



LAMBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2013 AT 7.30PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LAMBOURN

Present: Peter Iveson (Chairman), Sue Cocker, Nick Spence, Jim Bracey, Simon Mooney, Dave Clarke, George Corney, Bridget Dowdeswell, Mike Billinge-Jones, Jill Fitzpatrick, Peter Walwyn, Anne Ray (Clerk), NWN reporter.

Apologies: Peter Barrenger, Peter Cox

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Clarke declared a pecuniary interest in Item 131

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

116 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Sue Cocker was elected as Vice Chairman.

117 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 6 February were approved and signed.

118 COUNCILLORS REPORTS None

119 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Racing Advisory	13 February	Minutes noted
Finance	12 February	Minutes noted
Hall & Streetlighting	7 February	Minutes noted

120 CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Accounts settled:

Postage stamps	60.00
Wages (February)	2,674.79
West Berkshire Council (Broadband)	7,396.00
Lambourn Universal Stores	33.70
Southern Electric (streetlight power)	50.81

Accounts to be settled:

Thames Water (Hall)	64.91
M Billing-Jones (SID training expenses)	20.42
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd (software support)	124.80
Viking (supplies)	62.23
Scofell Landscapes Ltd (repair tomb)	720.00
Scofell Landscapes Ltd (re-open single grave)	312.00
Bank of Scotland Direct Debit (copier)	85.48
Southern Electric streetlight power	558.35
Scofell Landscapes Ltd	2,057.70
Biffa Waste Services Ltd (market)	258.36
Biffa Waste Services Ltd (cemetery)	254.74
Lambourn Surgery Amenities Fund	625.00
Lambourn Universal Stores Ltd	18.24
Thames Water (cemetery)	8.44

121 FLOODING UPDATE

Precis of update from Jon Bowden, WBC Highways, 21 February:

Upper Lambourn – springs still issuing opposite Kingsdown Stables, improvement to water on the road, stables have cleared out their ditches. Water still flowing from Newlands Stables onto road and down to High St. Springs discharging onto High St and spring under The Old Malt House running strongly; a lot of water on High St but deep ponding has subsided.

Malt Shovel Lane – water deeper than before, road remains closed. [Further update states sandbagging to be carried out 1 March and some temporary repairs Mon 4 March to improve access].

Newbury St – groundwater levels reduced, highway drain has been jetted and ditch behind number 45 cleared, sewer still surcharging

Eastbury – river 20-30mm higher than a few weeks back, river half way across Back Lane in 2 places.

It was noted that the tankers are reversing along Fulke Walwyn Way, Clerk to contact Thames Water to tell them to instruct their agents to cease using the track, which is not open to vehicular access, immediately.

Concerns raised about the Lambourn Open Day and the impact that the tankers and restricted roadways will have on it. Clerk to contact Thames Water and make them aware of the upcoming event, also to contact the Lambourn Open Day Cttee.

Emails from Tony Jones and Liz Goodman, Eastbury residents, re drop-in session were noted.

122 EMERGENCY PLAN

The proposed update to the Emergency Plan, to include current locations of sandbags and sand, was agreed.

123 LITTER CLEARANCE

Proposal from Cllrs Cocker and Fitzgerald to consider holding a litter clearing session in Lambourn, as suggested by Ms Halifax, resident, was discussed. It was agreed not to organise a litter picking session at present, the areas where the problem is felt to be worst are on the approach roads to the village where it is not safe for volunteers to litterpick. When the river dries up a working party will be organised to remove rubbish from it. Clerk to contact Streetcare as there is a large amount of waste down Maddingle Road due to the recycling lorry not securing its load, also rubbish on Baydon Road needs clearing. Clerk to mention littering in Village Views article.

NWN reporter arrived 7.50pm

124 CHANGES TO OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The recommendation from Finance Committee that the office opening hours are to be Monday 9am – noon and Weds to Fri 9am – noon, with the office will be closed to the public on Tuesdays was not agreed. It was agreed to change the official opening hours to 9am to noon, Monday to Thursday, not open on Friday.

125 SPEED INDICATION DEVICE AND SPEEDING IN THE PARISH

Proposal from Cllr Billinge-Jones to consider possible locations for using the SID device was discussed. It was agreed that the SID will be booked for a week. Before it is sent out the speed limit for the location(s) it is to be used at will be set, it was noted that it can only be used on roads with the same speed limit, we need to either use it for 40mph or 30mph, 40mph is the maximum traffic speed that volunteers may monitor. In addition to the existing risk assessed sites, it was proposed to add in: outside The Plough, Eastbury and Upper Lambourn Road, opposite Folly Road.

126 CHARITABLE DONATIONS 2012-2013

Making charitable donations to the following charities were considered (£773 remains in budget):

Hungerford Resource/Day Centre

West Berkshire Citizens Advice Centre

Daisy's Dream

Royal British Legion grant towards car park renovation.

It was agreed to split the remaining funds between British Legion and Hungerford Resource Centre. It was agreed that the funding for the defibrillator for Lambourn High Street is to be funded from reserves.

