

A meeting of the Town Council was held at the Memorial Hall, Lechlade on
Monday, 12th October 2009 starting at 7.30pm

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Present: Cllr Mrs Eatwell (Chair)
Cllr Adey – left meeting 9pm after agenda item 6d iv
Cllr Miss Coakley
Cllr Gould
Cllr Maskell
Cllr Midwood
Cllr Roberts
Cllr Mrs Seale
Cllr Sullivan

In attendance: Ginette James (Town Clerk), 7 members of the public

- 50.09 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs Dover, Jones, Pritchard and Wilson. CDC Cllr Carter and GCC Cllr Theodoulou also sent apologies
- 51.09 Declarations of interest - None.
- 52.09 Approval of minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2009
The minutes were approved and signed.
- 53.09 GCC and CDC Councillors' reports - No reports received
- 54.09 Police Community Support Officer's report
PCSO Nikki Underwood encouraged members of the public to attend community panel meetings.
- 55.09 Committees
- 55.1.09 Finance – 5.10.09 minutes were accepted.
Council agreed:
To accept the Financial Regulations.
All Committee Chairmen will supply initial precept 2010/11 requirements to the Clerk by the final deadline of 14th October.
The external auditors' report will go on public display.
There will be new dedicated office opening hours for the public to visit which will allow for a prompter response to quick queries and more detailed consideration of more complex matters. These arrangements will be reviewed in April 2010.
- 55.2.09 Communications
Council agreed:
The Communications Committee will investigate the resources required for participation in Facebook.
To support the 800th Charter Market anniversary but, on this occasion, is unable to take the lead. A request for volunteers to co-ordinate events will be put in the November Newsletter.

Council noted that GCC Highways has supplied a list of formal requirements for the organisation of a farmers market.

55.3.09 Planning

Council received the list of CDC and GCC planning decisions.

Council noted that they had not been informed by CDC that permission had now been granted by the EA for the on-site sewage treatment plant at Coln Park and agreed that planning would draft a letter to CDC.

55.4.09 Highways – 17.6.09 and 16.9.09 minutes were accepted.

Council agreed:

A Market Place working group should be set up, chaired by Cllr Maskell, to consult with residents and traders and bring proposals to the Highways Committee. A list of proposed suggested group members will be brought to the November Council meeting.

After a tree surgeon quote has been accepted for work in the cemetery they will then be approached about the trees in Burford Street, Oak Street and Burford Road. Council will continue to try and discover the ownership of these pockets of land.

The History Society information board should be placed in the suggested position on the Barclays Bank side of the existing benches.

To accept GCC Highways Market Place proposal for cream/yellow markings and wooden bollards to define the point at which pedestrians normally cross the road, provided that the road surface is not raised and access for wheelchairs and double buggies is not restricted.

55.5.09 Cycleways and Footpaths – 28.9.09 minutes were accepted.

Council noted that Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust have secured funding for an area warden to improve amenities and access at the Lechlade reserves.

55.6.09 Environmental Works and Services

55.6.1.09 Play and Recreation – 23.9.09 minutes were accepted

Council noted that the original funding required for the archaeological 'watching brief' and utility search had been accepted. Equipment installation should commence in January 2010 with groundwork before Christmas.

55.6.2.09 Allotments

Council noted that 22 possible sites for allotments have been identified, with the triangular site adjacent to Butlers Court and sites adjacent to the Garden Centre being preferred. More than 20 residents have expressed an interest in having an allotment.

55.6.3.09 Flower Tubs

Council agreed:

To put a request in the newsletter for volunteers to maintain the flower tubs as so far only one resident has offered to help. Without volunteers the maintenance costs will need to be included in the 2010-2011 precept.

56.09 Emergency Response and Flood Action

Council noted that the Red Cross will provide first aid training.

57.09 Grants – requests for financial support

Council agreed

That the Clerk should write to the Fairford and Lechlade Carers Group and Victim Support suggesting that they re-apply next year as there is no money in the current precept to support their requests.

Not to give a donation to the Gloucestershire Drama Association as it had limited benefit to Lechlade residents.

58.09 Correspondence – list circulated

Council agreed:

Not to contribute to the transport scheme for Fairford market as public transport was available.

To maintain communication with the head teacher of St Lawrence School on the sale of the land adjoining the school.

That Cotswolds Connect should contact CDC planning regarding their request to display an advertising banner outside Monica's Plaice.

Potential waste sites in Gloucestershire would be investigated by Cllr Roberts

59.09 Meetings attended – list circulated

Date of next meeting

Monday, 9th November 2009 at 7.30pm.