

A meeting of the Town Council was held at the Memorial Hall, Lechlade on
Monday, 9th November 2009 starting at 7.30pm

Agenda item 4

Present: Cllr Mrs Eatwell (Chair)
Cllr Miss Coakley
Cllr Gould
Cllr Jones
Cllr Maskell
Cllr Midwood
Cllr Roberts
Cllr Sullivan
Cllr Mrs Wilson

In attendance: Ginette James (Town Clerk), 4 members of the public, Wilts & Gloucs reporter

Cllr Eatwell paid tribute to Cllr Bob Dover who had died on 4th November. Cllr Dover had contributed extensively to the community life of Lechlade over many years and all those present stood for one minute in his memory.

Cllr Eatwell welcomed the new Baptist minister, Sam Edwards.

60.09 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Adey, Pritchard and Seale.

61.09 Declarations of interest - None.

62.09 Approval of minutes of meeting held on 12th October 2009

The minutes were approved and signed.

63.09 GCC and CDC Councillors' reports

The Council received reports from District and County Councillors. Council noted that Highways have now removed the vegetation on St John's Bridge.

64.09 Police Community Support Officer's report - None received.

65.09 Committees

65.1.09 Finance

Council noted that the:

The six month statement and estimated expenditure for the current financial year.

The 2010-2011 precept will be finalised at the December meeting.

65.2.09 Communications – 21.10.09 minutes were accepted.

Council agreed:

To set up a Facebook site for the town, administered by Cllrs Maskell, Midwood and Wilson. No financial resources are required and the project will be reviewed in March 2010.

To support proposals for a scarecrow trail but is unable to provide financial support.

65.2.1.09 Christmas Lights – 19.10.09 minutes were accepted.

65.3.09 Planning

Council received the list of CDC planning decisions.

Council noted that the developers of Coln Park have been granted permission from the Environment Agency to discharge treated sewage into the River Coln.

Council agreed to write to CDC Planning in support of the Coln Park footpath proposals discussed at the public meeting on 29th October, provided that existing paths are not closed until new paths are open and accessible to the public.

65.4.09 Highways

Council noted that the proposed membership of the Market Place working group will be discussed on 18th November as the previous meeting had not been quorate.

Council agreed to defer a decision on sharing a mobile speed sign with Kempford PC until the December precept discussions.

65.5.09 Environmental Works and Services

Council agreed:

To support an objection, in principle, to the GCC Waste core strategy site options using the model letter provided by Gloucestershire Groups Against Incineration.

To defer a decision on the maintenance of the flower tubs until the December precept discussions.

65.5.1.09 Play and Recreation – 4.11.09 minutes were accepted.

Council noted that £15,000 has been granted by the CDC Community Scheme and a total of around £77,000 has now been secured.

Council agreed to write to CDC praising the Play Rangers scheme but stating that the suggested financial contribution to extend the scheme beyond April 2011 is unrealistic for the Town Council.

65.6.09 Emergency Response and Flood Action

Council noted that the Emergency response team successfully responded to a call out on 3rd November for a ruptured gas main.

66.09 Cotswold Water Park proposals for Riverside Park

Council noted that a rubbish skip is now in place and rangers are collecting litter. There are plans to refurbish the toilets.

67.09 Grants

Council agreed to donate £10 per annum to the Cotswold Tree Warden Group.

68.09 Correspondence – list circulated

Council noted:

that the owners of St John's Priory Park and The Trout would be asked to clear ditches on an ongoing basis.

The GMTF Technical Assistance scheme has been extended to 31st March 2010 and agreed that Cycleways and Footpaths should apply for assistance with the multi-use path project.

69.09 Meetings attended – list circulated

Date of next meeting

Monday 14th December 2009, 7.30pm