

A meeting of the Town Council was held at the Memorial Hall, Lechlade on  
Monday, 14th December 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 Pritchard  
Cllr Roberts  
Cllr Mrs Seale  
Cllr Sullivan

GCC Cllr Theodoulou  
CDC Cllr Carter

In attendance: Ginette James (Town Clerk), 4 members of the public

70.09 Apologies for absence: None.

71.09 Councillor Vacancies

Council noted that the first two vacancies will be filled by co-option (Cllr Dover and Cllr Wilson). The third, and more recent vacancy (Cllr Adey) will also be filled by co-option if no election is requested.

Council agreed to use the same co-option process as on previous occasions.

72.09 Declarations of interest: None.

73.09 Approval of minutes of meeting held on 9th November 2009 were approved and signed.

74.09 GCC and CDC Councillors' reports

Council received reports from District and County Councillors. Council noted that:

County has proposed a 2.3% increase in Council Tax for 2010-11.

County considers Monks Walk a low priority for resurfacing.

CDC received a high rating in a recent nationwide assessment.

75.09 Police Community Support Officer's report: None received.

76.09 Committees

76.1.09 Finance

Council agreed:

To confirm the post of Administrative Assistant as permanent from April 2010.

To accept the proposed precept for 2010-11. It was agreed that the precept would increase by 14.8% from £74,116 to £85,085. The cost and increase, per band D property, can be seen in the table below:

<b>Cost per band D property</b>	<b>Year £</b>	<b>Month £</b>	<b>Week £</b>
<i>2009 – 2010</i>	<i>57.03</i>	<i>4.75</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<b>2010 – 2011</b>	<b>64.82</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>1.25</b>
<b>Increase per Band D household</b>	<b>7.79</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.15</b>

76.2.09 Communication

Council agreed:

The appointment of Cllr Midwood as Chairman of the Communications Committee and also responsible for the Lechlade website.

The appointment of Cllr Maskell as Secretary of the Communications Committee.

The appointment of Cllr Coakley as Editor of the Town Council newsletter and also responsible for assistance with copy for Ripples magazine.

Council noted that Farmers' Markets will take place on the third Thursday of each month, commencing in April 2010. The Town Council will be responsible for the management of car parking.

76.3.09 Planning: 16.11.09 and 7.12.09 minutes were accepted

Council noted that:

The committee also met on 30.11.09 to discuss the application for the Coln Park country park visitor centre and all councillors were invited to this meeting. An objection to the scale of the development has been sent to CDC. The application will be considered by the full CDC Planning Committee.

From January 2010 the committee will meet on the fourth Monday of each month, with additional meetings pre full Council meetings if necessary.

76.4.09 Highways: 18.11.09 and Cycleways 23.11.09 minutes were accepted.

Council noted that:

Statutory consultation has begun on the 30mph limit extension to Green Farm.

A list of repairs required will be continuously updated for liaison with GCC Highways.

Funding is unavailable for reinstatement of the footpath to the Garden Centre.

Council agreed:

To approach GCC Highways about the shared speed sign with Kempsford.

The appointment of Cllr Roberts as Secretary of the Highways Committee.

76.5.09 Environmental Works and Services

Council noted that:

The asset mapping exercise is still ongoing.

The bench outside Barclays Bank will be replaced as soon as funds are released by the insurance company.

There is a shortfall of approximately £6000 in funding for the play area.

Council agreed:

To underwrite the shortfall with £6000 from reserves on a temporary basis, so that the project can be completed. This was on the understanding that every effort will be put into fundraising for this shortfall.

76.6.09 Emergency Response and Flood Action: 17.11.09 minutes were accepted.

Council noted that:

Lechlade's emergency plan was praised at the District and County review meeting for the gas emergency.

Twenty volunteers attended the recent First Aid training.

Provision of grit has been requested for Butler's Field.

77.09 Correspondence: List circulated

78.09 Meetings attended: List circulated

Date of next meeting

Monday 11th January 2010 at 7.30pm.