

Agenda Item 3

A meeting of the Town Council was held at the Memorial Hall, Lechlade on
Monday, 14th September 2009 starting at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Ginette James (Town Clerk), GCC Cllr Theodoulou, CDC Cllr Carter, 7 members of the public and the Wilts and Glos Standard reporter

The Chairman introduced Mrs Clare Leake, Administrative Assistant, to the Council.

- 40.09 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs Dover and Maskell.
- 41.09 Declarations of interest
Cllr Pritchard item 7c i. Cllr Wilson item 7e iii
- 42.09 Approval of minutes of meeting held on 13th July 2009
The minutes were approved and signed.
- 43.09 Matters Outstanding
Cllr Wilson asked for the word planting in 7e iii to be amended to upkeep.
- 44.09 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 13th July 2009
None.
- 45.09 GCC and CDC Councillors' reports
The Council received reports from District and County Councillors. Council noted that it might be possible to improve access to the towpath from Ha'penny Bridge for people with disabilities, but funding is not available at the moment.
- 46.09 Committees
- 46.1.09 Finance – 7.9.09 minutes were accepted.
Council agreed:
The Financial Regulations will be brought back to the October meeting for formal adoption.
That that all Committee Chairmen would supply initial precept 2010/11 requirements to the Clerk by 2nd October 2009
- 46.2.09 Communications – 5.8.09 minutes were accepted.
Council agreed:
All Committees will now use the standard minute template and guidelines.

Clerk to contact the new community magazine, agreeing to contribute material provided that Council retains editorial control.
To defer item 7b iii Friends of Lechlade page on Facebook to the October meeting.

46.2.1.09 Christmas Lights – 15.7.09 and 25.8.09 minutes were accepted.
Council agreed:
Payment for the lime tree lights could be taken from reserves until the planned fund-raising events covered the costs.

46.2.2.09 Farmers Market
Local businesses and residents of the Market Place area have been consulted. Feedback has been sent to Highways.

46.2.3.09 Flag Festival
Council agreed:
That the flag festival will continue with Cllr Coakley taking the lead, supported by Mr Cawsey. Thanks were expressed to Mr Cawsey for his excellent management of the festival over a number of years.

46.3.09 Planning - no meetings had taken place
Council received the list of CDC planning decisions
Council noted that retrospective application for a hotel, swimming pool and tennis courts at Coln Park has been refused by CDC.

46.4.09 Highways – 17.6.09 minutes were deferred to October meeting

46.4.1.09 Cycleways and Footpaths – 29.6.09 minutes were accepted.
Council agreed:
That Highways should be asked to reinstate the public footpath along the north verge of the A417 from the Wern roundabout to the Garden Centre.
To contact Highways or Public Rights of Way about resurfacing the Monks Walk footpath across the field beyond Shelley's Walk.
That Cllr Roberts will take over as Cycleways chair in place of Cllr Coakley.

46.4.2.09 Emergency access sign for Shelleys Close
Council agreed:
To accept CDC's proposed wording and positioning of the sign.

46.4.3.09 History Society information board
Council agreed:
A representative of the History Society would meet with the Town Council Highways committee on site to discuss the final location.

46.4.4.09 Pedestrian crossing - deferred to the October meeting.

46.5.09 Environmental Works and Services – 10.9.09 minutes were accepted.
Council agreed:
To contact English Heritage and New College, Oxford to discuss the cemetery extension and archaeological issues.
New trees will not be planted in the cemetery until necessary work is carried out on existing trees and shrubs, after which a planting plan will be drawn up.

To purchase replacement seats outside the cricket field and Mill Lane. A policy for purchase of new seats in the town will be drafted and sponsorship options included.

46.5.1.09 Play and Recreation – 19.8.09 - minutes were accepted
Council noted that a leaflet has been produced inviting sponsorship for trees, benches and equipment.

46.5.2.09 Pathfinders Opportunity - Disabled toilet
Council noted that it was not possible to access match funding and complete the scheme by the March 2010.

46.5.3.09 Trees in Sherborne Park
Council agreed:
That the two trees should remain, the Town Council would take responsibility for them, but a precedent should not be set. Trees cannot be planted on Town Council-owned land without written permission of the Council. The Town Council reserves the right to remove any trees planted on its land without permission.

46.5.4.09 Allotments
Council noted that a number of residents were interested in having an allotment.

46.6.09 Emergency Response and Flood Action – 14.7.09
Council agreed:
To send a letter to the CDC portfolio holder requesting a meeting with the CDC technical team, the Environment Agency and Gloucestershire Highways with our Emergency Response and Flood Action Committee.

47.09 Correspondence – List circulated

47.1.09 Riverside Park
Council noted that various emails and letters concerning litter at the Riverside Park have been passed to the Water Park.

47.2.09 Kingsmead grit bin
Council agreed:
After discussions with residents and GCC Highways this matter is now closed.

47.3.09 Extension to Bowmoor footpath closure
This has been extended to July 2010.

48.09 Meetings attended - List circulated.

49.09 Date of next meeting
Monday, 12th October 2009 at 7.30pm.