

The Annual Meeting of Lechlade Town Council took place in the Memorial Hall on Monday  
7<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Present Cllr Jones

Cllr Cawsey  
Cllr Dover  
Cllr Gould  
Cllr Lambert  
Cllr Mannell  
Cllr Marshall  
Cllr Roberts  
Cllr Mrs Seale  
Cllr Sullivan  
Cllr Whistler  
Cllr Mrs Wilson

CDC Cllrs Palmer and Mrs Carter  
GCC Cllr Theodoulou

1 Apologies  
Cllr Gillard

2 Election of Officers  
Mayor  
There was one nomination that of Cllr Jones proposed by Cllr Cawsey and seconded by Cllr Mrs Seale. This was approved unanimously.

Deputy Mayor  
Cllr Dover was proposed by Cllr Mrs Wilson and seconded by Cllr Jones. This also was approved unanimously.

Cllr Jones welcomed the new councillors and Cllr Mrs Carter introduced Cllr Palmer.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting  
These were agreed and signed.

4 Matters Arising from Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> April

a) Cemetery  
The Clerk reported there was still no progress on the path. He mentioned the situation regarding one grave adjacent to the beech tree which has sunk on one side. It was not liable to injure anyone although the cross which had been altered was not rigid. Cllr Sullivan and the Clerk had met a stonemason at the site and it was felt that to raise the stone would need a crane, as it was a double size grave with a solid covering. The cost would have to be borne by the descendants and could be hundreds of pounds. After discussion it was decided that the matter be left and the Clerk would obtain legal opinion about such matters.

b) Assistant Clerk  
The Clerk had received three applications for the position and permission was sought and received from the Finance sub committee to interview the candidates.

c) Meetings Attended  
Cllr Whistler had attended the Riverside Park Group and the 2000+. Gloucestershire Police and Wiltshire Police would work together to improve issues up to the Round House. The public were encouraged to report any evidence of misbehavior. Cllr Whistler had also attended the Police meeting in Fairford.

Cllr Cawsey had attended the Police meeting and also the League of Friends of Fairford Hospital, he being the only representative of Lechlade there. He had also attended the Trustees AGM. At this meeting it had been decided to raise the hire costs of the halls. He had also attended the Lights Committee meeting and the Upper Thames Heritage Trust.

Cllr Roberts had attended the Christmas Lights Committee meeting.

Cllr Mrs Seale had attended the Police meeting where it had been suggested that the Police would use portable CCTV cameras in certain areas. With regard to the vandalism in the play area, she reported that a near neighbour who had complained to the vandals had had eggs thrown at her door. Cllr Mrs Seale would also try to attend the next meeting of the Civil Parking Enforcement meeting at Northleach on the 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Mrs Wilson had attended the Christmas Lights committee and reminded all members of the Pimms and Jazz evening on the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllr Sullivan had been to the Waterpark Committee and also to the East Cotswold Joint Committee meeting which had been very poorly attended.

The Chairman reported on the Annual Parish Meeting at which there were 45 residents present and the presentation on the Upper River Thames project and the Fairford / Lechlade Hospital. The situation regarding the footbridge would be placed on the June agenda. He had attended the unveiling of the History Society's noticeboard, the CDC Young Person of the Year award and the Fairford Mayor's Dinner.

## 5 County Councillor Report

Cllr Theodoulou reported that at the meeting last week it was stated that County Roads had a backlog of £130 million and that the budget was to spend £4 million per year. County had also made substantial investment in the Fire Service.

When asked why the Library would no longer display posters, he said he would report back at the next meeting. Cllr Mannell asked about the footbridge by the Round House.

## 6 CDC

Owing to the elections, there had not been a meeting. The new council would be

under the leadership of Sue Jepson. The work on the A417 Whelford Road would not now be closed for repair. Cllr Carter had also attended the board of the Upper Thames Heritage meeting.

7 Planning Decision Notices

These were noted and approved.

8 Correspondence

The public hearing on footpaths at Coln Park would be held on 10/11th July.

Bledisloe Cup. The Council would enter the competition. It was suggested that EA be approached to see if a small water barge could be used to remove waste from the bank of the river and CDC to remove extra waste foraged from other areas.

There had been a letter from one of the seat sponsors to have the seat placed at the Town Wharf in spite of the problems with vandalism.

Cllr Mrs Seale commented on the state of the wharf and the Chairman suggested that another working group be raised to improve matters.

9 Website

It was agreed nem con that the re-routing of e-mails to private addresses would be undertaken for those who requested it. The purchase of the system to enable the updating of coming events on the website to be controlled by the council direct was also agreed nem con.

10 Working Groups

The Chairman circulated the list of suggested groups and asked that councillors volunteered for those with vacancies. The final list would be distributed at the next meeting.

Cllr Roberts mentioned the possible movement of the play area on the recreation ground and whether the CDC Play Partnership may contribute. Cllr Mrs Wilson volunteered to go the Group meetings.

11 Bins

The Clerk reported on the cost of installing waste bins and dog bins. It was agreed that up to £150 be spent on an extra dog bin near to the lower end of the cemetery.

12 Matters Outstanding

The Downing bridge repair still had not been undertaken.

There were still potholes in St John's Road and the Market Place.

The Flag Festival was going ahead and currently there were only 9 positions outstanding.

Although Highways had removed some of the requested superfluous signs, there were still others to be removed.

The roundabout at Downington still awaited planting due to weather conditions.

Cllr Maskell asked about the permission for using the Market Place for displays or charity selling. The Clerk indicated that technically this was a matter for CDC but generally he was contacted and asked for permission.

There had been some progress with the developers / County over the Station site. Cllr Mrs Seale mentioned a questionnaire which was available at the mobile police station.

Cllr Cawsey asked that the paper on Smart Water be distributed at the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Wilson asked again about the position of a reporter for the local paper to increase the amount of coverage of Lechlade.

The problems of the aggressive selling of the big issue was commented on; this was again with CDC.

- 13 The next meeting would be held on 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.