2014/15 Budget proposals were accepted, including a freeze – for the 4th year in succession – in District Council Tax. This freeze reflects ongoing efficiency actions to reduce the costs of delivering Council services, despite a cut in core Government funding of 13.4% next year.

Lacey Green was one of seven Parishes to hold their precept from last year. Six reduced their precept and thirteen increased theirs, although most of the variations were minor.

Taking into account the 1.5% increase in Bucks County Council tax, which is eight and a half times more per annum than the District charge, and a 2% increase from the Police and Crime Commissioner, where the annual charge is 25% higher than the District, the overall increase in total tax payable averages 1.4%.

Local Plan

The Wycombe District Local Plan consultation is underway and all households will have received a leaflet outlining the plans and identifying how to get involved. The full schedule of events is available on the WDC website, but the closest local exhibition will be held on Monday March 17th at the Princes Risborough Information Centre during the day, and there will be an evening workshop at the Princes Centre from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Monkton Woods

Following an inspection undertaken at my request, I have been advised by the District Environment Officer that the works being undertaken in Monkton Woods in Speen are in compliance with the regulations, despite concerns over the materials being used.

Under current legislation, there are no actions that can be taken to pre-empt unauthorised use of the woods and the working assumption is that the tracks are being laid for timber extraction as per the new owner's notification. The enforcement department is fully aware of the situation and the potential risk, so if there are any issues, it should be possible to move quickly to take whatever remedial actions are possible.

Sports Centre and Handy Cross.

Full Council on February 27th approved the awarding of the contract to construct the new Sports Centre and associated developments at Handy Cross and also the selection of the Operator for the Sports Centres. The new synthetic playing pitch is operational at John Hampden, and the new running track is moving towards completion at Little Marlow. The new Sports Centre is scheduled for completion late summer 2015.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. New Planning Applications

14/05122/FUL: The Thatched Cottage Hampden Road Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0RU

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of 1 x 4 bed dwelling including

detached car port and associated works. **The Parish Council has no objection subject to the new replacement dwelling and garden being retained on ground within the curtilage of the village and not encroaching on agricultural land.**

14/05121/FUL: 5 St Peters Close Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SS

Proposal: Householder application for erection of a two storey rear, two storey side & single storey front extensions following demolition of existing garage/playroom/utility rooms (alternative scheme to p/p 13/05259/FUL) **The Parish Council has no objections.**

14/05075/FUL: White Thorn Pink Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PG

Proposal: Householder application for construction of rear conservatory
The application site lies outside the village curtilage, in the Green Belt and the Chilterns AONB. The Parish Council has no objection in principle, provided the proposal does not exceed the permitted development allowance and set a precedent for the future. However, the Parish Council is mindful of previously permitted extensions to this property, relating to Policy GB6.

14/05037/CTREE: Lacey House Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0RB

Proposal: Fell 5x Leylandii to left-hand side of drive and replant with laurel, Yew or similar.
The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.

14/05139/CTREE: Speen Playing Fields Studridge Lane Speen Buckinghamshire

Proposal: Reduce large limb "A" of Ash T1 growing toward King William IV pub by approximately 2.2 metres.
The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.

14/05277/CTREE: Cherry Tree Cottage, Studridge Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire. HP27 0SA

Proposal: Crown thin by approximately 20-25% Horse Chestnut T1 incorporating dead wood removal and clearing of overhanging branches from neighbours properties. **The Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.**

14/05163/FUL: Horse Exercise Compound, Lacey Green Footpath 9, Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire

Proposal: Alterations to existing ménage to extend and lower levels by 1000mm.
The Parish Council has no objection. However, it feels the site address is misleading and should read Palmers, Lower Road, Loosley Row, Buckinghamshire HP27 0PE.

14/05269/CTREE: Black Firs, Church Lane, Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire HP27 0QX

Proposal: Crown reduce Tulip T1 by approximately 4 metres to previous pruning points. (See also 14/05268/TPO)

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

14/05268/TPO: Black Firs, Church Lane, Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire HP27 0QX

Proposal: Crown reduce Tulip T2 by approximately 4 metres to previous pruning points and remove to origin low branches overhanging roof and gutters. (See also 14/05269/FUL)

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

14/05241/FUL: Nevada, Slad Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire HP27 0PW

Proposal: Construction of 3x dormer windows in connection with conversion of loft into habitable accommodation.

