



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6th MARCH 2017 AT 7.30PM
IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllrs C Davies (Chairman), R Craft, P Suter, E Patient, T Molesworth and M Hughes
Clerk – Susanne Griffiths
Deputy Clerk – Jayne Mylchreest
1 member of the public was 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 9th January 2017 and the Planning Committee meeting on the 6th February 2017 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.
None were declared.

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

An update from the Local Area Technician on issues in the Parish is as follows:-

1. Drainage issues at the bus stop near St John's School – LAT is to order the gully to be cleared.
Reported by the Parish Council Clerk on the BCC website under reference 40034733.
2. Re planting trees on Pink Road - LAT is waiting for clarification of the criteria to plant. LAT to chase.
3. Permission to site a new bench at the bus stop at Main Rd/Greenland's junction – The Clerk to email Aislinn Collins at B.C.C. to request permission. **JM**
4. B.C.C .sign Speen – LAT has confirmed that a like for like sign has been ordered and he will chase the progress.

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 sent his apologies as he was unable to attend, but sent the following update: -

B.C.C. has voted to increase Council tax by 1.99% together with a further 3% for Adult Social Care which the Government has agreed. This means a total increase of Council tax for the period 2017/2018 of 4.99% which equates to an increase of £1.11 per week based on a Band D property.

Cllr G Peart reported on the following:-

- Local Government re-organisation
- Potholes on Studridge Lane Speen
- Lacey Green & Loosley Row Sports Club planning application
- Studridge Lane planning application
- King William IV public house
- Broadband in Speen

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A. To consider New Planning Applications

17/05205/FUL

Address: Hill Side Lower Road Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NU

Householder application for construction of loft conversion including extensions to front and rear dormer windows and fenestration alterations at ground and first floor

The Lacey Green Parish Council has no objections.

17/05142/FUL

Address: 4 Hillside Park Flowers Bottom Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SJ

Address: Householder application for raised decking to rear, 4 x new bay windows and new roof over existing porch

The Lacey Green Parish Council has concerns that the mobile home would be perceived to be a permanent dwelling but will be guided by the Planning Officer.

17/05255/FUL

Address: 2 Monkton Way Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0RZ

Proposal: Householder application for construction of first floor front / side extension

The Lacey Green Parish Council has concerns that it could be considered as an overdevelopment of the plot coming forward at first floor level on the building line and that it would have a detrimental effect on the street scene.

17/05267/LBC

Address: Westcroft Stables Slad Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0PP

Proposal: Listed Building application for erection of a barn structure incorporating indoor equine training facility, learning centre and tractor shed. Extension to an existing barn and creation of covered area adjacent.

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of replacement structure to provide an archive/office/storage facility, erection of a structure for the storage of small maintenance equipment, demolition of existing and erection of replacement field shelter and associated hardstanding, creation of three sand paddocks & parking area, insertion of an external door into the south elevation of a Grade II Listed Barn

The Lacey Green Parish Council has no objections.

17/05266/FUL

Address: Westcroft Stables Slad Lane Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0PP

Proposal: Erection of a barn structure incorporating indoor equine training facility, learning centre and tractor shed. Extension to an existing barn and creation of covered area adjacent. Demolition of existing buildings and erection of replacement structure to provide an archive/office/storage facility, erection of a structure for the storage of small maintenance equipment, demolition of existing and erection of replacement field shelter and associated hardstanding, creation of three sand paddocks & parking area, insertion of an external door into the south elevation of a Grade II Listed Barn

The Lacey Green Parish Council has no objections.

17/05297/FUL

Address: Chiltern House Pink Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PG

Proposal: Householder application for construction of part first storey, part single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration and installation of 5no. light wells to basement

The Lacey Green Parish Council has no objections.

17/05298/FUL

Address: Chiltern House Pink Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0PG

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension and 5no. lightwells to basements

The Lacey Green Parish Council has no objections.

17/05334/FUL

Address: 3 Cornerways Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0RX

Proposal: Householder application for construction of single storey rear extensions

The Lacey Green Parish Council has no objections.

17/05374/FUL

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

Proposal: Householder application for construction of detached double garage and garden store with habitable accommodation in roof with x2 dormer windows

The Lacey Green Parish Council has no objections.

B. To Receive Notice of Planning Applications Approved

17/05189/CTR *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

Address: Spennymoor Chapel Hill Speen Buckinghamshire HP27 0SL

Proposal: Reduce by 20/25% 3 self seeded Ask Trees (T1,T2,T3)

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16/08491/CLP *Decision* Grant Certificate of Proposed Use

Address: Barn Cottage Wardrobes Lane Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0RH

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey rear conservatory extension

16/08494/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Herriotts Foundry Lane Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0NY

Proposal: Householder application for construction of x1 new side box dormer, new front window and rear glazed doors with juliet balcony in connection with loft conversion to habitable accommodation

17/05028/CTR *Decision* Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

Address: Lane Farm Church Lane Lacey Green Buckinghamshire HP27 0QX

Proposal: Fell large Ash tree (T1)

16/08246/FUL *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Palmers & Palmers Yard Foundry Lane Loosley Row Buckinghamshire

Proposal: Alterations to & change of use of disused stables to holiday accommodation comprising 2 letting rooms & single storey extension to dwelling creating Breakfast Room in connection with same

16/08345/TPO *Decision* Application Permitted

Address: Tiddlers Bank Lower Road Loosley Row Buckinghamshire HP27 0PF

Proposal: Crown reduction/thinning of selected branches on Ash tree (T8) Protected by Tree Preservation Order: 33/1995

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.

The receipts for January and payments for February and March were examined by the Council. The payments below for February and March 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.

