



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM  
IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs C Davies (Chairman), R Craft, T Molesworth, P Suter, E Patient and M Hughes  
Clerk – Susanne Griffiths  
Deputy Clerk – Jayne Mylchreest  
2 members of the public were present.

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

No apologies were received.

**2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 having been circulated were approved by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.  
Cllr Miv Hughes declared an interest in Agenda item No 12.

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

None.

Cllr. E Patient joined the meeting at 7.45.

**5. REPORT ON DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS RELATING TO THE LACEY GREEN PARISH FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR C ETHOLEN AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR G PEART**

Cllr C Etholen reported on the following: -

1. The repair of the road surface on Studridge Lane Speen.
2. Projects for the Community Leaders Fund

Cllr G Peart was unable to attend but sent the following report:-

1. The Boundary Commission has proposed to move the Lacey Green, Speen and the Hampdens ward into the Chesham and Amersham parliamentary constituency.
2. The possibility of the King William IV public house to reopen. This will require permission to add a pair of cottages to the site that will be a departure from planning policy so will only be successful if there is support from the Parish Council and the local residents.
3. The Local Plan has had a number of detailed revisions as a result of representations from residents and developers. Some sites have been added and others withdrawn but none of these are within the Parish. The total number of houses required to be built by central government has also reduced by just over 2,000 due to a revision in the forecast population growth
4. Suggestions are requested for the Ward Budget of £999 that is available for a community project/s or projects to be used by March 2017.
5. Both reports on Local Government Reorganisation, produced separately by Bucks County Council and the other jointly by the four District Councils have been submitted to the Minister for comment. As a WDC Local Reorganisation committee member if anyone would like more information on the proposals and an opportunity to discuss the matter, an informal meeting on another date in November can be arranged.
5. British Telecom is intending to remove some phone boxes one of which is within the Parish in Loosley Row. Only one call has been made from it in the last year.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A. To consider New Planning Applications

**16/07757/FUL**

**Address:** Lacey Green And Loosley Row Sports Club Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PL

**Proposal:** Installation of 8 x floodlighting columns to illuminate two existing tennis courts  
The Parish Council has no objection in principle but is concerned about the lights shining into neighbouring housing. **The Clerk is requested to contact Wycombe District Planning Department to ascertain what restrictions are in place on the hours of use.** JM

**16/07759/FUL**

**Address:** The Boundary Studridge Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SA

**Proposal:** Householder application for construction of single storey detached timber garden out-building

**The Lacey Green Parish Council has no objections.**

**16/07786/FUL**

**Address:** Midmede Chapel Hill Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SP

**Proposal:** Householder application for demolition of log store with associated alterations to existing outbuilding, conversion of part of garage to studio with associated fenestration alterations and construction of front extension to garage forming cart-lodge

**The Lacey Green Parish Council has no objections.**

**16/07969/TPO**

**Address:** St John The Evangelist Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire

**Proposal:** Reduce height of three Western Red Cedars to approximately 10m and reduce width by approximately 25% to control overhang to boundary with Church Cottage

**The Lacey Green Parish Council will abide by the decision of the Arboriculturalist.**

**B. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved**

**16/06956/FUL** *Decision* Application Permitted

**Address:** Foundry Cottage Foundry Lane Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NY

**Proposal:** Householder application for demolition of existing single storey side extension and construction of two storey rear/side extension

**16/07228/TPO** *Decision* Application Permitted

**Address:** April Cottage Archway Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SB

**Proposal:** Ash T1 reduce in height and commensurately in spread to a suitable branch union to achieve a height of approximately 12 metres. Ash T2 fell

**16/07372/LBC** *Decision* Application Permitted

**Address:** Old Post Office Hampden Road Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0RU

**Proposal:** Listed Building application for retention of replacement casement doors & windows to studio (retrospective)

**16/07046/FUL** *Decision* Application Permitted

**Address:** Cairndale Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PL

**Proposal:** Erection of 1 x 4-bed two storey detached dwelling and creation of new access with associated car parking and landscaping

**16/07371/FUL** *Decision* Application Permitted

**Address:** Land Adjacent Woodway Farm Woodway Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NP

**Proposal:** Creation of all-weather riding arena with associated fencing

**16/06956/FUL** *Decision* Application Permitted

**Address:** Foundry Cottage Foundry Lane Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NY

**Proposal:** Householder application for demolition of existing single storey side extension and construction of two storey rear/side extension

**16/07228/TPO** *Decision* Application Permitted

**Address:** April Cottage Archway Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SB

**Proposal:** Ash T1 reduce in height and commensurately in spread to a suitable branch union to achieve a height of approximately 12 metres. Ash T2 fell

**16/07559/CTR** *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

**Address:** Speen Playing Fields Studridge Lane Speen Buckinghamshire

**Proposal:** Group of 3 no. Holly trees located at land to the rear of The Boundary, Studridge Lane, Speen. Fell tallest of the three Holly trees. Crown raise the remaining two Holly trees to a height of up to 2 metres, remove any epicormic growth and self-seeded saplings in the canopy area.