The Parish Council has no objection. Site address should read Lacey Green not Speen.

14/05237/REM: Widmer Farm, Pink Road, Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire HP27 0PG

Proposal: Submission of details of landscaping for the demolition of four buildings and linking extensions and erection of two replacement buildings pursuant to outline planning permission 08/06558/OUT.

The Parish Council has no objection.

14/05355/CTREE: Gracefield Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QU

Proposal: Fell 8 no. Scots Pine. **The Parish Council notes that the trees are within the Conservation Area but will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.**

14/05308/FUL: Lacey House Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0RB

Proposal: Householder application for temporary siting of static caravan during house renovation works permitted under 13/06111/FUL for estimated period of no longer than 7 months for the sole use of the home owners. **The Parish Council has no objection.**

14/05501/CLP: Nevada, Slad Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire HP27 0PW

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed insertion of 2x rooflights (1x front roofslope) and 1x side (North) in connection with conversion of loft into habitable accommodation and replace existing window at ground level to side (South) elevation.

The Parish Council has no objection. The site address should read Lacey Green not Speen.

b. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved

14/05037/CTR *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

Address: Lacey House Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0RB

Proposal: Fell 5x Leylandii to left hand side of drive and replant with laurel, Yew or similar.

13/07995/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: 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

14/05277/CTREE *Decision:* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

Address: Cherry Tree Cottage, Studridge Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire HP27 0SA

Proposal: Crown thin by approximately 20-25% Horse Chestnut T1 incorporating dead wood removal and clearing of overhanging branches from neighbours properties.

14/05139/CTREE *Decision:* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

Address: Speen Playing Fields, Studridge Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire.

Proposal: Reduce large limb "A" of Ash T1 growing towards King William IV by approximately 2.2 metres.

c. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Refused

13/07880/FUL ; *Decision* Application Refused

Address: Little Thatch, Main Road, Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire HP27 0QS.

Proposal: Householder application for construction of two storey rear extension

13/06062/FUL ; *Decision:* Appeal dismissed

Address: Land Rear Of Ruskin & Chiltern Breezes, Loosley Hill, Loosley Row, Buckinghamshire HP27 0NT
APPLICATION FOR: Demolition of existing garage and erection of 1 x 3 bed detached dwelling

13/07804/CLP *Decision:* Refuse Certificate of Proposed Use

Address: Land West of OS Parcel 5466, Woodway, Loosley Row, Buckinghamshire.

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness proposed for erection of 4.6 m wide & 1.4 m high five bar metal gate & posts and the widening of an existing access.

14/05241/FUL Application Withdrawn

Address: Nevada, Slad Lane, Speen, Buckinghamshire HP27 0PW

Proposal: Householder application for construction of 3 x dormer windows in connection with conversion of loft into habitable accommodation.

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

s/o	Clerks fees	S Griffiths - February Salary	£393.00		£393.00
s/o	Clerks fees	S Griffiths - March Salary	£393.00		£393.00
s/o	Risk Assess	K Dobson- Risk Assessment Duties (January)	£27.55		£27.55
s/o	Risk Assess	K Dobson- Risk Assessment Duties (February)	£27.55		£27.55
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	D Claydon - Q4 Expenses	£25.00		£25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	C Davies - Q4 Expenses	£25.00		£25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	D Clay - Q4 Expenses	£25.00		£25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	T Molesworth - Q4 Expenses	£25.00		£25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	M Hughes - Q4 Expenses	£25.00		£25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	R Craft - Q4 Expenses	£25.00		£25.00
S/o	Cllrs Allowances	J Sherlock - Q4 Expenses	£25.00		£25.00
1427	Hire of Hall	Speen Village Hall - hall hire 6th January	£20.00		£20.00
1428	Parks	TBS Hygiene Ltd - Collection of waste 01/11/13 - 31/01/14	£30.80	6.16	£36.96
1429	Garden of Rest	Thames Water - 12/11/13 - 11/02/14	£7.06	1.41	£8.47
1430	Admin	S Griffiths - Postage etc Expenses	£23.10		£23.10
1431	Admin	Amazon - Printer	£97.08	19.42	£116.50
1432	Admin	HMRC – PAYE 01/01/2014-31/03/2014	£96.60		£96.60