Receipts - TSB - Bank Interest £1.70

Bank Balance £72,901.98 (allowing for the entries below).

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Feb	s/o	K Dobson - Risk Assessment Duties Jan	34.80		34.80
Feb	s/o	February Salaries	796.17		796.17
Feb	s/o	BCC Local Government pension scheme	101.60		101.60
March	s/o	K Dobson - Risk Assessment Duties Feb	34.80		34.80
March	s/o	March Salaries	416.17		416.17
March	s/o	BCC Local Government pension scheme	101.60		

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March	s/o	Cllr Quarterly expenses x 6	150.00		150.00
March	1583	TBS Hygiene Ltd – dog waste collection Oct Nov Dec	33.80	6.76	40.56
March	1584	Came and Company - annual insurance	702.38		702.38
March	1585	Mileage claim re planning meetings Dec2016/Feb2017	5.40		5.40
March	1586	Mileage claim Parish Council meetings Apr2016-Mch2017	21.60		21.60
March	1587	Postage Apr2016-Mch2017	19.25		19.25

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The Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that during the 2016/17 financial year the Parish Council has been awarded £500.00 from W.D.C. and £750.00 from B.C.C. towards the purchase of a Mobile Vehicle Activation Sign. A further £5000.00 in the budget for 2016/2017 for the purchase of Speed Calming equipment has not been spent.

The Clerk recommended to create an earmarked reserve to reflect unspent monies related to the purchase of a VAS which will be spent in 2017/2018. All present agreed

Resolved: To earmark a reserve of £ £6250.00 to purchase a VAS in 2017/2018

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly Risk Assessments

There was one medium risk issue highlighted in the January and February risk assessments. The back rest slat shaped in the number 2 has broken on the centennial bench at Water Lane. Quotations are being sought for the repair.

JM

There were no high risk issues in the January and February risk assessments.

An invitation to attend a planning training course has been received from Bucks & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils

A course called Demystifying Planning has been scheduled for 22nd May 2017 and will be presented jointly by representatives from Wycombe and Aylesbury Vale District Planning Authorities and will take place at the Green Park Centre in Aston Clinton.

Noted.

An invitation has been received regarding the Centenary of the First World War in Buckinghamshire

The Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust, The Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies and the Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy has organised a 9th meeting on Saturday 25th March 2017 at Viney House, Aylesbury, HP19 8RN, to update attendees on the activities already being planned to commemorate the centenary of the Great War in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes between 2014 and 2019, to ensure co-ordination, to share ideas and to avoid duplication of effort.

Noted.

A minor grants application from Speen and North Dean News

A minor grants application for £250.00 has been received from the Speen and North Dean News to be used to support the village magazine distributed three times a year free of charge to 450 households in these two villages.

Cllr C Davies proposed not to approve the application and to suggest that a voluntary contribution be made by the residents that receive the magazine in line with the residents in the rest of the parish. Seconded by Cllr R Craft. **All present agreed.**

JM

An email has been received from Wycombe District Council regarding the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan

W.D.C. has advised that having considered the Examiner's Report on the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan, they have published its decision statement which confirms that the plan, subject to agreed modifications, will proceed to referendum. The date and details of the referendum will be published in due course.

The Examiner's Report and Decision Statement can be viewed on the website:

<https://www.wycombe.gov.uk/pages/Planning-and-building-control/Neighbourhood-planning/Bledlow-cum-Saunderton-neighbourhood-plan.aspx>

Noted.

An email has been received from Wycombe District regarding their presentation on Modernising Local Government

A copy of W.D.C.'s presentation has been received for information and request that any queries to be sent to them.

Noted.

9. APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017

Cllr C Davies proposed to appoint Mr Don Timms as the internal auditor. Seconded by Cllr R Craft.

All present agreed.

10. WHETHER TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE GRAVE PLAQUES AT THE GARDEN OF REST

Cllr C Davies proposed to purchase 20 grave plaques at a cost of £10 each to place on the graves at the Garden of Rest which do not have headstones to enable each grave to be identified. Seconded by Cllr E Patient.

All present agreed.

JM

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11. WHETHER TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PLAYGROUND IN SPEEN

Cllr C Davies proposed not to proceed any further with the lease agreement between the Lacey Green Parish Council and the Speen Playing Field Association for the playground in Speen. Seconded by Cllr P Suter.

All present agreed.

JM

Resolved: Not to proceed any further with the lease agreement between the Lacey Green Parish Council and the Speen Playing Field Association for the playground in Speen.

12. WHETHER TO APPROVE A GRANT TO THE SPEEN PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Cllr R Craft proposed to approve a grant of £20,000 to the Speen Playing Fields Association to enable the playground in Speen to be updated. The grant is to be paid on receipt of a copy of the Invoices relating to the provision of playground equipment. The Clerk is requested to advise the Speen Playing Fields that the grant is to be a one-off payment up to a maximum amount of £20,000.00 including VAT.

Resolved: To approve a grant of £20,000 to the Speen Playing Fields Association to enable the playground in Speen to be updated.

JM

13. ACTION TO BE TAKEN CONCERNING THE FENCE AT THE GARDEN OF REST

Cllr C. Davies proposed to repair the fence between the driveway to the Garden of Rest and the property known as The Old Methodist Chapel Main Road Lacey Green Buckinghamshire. Seconded by Cllr M Hughes.

All present agreed. The Clerk is requested to advise the resident of the decision.

JM

14. 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.

15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the Planning Committee which will take place on Monday 3rd April 2017 at Lacey Green Village Hall at 7.30pm, and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm. There being no further business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.