**TPO ORDER NO 10/2016** *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

**Site:** Trees located within the cartilage of Applegate Cottage Studridge Lane Speen HP27 0SA

C. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Refused

None

D. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Withdrawn

None

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

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Oct	s/o	K Dobson - Risk Assessment Duties Sep	34.80		<b>34.80</b>
Oct	s/o	October Salaries	378.57		<b>378.57</b>
Oct	s/o	BCC Local Government pension scheme	101.60		<b>101.60</b>
Oct	s/o	PRTC 07/10- Maintenance duties	280.00	56.00	<b>336.00</b>
Oct	1564	Wycombe Recycling Ltd - skip for Speen pond clearance	258.00	51.60	<b>309.60</b>
Nov	s/o	K Dobson - Risk Assessment Duties Oct	34.80		<b>34.80</b>
Nov	s/o	November Salaries	378.57		<b>378.57</b>
Nov	s/o	BCC Local Government pension scheme	101.60		<b>101.60</b>
Nov	s/o	PRTC 8/10- Maintenance duties	280.00	56.00	<b>336.00</b>
Nov	1565	Mileage claim for planning meeting 17/10/16	2.70		<b>2.70</b>
Nov	1566	PRTC - grass cutting Oct 2016 Devolved Services	277.00	55.40	<b>332.40</b>
Nov	1567	TBS Hygiene Ltd - July Aug Sep	36.40	7.28	<b>43.68</b>
Nov	1568	PK Inprint Ltd - letterheads	135.00	27.00	<b>162.00</b>
Nov	1569	PRTC -grass cutting Devolved Services	110.00	22.00	<b>132.00</b>
Nov	1570	Jacqui Lang - artwork for letterheads	25.00		<b>25.00</b>

Receipts - TSB - Bank Interest £ 1.70 and £1.70. WDC Precept £ 12,495.56 CIL £ 7,124.06

Bank Balance £80,008.19 (allowing for the entries above).

The receipts for September and October and payments for October and November were examined by the Council.

The above payments for September 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 together with a copy of all standing orders and direct debits made from the Parish Council account. **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 Assessments

The monthly risk assessment has highlighted 1 medium risk issue.

The Lacey Green play area has a wooden balance bar that is rotting. The original supplier is to replace free of charge under the guarantee.

An email from Wycombe District Council has been received regarding a consultation from British Telecom W.D.C. has recently been notified by BT of their proposals to permanently remove 54 public call boxes in the District. The Parish Council has to decide whether to consent or object to the removal of each individual kiosk. If

the Parish Council wish to make any comments about any of the sites the Parish Council can do so using Consultee Access and searching under the reference number 16/07915/CONBT. The documentation received from BT can also be viewed using Consultee Access.

Comments should be submitted by 28 November 2016

**Noted.**

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A letter has been received from a resident regarding the re-siting of a bench seat in the parish

The resident requests that the bench at Little Lane or Slad Lane be moved to the bus stop just past the Greenlands junction on Main Road heading towards Woodway. The resident has offered to bear the costs of removal and re-siting.

The Local Area Technician at Transport for Bucks has been contacted to obtain the necessary permission.

**All present agreed** that rather than re-site an existing bench an Agenda item for the next meeting would be to discuss and decide on purchasing a new bench with a plaque to commemorate the late Cllr. Dennis Claydon at the location requested.

The Clerk is requested to contact the resident to advise him of the action to be taken.

**JM**

An email has been received from Wycombe District Cllr. Graham Peart regarding The Boundary Commission's proposal to move the Lacey Green, Speen and the Hampdens ward into the Chesham and Amersham parliamentary constituency

Cllr. R Craft advised that members of the Council can respond individually via the link on the W.D.C. website.

**ALL**

#### **9. A PROPOSAL FOR LEASING THE PLAYGROUND IN SPEEN**

Cllr R Craft reported that he has been advised that the Lacey Green Parish Council solicitor is waiting for the final agreement to the lease from the Speen Playing Field solicitor and will forward a draft letter when this is received.

#### **10. FUNDING A REPLACEMENT TRADITIONAL FINGER DIRECTIONAL SIGN AT THE BOTTOM OF LOOSLEY HILL**

Cllr. E Patient proposed that the sign at the bottom of Loosley Hill be replaced with a traditional sign.

Cllr. C Davies informed the members that she had met with the Local Area Technician at the site and advised that the sign did not warrant a replacement but would action the relevant repair.

#### **11. THE DATES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2017**

**All present agreed** the following dates:-

Monday Jan 9th	7.30pm	Parish Meeting	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Planning Committee	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday March 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Meeting	Speen Village Hall
Monday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Planning Committee	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Annual meeting of the Parish Council</b>	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Planning Committee	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Meeting	Speen Village Hall
Monday Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Planning Committee	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Meeting	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Planning Committee	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall
Monday Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Meeting	Speen Village Hall
Monday Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Planning Committee	Lacey Green and Loosley Row Village Hall

## **12. APPLYING FOR A BOUNDARY CHANGE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE A4010 FROM LACEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL TO BLEDLow CUM SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr. Miv Hughes declared an interest in this Agenda item and took no further part in the discussion or vote.