B/ Receipts -Lloyds TSB - Bank Interest £1.53

C/ Bank Balance £50013.66(allowing for the above entries).

The receipts for January and February and the payments for March 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.

Letter from Rights Of Way, B.C.C. re Parish Clearance within the Parish on the Rights of Way network

The Parish Paths Clearance fund is intended to provide money to parish councils to allow them to employ their own contractor to trim or mow public rights of way (no hedge clearance) within their parish. The fund at present will not cover the cost of any other works, such as stile repairs or replacement with gates. The total grant will equate to the current cost to the County Council for undertaking these annual clearance operations within each parish. The idea is to enable parish councils to themselves manage the timing and frequency of this work. This will be a great benefit as a more rapid response can be given to this work during periods of wet weather when vegetation growth can be at its most vigorous. **All present agreed** to apply for this funding. **SG**

Letter from the Chiltern Society dated 31st January 2014 re Parish Paths Clearance Fund

All present agreed in principle to the Chiltern Society providing some path clearance in return for a donation but will await further information as to the size of donation before full agreement. **SG**

Community Rights Information Exchange:

Invitation to a workshop being run by the Department for Communities and Local Government to explain how community rights can help elected councillors and their communities they work with. To be held at The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury on Wednesday 26th March 18:30 – 20:30. **Noted.**

Lacey Green & Loosley Row Lawn Tennis Club request to convert existing loan to a grant.

A request has been received to convert the interest free loan £1350.00 made to the Lacey Green & Loosley Row Lawn Tennis Club to a grant. **All present agreed to waive the repayment of £450.00 due this year thereby reducing the amount of the loan to £900 and making the remaining £450.00 a grant to the club.**

The Councillors further agreed to review your request again at the Estimates meeting in November following a further progress report from the Lacey Green & Loosley Row Lawn Tennis Club.

HS2: Petitioning Workshops

An invitation to attend a Petitioning Workshop. **Noted.**

Invitation to enter the Best Kept Village competition

The members for Speen agreed to advise their residents and report back if Speen would like to enter the competition. **DC/RC**

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

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

Blocked drain, Main Road, Lacey Green
Blocked drain, New Road, Walters Ash
Pothole, Lower Road, Loosely Row
Pothole, Kiln Lane, Lacey Green
Pothole, Wardrobes Lane, Lacey Green
Pothole, Brimmers Lane, Princes Risborough
Traffic Sign, Woodway, Loosley Row
Traffic Sign, Pink Road, Lacey Green

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 cater for 100 people. **SG**

12. INSTALLATION OF A SIGN FOR THE GARDEN OF REST AND WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr D Clay was concerned that residents are not aware where the Garden of Rest is situated. Cllr C Davies confirmed that there is a sign on the gate. **All present agreed** the Opening Ceremony would raise the profile of the Garden Of Rest and to review the signage in 12 months.

13. REVIEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

Cllr J Sherlock highlighted minor errors on the Welcome and Home page. Cllr C Davies **agreed** to prepare a revised draft for circulation to the members for their consideration. **CD**

14. WHETHER TO SUBMIT A PETITION CONCERNING THE HS2 HYBRID BILL

Cllr M Hughes **agreed** to review the information and report back at the next meeting. **MH**

15. APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/2014

All present agreed to appoint Mr Don Timms as the internal auditor for the Audit year ending 2013/2014. **SG**

16. 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.

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To receive a report on the preparations for the War Memorial Opening Ceremony.
To review the Parish Council website

18. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 14th April 2014 at Speen Village Hall at 7.30pm and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.
There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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