



# LAMBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RACING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM, AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Apologies accepted from: Miss L. Harris, Mr. Sherwood

Attending: Cllr. Riggall (Chairman), Cllr. N. Spence (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Penfold, Cllr. Laurie, Cllr. Billinge-Jones, Cllr. Snowden, Cllr. Marks, Cllr Bracey, Mr. H Dunlop, Mrs. McMath (minutes)

Meeting commenced: 7.40pm

### 11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes from Racing Advisory Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Penfold, Seconded Cllr. Marks

### 12. FINANCE UPDATE & BUDGET REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the budget, being so close to year end with four weeks to go, the budget was as expected.

### 13. RACING LEVY FEEDBACK

As of 27/02/19, £1,902.00 reported has been raised from the Racing Levy out of a target £3963 requested. Committee agreed this was some way off the mark. Final reminders to be actioned. Cllr. Riggall proposed to call key trainers and if necessary, seek assistance from Lambourn Trainers Association Agreed by all. **Action: Cllr Riggall**

### 14. SALTING FEEDBACK WINTER 2018/19

Committee thanked Cllr. Bracey for his efforts in keeping the roads clear during the bad weather. The roads in Lambourn and Upper Lambourn were outstanding compared to neighbouring areas. At this time, there are no proposed changes to the salting service suggested.

### 15. FULKE WALWYN WAY IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Cllr. Riggall presented a draft specification (previously circulated to Committee) refurbishment of FWW and Old Cricket Field Horse Tracks.

Ideally work should commence in May. Thank you to Mr. Sherwood for kindly offering the use of Rhonehurst as a cut through for the horses during work on FWW. This allows contractors to be less constrained by time. For the OCF work, there is no alternative route. A short section of road may have to be used by horses during the work. Both projects to be quoted for, but should a choice have to be made then FWW will be the priority.

The Committee approved the specification and asked that at least three quotes are sought for the work. Cllr. Riggall to be available to meet contractors to ensure continuity. This should go to the next Finance meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March if required and then to Full Council in April. Agreed by All. **Action Clerk & Cllr. Riggall**

Posts at FWW were temporarily removed to allow salting in bad weather [now re-instated].

### 16. GREENWAYS HORSE TRACK

No progress has been made with WBC as to the upgrade and improvement of this track. It was agreed to continue to persevere and push for improvements as this is an important track. Encroachment by landowners was raised as a risk if the project was dropped. Equally the benefits to the wider community were highlighted if improvements could be made.

#### **17. LAMBOURN SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

Cllr. Riggall presented the results from the consultants for Gateway Signage locations. A map with Five locations were shown, detailing various gateways and speed changes. With the proposals some sites will see a bigger improvement than others. WBC restrictions dictate compromises. There was considerable effort going in to achieve the use of red shell paint on the road. Re-siting of the existing Valley of the Racehorse signs were discussed, as complimentary (and in addition) to new signage. Changes in wording from horses to Race horses was discussed. Use of active vocabulary – Beware, etc

##### **Actions:**

The Committee propose to reach a resolution with WBC Highways

The Committee agreed to back down on the use of red paint on the highways in the face of the high financial costs.

The Committee request the wording on signs is revisited

It was noted that the Committee are conscious of the spiralling costs of traffic consultants.

The project is awaiting costings, what each gateway will cost. Once costings are in, sponsorship should be sought.

#### **8pm Cllr. Bracey left the meeting**

#### **18. LAMBOURN CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Committee were asked to review the effectiveness of the Code of Conduct that was distributed to the racing industry, local shops and businesses and to the wider community in 2018. They were asked if the Code needed re worded, re- presented in a different format or redistributed. Concern was expressed regarding the number of riders not compliant and several recent incidents were reported where no high viz clothing was being used by riders on the road particularly at time of low light. Concern was also expressed over drivers not respecting the law when approaching race horses in some cases leading to conflict. Incidents involving riders and drivers were discussed.

To balance, trainers did feel that overall, there was an increase of riders wearing the correct high visibility clothing and a new campaign and reminder starting in September – coming into autumn would further boost this. Also, it would help to send out a reminder to trainers that new members of staff should be asked to read Code of Conduct. It was suggested that the help of the LTA would be particularly here.

Resulting actions: Letter drop to redistribute Code  
Invitation to be extended to Mr. