

A Meeting of the Town Council was held at the Memorial Hall, Lechlade on Monday, 14th June 2010

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

GCC Cllr Ray Theodoulou, CDC Cllr Alex Palmer

In attendance: Ginette James (Town Clerk), Clare Leake (Assistant Clerk), 2 members of the public.

50.10.1 Apologies for absence: Police Community Support Officer.

51.10.2 Council received an update from Jennie Rainsford about the Lechlade Festival and agreed to support this event, but not in a financial capacity.

52.10.3 Declarations of interest: None

53.10.4 Minutes of meeting held on 10th May 2010. These were approved and signed.
a) Council was updated regarding the Methodist Church. The aim is to keep it as an Ecumenical church. A Management Group is being set up with representatives from all the Churches and the Town Council to oversee the running of this facility.

54.10.5 GCC Councillor's report
Council received the report and noted that:
The 2009/10 deficit of £2 million will be carried forward to the current year.
GCC agreed to have a more pro-active attitude towards petitions.
From Wednesday 16th July the public are allowed to ask questions in Cabinet meetings.
GCC has been asked to publicise every expenditure over £500 on the website.

CDC Councillor's report
Council received the report and noted that:
SITA will not collect any wheelie bins unless the lid is firmly closed.
CDC is inviting tenders for a modelling study of flooding in Lechlade.
GCC has recommended a reduction of parking spaces from 18 to 7 for the Midcounties Co-operative planning application. Council reinforced its concerns over the safety of the pedestrian crossing.

55.10.6 Police Community Support Officers report: None

56.10.7 Committees:

56.10.7a Finance
Council was informed:
That the Internal Auditor's report had identified a number of issues which are to be addressed over the next year. The Annual Return to External Audit was also discussed and Council approved the Annual return for 2009-2010.

Council agreed:

To Appoint Richard Creighton as Internal Auditor for the year 2010/11, and to an interim audit in September/October 2010.

The payment of the Annual Subscription to GMTF of £473.80 and a mower for £312.

56.10.7b Communications

Christmas Lights 12.5.10 minutes and Annual Town Meeting draft minutes 26.5.10 were accepted.

Council noted:

Village of the Year Judges will be in Lechlade on Wednesday, 23rd June 2010.

Council agreed:

Cllr Eatwell would research the cost of repairing the lime tree lights in time to turn them on for the twinning event and the remainder of the flag festival.

56.10.7c Planning – 17.5.10 minutes were accepted

Council received the list of CDC Planning decisions.

56.10.7d Highways

Cycleways & Footpath working group 7.6.10 minutes were accepted.

Council noted:

Details of the RIAT residents' briefing.

Cllr Maskell would draft the response to CDC Parking report.

Cllr Maskell also agreed to speak to CDC Highways regarding the overhanging lime trees at the St. John's Street/Burford Street junction.

56.10.7e Environmental Works and Services

Cllr Murphy was appointed as Trustee on Memorial and Recreation charity.

Council was updated on the first Farmer's Market on 17th June 2010, and every third Thursday of the month after.

56.10.7f Emergency Response and Flood Action

Council was informed:

That the Environment Agency had agreed to train local volunteers in ditch clearing which would take place in September 2010.

The CDC and the Red Cross will fund First Aid Training up to certification level.

57.10.8 Correspondence:

Council agreed:

To grant £250 funding for Lechlade Little Learners, Community pre School, and to give them the opportunity to request more funding later in the year.

That Lechlade Scouts' grant could change the use of their grant providing that the usage of storage space remains the same. Cllr Jones, Cllr Maskell and Cllr Roberts agreed to go with the Clerk and look at the space available.

To forward the Cotswolds Integrated Youth Offer forms to the Scouts and Youth Leader.

To a request for occasional use of the free town wharf by a local business.

Council also considered a request from Fosseyway Living to include Cuthwine Place play area in Town Council routine inspections, and voted unanimously to decline.

57.10.9 Meetings attended: List circulated.

Date of next meeting: Lechlade Town Council AGM, Monday 12th July 2010 at 7.30 pm, with a closed session from 6.30 pm. **Please note there is no meeting in August.**

Signed :

Date: 12th July 2010