

A Meeting of the Town Council was held at the Memorial Hall, Lechlade on
Monday, 8th March 2010

Agenda Item 4

Present: Cllr Maskell (Chair)
Cllr Ms Coakley
Cllr Gould
Cllr Jones
Cllr Midwood
Cllr Murphy
Cllr Pritchard
Cllr Roberts
Cllr Mrs Seale
Cllr Sullivan
Cllr Trotter

CDC Cllr Ms Carter

In attendance: Ginette James (Town Clerk), 5 members of the public

- 20.10 Apologies for absence: Cllr Theodolou, Cllr Mrs Eatwell
- 21.10 Update on vacant position for co-opting a new Councillor:
There is a notice on the LTC board for one Councillor .
- 22.10 Declarations of interest: Cllr Maskell item 7b.
- 23.10 Minutes of meeting held on 8th February 2010 approved and signed.
The Clerk will forward to all Councillors the e-mail from the Economic Development LDF as Council needs to send information to them in due course.
- 24.10 CDC Councillor's report
Council received the report and noted that:
A road closure notice has been issued on Thames Street from March 2010.
Council tax has increased by 2.3%, which is the lowest level for some time.
Residents and businesses car parking charges have increased It is increasing from £21 per year to £63 over the next three years. (There are 15 residents in Lechlade using the permit system.).
An enforcement notice is due to be issued to Coln Park on Wednesday, 10th March 2010 and Cotswold District Council recommends this enforcement.
There is a flood meeting on Friday, 19th March 2010 and the town council will be represented by three Councillors.
- 25.10 Police Community Support Officer's report
Council received the report and noted that:
Foreign cigarettes being sold from a private address in Lechlade to children as young as 9 or 10. The police have filed a report with Customs & Excise and Trading Standards.
Council agreed to write a letter of support.
Youths are drinking in the churchyard in the evenings. Shops in Lechlade have "refusal books" for drink and cigarettes which are regularly monitored by the police.
The play space is being patrolled routinely by the police in the evenings.
Theft of Cotswold roof tiles is on the increase.
Dates for the mobile police unit are to be circulated to all Councillors and advertised on the Town Council noticeboards.

26.10 Committees:

26.1.10 Finance – 5.3.10 minutes were accepted

Council noted:

The appointment of the internal auditor Richard Creighton was agreed.

Working practices for all Councillors were discussed and further amendments or suggestions should be emailed to Cllr Nigel Jones.

Subscription payment for GAPTC of £563.77 agreed.

26.2.10 Communications – 24.2.10 minutes were accepted

Council noted:

That if the General Election was announced as the 6.5.2010 then the Annual Town Meeting would be moved to later in the month.

Council was informed of newsletter and Ripples deadline dates.

Council agreed:

A brief should be prepared for the provision of the website. All documentation relating to this should be sent out by the Clerk.

Mole Productions would be asked to bill the Council quarterly until a successful order had been placed for a new website.

26.3.10 Planning - 22.2.10 minutes were accepted

Council received the list of CDC planning decisions.

Council was updated on proposed meeting with CDC officers to discuss Coln Park, and possible dates were requested.

26.4.10 Highways

Council agreed:

Southern Electricity will be approached regarding their contract to use the lane between Station Road and Roman Way for the substation.

The temporary road closure request for food and drink festival to be held in the Market Place on Sunday, 2nd May 2010.

26.5.10 Environmental Works and Services

Council agreed:

Payment for the Farmer's Market, Market Place closure signs, up to a limit of £300.

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26.6.10 Emergency Response and Flood Action

Council agreed minutes from 9.2.10, subject to Transco being approached regarding the re-siting of the gas header currently on the Wern roundabout.

27.10 Correspondence: List circulated.

Council is currently awaiting information from local residents re Bus Com – a mobile shop.

Council agreed to Ken Moir's representation on Allcourt Meadow Trust, subject to receiving reports of meetings and copies of the minutes.

28.10 Meetings attended: List circulated.

29.10 Other business

Council noted:

Lechlade and District Society has issued an invitation to all to their open public meeting and AGM on Thursday, 6th May 2010. The Clerk will circulate the e-mail containing this information.

Council agreed to the Hall Trustees' request to place a plaque in memory of Barbara and Bob Dover in the Memorial Hall entrance.

Date of next meeting: Monday 12th April 2010 at 7.30 pm.