Three requests have been received from residents whose properties currently lie in the Lacey Green Parish to move the boundary on the west side of the A4010 to Bledlow Cum Saunderton Parish. Wycombe District Council has advised that a formal request from the Parish Council endorsed by the three residents is required to instigate a Community Governance Review.

Cllr Cathryn Davies proposed to write to W.D.C. to instigate the Community Governance Review. Seconded by Cllr. Roger Craft. All present agreed. The Clerk is requested to send a formal request to W.D.C

**Resolved: To write to W.D.C. to instigate the Community Governance Review.**

**JM**

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## **13. REPORTS ON THE HIGHWAYS AND VERGES IN THE LACEY GREEN PARISH**

1. The damaged sign at Bryants Bottom Road Speen has been reported to Transport for Bucks under Reference No 46030630

2. The damaged Speen sign by the Baptist Chapel has been reported to TfB and the Local Area Technician has advised that TfB are in the process of having the sign replaced. The order has been raised.

3. Permission has been sought from TfB to plant trees on the highways verge along Pink Road.

## **14. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE BULLETIN FROM TRANSPORT FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CONCERNING WEED SPRAYING IN THE PARISH**

Transport for Bucks has advised that there will be no routine weed spraying across Buckinghamshire during 2016/17. Whilst budget considerations have played a role in making this decision, there are 2 key influencing factors:

1. There is a detrimental environmental impact of the widespread use of herbicides on pollinating insects.
2. The legal constraints that are now imposed on the widespread use of herbicides significantly reduces the effectiveness of the application. TfB will continue to treat noxious and injurious weeds in line with its legal obligations.

An EU Directive was introduced primarily for the farming community but is equally applicable to any business/local authority etc. This legislation does not apply to domestic use. The substance found in most weed killers (neonicotinoid) is now the banned substance for use by any commercial organisation. The only weed killer without this banned substance is Roundup which contains glyphosate, but research shows that higher levels of respiratory illnesses have been found in towns that regularly use glyphosate.

B.C.C. do not find Roundup is effective on weeds unless used very regularly due to the increased weed resistance to the substance. This together with the above information has resulted in B.C.C. withdrawing from regular weed spraying programmes.

**Resolved: The Parish Council withdraws any weed spraying in the Parish.**

## **15. FURTHER ACTION TO BE TAKEN REGARDING THE SPEEN POND**

Cllr. Roger Craft informed the members that on the 8<sup>th</sup> October volunteers from the Parish Council, The Chiltern Society and residents took part in a working group to clear the Speen Pond but more work is required. **All present agreed** to contact The Chiltern Society for further advice on how to proceed. **JM**

## **16. A DONATION TO THE CHILTERN SOCIETY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR WORK ON THE SPEEN POND**

Cllr. Roger Craft proposed to make a donation of £100.00 to The Chiltern Society in recognition of their work on the Speen pond. The Clerk is requested to write a thank you letter to The Chiltern Society and ask for their advice on how to maintain the pond. If The Chiltern Society requires a grant to submit a grant application for the year 2017/18

**JM**

## **17. TO APPROVE THE QUOTATIONS FOR TREE WORKS AT THE SPEEN POND**

The Clerk presented quotations for tree works at the Speen Pond.

1. To reduce Oak height and lowest branches overhanging the pond by up to approx 2 metres. Reduce the remaining crown by up to approximately 1.5 metres to maintain good form and remove debris £ 550.00

2. To crown lift Hornbeam to approximately 3 metres, including the removal of the lowest limb back to source, and remove dead Hawthorn tree from pond and remove debris £ 350.00

3. Ash – Overextended branches over the pond to be reduced by up to approximately 2.5 metres.

Remaining crown to be reduced by up to approximately 2 metres and remove debris £550.00

**Resolved: To accept the quotations**

The Clerk is requested to raise a work order

**JM**

#### **18. APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL AREA FORUM BUDGET APPLICATION**

Cllr Cathryn Davies proposed to submit an application for funding for a Vehicle Activation Sign.

**Resolved: To submit an application for funding for a Vehicle Activation Sign.**

**CD**

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#### **19. 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.

#### **20. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

To receive an update on a proposal for leasing the Playground in Speen (Cllr R Craft)

To approve the Estimates budget

To approve the purchase of a bench with a memorial plaque commemorating the late Cllr. Dennis Claydon

#### **21. TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC & PRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION (12) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

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 3 quotations for the preferred contractor for the fence at the Lacey Green playground. A vote was taken and **all present agreed**

#### **22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 2017 at Lacey Green Village Hall at 7.30pm. The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm (FOLLOWED BY ESTIMATES MEETING) in the Lacey Green Village Hall. There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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