

A Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Memorial Hall Lechlade on Monday 4 September 2006

Present: Or Jones Cllr Bennett Cllr Cawsey Cllr Chase Cllr Dover Cllr Gillard Cllr Gould Cllr Mrs Mabon Cllr Roberts Cllr Mrs Seale Cllr Sullivan Cllr Mrs Wilson

GCC Cllr Theodoulou
CDC Cllr Mrs Carter

Mr T Shepherd

2 members of the public

1 Apologies

Cllr Whistler and CDC Cllr Mrs Eatwell

2 Declarations of Interest None were received

3 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 4 September

These were approved subject to the deletion of all the words after 'newsletter' in the sentence regarding the same on page 12.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes Town Wharf

The Clerk reported that the work has been completed on the wharf in the sum of £1383 and asked that the action taken be approved. This was done nem con. Enquiries would also be made regarding grants from CDC and/or Waterways.

Cemetery

It was stated that the specification for the work on the cemetery path had been completed. The Clerk was awaiting quotations from contractors.

Fosseway

There had not been any positive action from Fosseway. The Clerk was asked to make more stringent efforts and possibly obtain a meeting with Mr Turberville to discuss the outstanding matters.

GMTF

There had been a letter of thanks from GMTF regarding the organisation of the quarterly meeting in Lechlade. The Clerk also wished to thank the efforts of Cllrs Cawsey, Gillard and Sullivan for their contribution to the success of the evening.

Meetings Attended

Cllr Jones had attended a meeting with Cllr Theodoulou and officers from County regarding the railway bridge. The County were in favour of the development subject to BRB agreeing to taking down the bridge or the entry to the site by a slip road. However the County felt that the onus was on the developer to make the approaches. It was agreed by all that the traffic light system was not the route to follow. Mr Randles of County was in contact with the developers. Members also suggested that this development would lead to other schemes which were currently 'land locked'.

The Mayor had also met with Mr & Mrs Rose regarding their concerns with the pathway at the Black Cat. He had explained in greater detail the current Council's policy on the matter.

Cllr Jones had also attended the Air Tattoo and the first Flower and Produce show arranged by the Gardening Club. He wished to congratulate the Club organisers on a great achievement.

Cllrs Cawsey and Roberts had attended a meeting with Gloucestershire Police regarding the Riverside and the Round House. There would be another meeting with the Police on 9th October.

Cllrs Cawsey, Roberts, Whistler and Mrs Wilson had attended a meeting of the Christmas Lights committee. Their next fund raising function would be a 'jive' night in the Memorial Hall on 11 November.

Cllr Gillard had met with the owners of the Garden Centre to arrange the responsibility of the cultivation of the roundabout at Butlers Court. There had also been a meeting with the solicitor regarding the furtherance of the proposed pedestrian bridge.

Cllr Gillard with the Mayor and Cllr Cawsey had attended Lechlade 2000+.

Cllr Mrs Seale had attended the Fairford Hospital meeting and said that land had been found in Cinder Lane, Fairford. It was hoped that funds would be available from the Shaw Trust. The beds from the original hospital had been loaned to Cirencester Hospital PCT.

Cllr Mrs Wilson had also attended the Sun Hill meeting and the Highways meeting together with Cllr Bennett.

These were circulated and agreed.

6 Correspondence

The list had been circulated. The Chairman agreed to attend the 5th Annual Highway Conference on 30th October. There were no volunteers to attend the LSP. The Clerk was asked to deliver copies of the Tree and Shrub report to the residents concerned at Vennymore. The other actions were agreed.

7 Memorial Hall Kitchen

The Insurance company had agreed to the Quantity Surveyor's suggestion of not going to tender but appointing a direct builder. The work would hopefully be finished by the end of September and would include the replacement of the two sinks by a single one together with a dishwasher.

8 Local Plan

The Clerk drew attention to the following in the adopted plan: a)
Riverside

The proposed footbridge is endorsed and suggestions of a modern bridge which complements Ha'penny Bridge would be considered.

b) Old Station Site

Statement that the removal of the old railway bridge is part of the mixed development.

c) Car Park Wharf Lane

The site is still allocated subject to the archaeological assessment.

d) Cemetery

The extension to the cemetery including the latest additions is adopted, again subject to archaeological assessment.

e) Relief Road

This is still allocated to use the Northern route.

9 Website

Cllr Mrs Wilson said that the improvements had been set up as a new site. It had been hoped to display them but owing to technical difficulties, this was not possible. She would circulate the web address to all those interested. The new site would look more modern, have more photographs and it would have a multimap feature. There would be a residents' information section and more shop information for visitors.

10 Market Place

The Mayor distributed proposed plans for the Market Place which were modifications on those that had previously been open to public consultation. He had met with Cllrs Whistler and Roberts and discussed them with Highways. The meeting agreed that, subject to some minor alterations, the improvements should be progressed.

11 Playground

Cllr Roberts complained about the state of the central playground and its position. The Clerk said the repairs to the apparatus had been carried out by himself and Neville. He had arranged for the graffiti to be removed and the weeds sprayed. He was awaiting a quotation for the fence repairs. It was explained that the original site was nearer Gassons Way but local residents had raised the funds and requested that the playground be moved to its present site. It was decided that Cllr Roberts forms a committee to find out the feeling of the public and see what funds are available for any necessary movement.

12 CDC Councillor

Cllr Mrs Carter reported that the Chinese Restaurant had been served with an enforcement notice to keep the rear door closed when operating their extractor fan. The Licensing Department was being restructured. She further mentioned that Charles Church was being served with a notice to clear up the waste around the site. The new equestrian shop sign was also being investigated by the Planning Department.

13 Matters Outstanding

The recent CDC recycling exhibition at the produce show had been a success.

Cllr Roberts raised the matter of licensing of the hall. It was decided that this was a matter for the Hall Trustees.

Cllr Gillard mentioned that the next meeting of the Heritage Trust was on 19th September.

Cllr Mrs Mabon said that they were still pursuing the footpath on the A417 from the roundabout to the Garden Centre.

Cllr Gould again raised the situation of the garage parking cars for sale in Oak Street and Sherborne Street and asked that the Police be contacted. There appeared to be an abandoned vehicle (CDC to be informed) and a bollard had been removed at the junction of the two roads.

Parking of coaches at Riverside was also raised as they were causing an obstruction to the pathway and were taking up parking indicated on the planning application for four cars.

14 Date of Next Meeting is 2nd October 2006.