127 WANTAGE BUS

Update from District Councillor Jones that the Wantage bus will continue to be funded by West Berks for 2013/14. Discussion and budget considerations will be needed regarding the future of the bus beyond April 2014. Clerk to talk with the bus company to see if they are willing to continue without WBC involvement, also to get an estimate of costs.

128 ARCHIVES WORKING PARTY

It was agreed that Cllr Cocker is to contact Pete Penfold and organise a meeting of the Working Party, Cllrs Spence, Dowdeswell, Corney and Fitzpatrick volunteered to be part of the Working Party.

129 UPPER LAMBOURN CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

The recommendation from BOSA Committee, to provide planting and fencing where a gap has been created in the boundary to the Upper Lambourn Cemetery was agreed. Scofell Landscapes Ltd are to provide a silver birch tree free of charge, they are also to plant additional saplings to complete the hedge at a cost of £540 + VAT, work to go ahead ASAP. Committee had asked Deputy Clerk to get a quote in for fencing to protect the planting and establish the boundary, however the proposal from the Clerks to use the arris panels that have already been purchased was approved.

It was agreed to accept quote from Scofell Landscapes Ltd to tidy up the compost bin area. Quote is to remove the broken bin, clear the area and create a shielded space for the bin at a cost of £560 + VAT.

130 ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCHYARD GATE POST

It was agreed to accept quote from Stephen Read to replace rotten oak gatepost at Parsonage Lane boundary. Further request from Lambourn PCC to replace the gate at the same time, so it is in keeping with the rest of the churchyard fencing was not agreed.

Quotes received from:

Mark Allen at a cost of £300 to replace 2 gateposts

Stephen Read at a cost of £192 to replace 2 Oak gateposts and re-hang gate.

Quote from Playground Services Ltd, for replacement gate to match existing fencing at a cost of £780.

Cllr Clarke declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting.

131 ALLOTMENT SOCIETY CAR PARK

The recommendation from BOSA Committee to accept quote from P & J Bracey Garden Services to construct a new car park surface at the allotments, to be funded from S106 Open Spaces money, was approved. Two quotes were received:

DD & S Contract Services Ltd: To cut back trees and allow soil to be built up into a bank. Dig out parking area and roll with planings. £3,605.00

P & J Bracey Garden Services: To extend parking area as per Allotment plan. Area to be excavated to a depth of 150mm, spoil to be removed and area to be made up with crushed, recycled road planings. £2,460.98.

Cllr Clarke rejoined the meeting.

132 DOG WASTE BINS

It was agreed to purchase two dog bins to be sited at either end of the public footpath across the allotments. Bins to cost £249.04 each and £37.00 per annum to empty.

133 PLANNING APPLICATIONS None

134 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

To note: Weekly lists of planning applications and decisions.

WBC – Site Allocations and Delivery Development Plan Document “Call for Sites” – opportunity for land owners, developers and others to put forward sites for potential allocation through the Local Plan. Period of submission for sites is 25 February to 8 April.

WBC – Infrastructure Delivery Plan – response to communication about CiL, any information submitted must be received by 8 March.

Wiltshire & Swindon Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations Local Plan – Publication of the inspector’s report.

Wiltshire Council – LTP Other Strategies Consultation available to view and comment between 1 March and 24 May 2013.

http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/ltp/ltp3_strategies_march_13/ltp3_other_strategies_consultation

Vale of White Horse – public consultation Vale Local Plan 2029 Part One runs for 10 weeks, any comments by Thu 9 May.

135 PLANNING DECISIONS

12/03032/HOUSE – Riverside Cottage, Eastbury – Proposed two storey extension to provide additional living space. **APPROVAL** (LPC No Objs) Action GC.

12/03080/FUL – Membury Airfield, Lambourn Woodlands – Extension to light industrial unit to house a Test rig. **APPROVAL** (LPC Support) Action MB-J

136 CORRESPONDENCE

West Berkshire Council

Licensing Hearing for Martin’s, 11 High St, Lambourn – West Berkshire Council offices, 2pm Mon 11 March. If LPC wishes to send a representative, notification must be with WBC by 4 March.

Hungerford Hill restricted Byway – response from WBC that no action is to be taken over the surface of the Byway and stating that in the opinion of Highways Management, the “No Entry” sign on Edwards Hill applies only to vehicular traffic.

Councillor Vacancies – confirmation from WBC that no requests for election have been received, therefore LPC may co-opt.

Other

Action for all Newsletter – 22 February 2013.

Superfast Berkshire – news release, consultation underway until 28 March.

Mid and West Berkshire Local Access Forum – seeking to recruit new members.

Came & Co Insurance – Spring 2013 newsletter

Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2013 magazine

Ms Halifax, resident – response to LPC turning down a request for a dog bin, further comments about litter in the area.

Mr Barry Porter – email of complaint regarding removal of unauthorised objects at Upper Lambourn cemetery. Noted.

Mr & Mrs Jarvis - email of complaint regarding removal of unauthorised objects at Upper Lambourn cemetery. Noted.

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AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Corney – Eastbury Village Hall



Chairman

Date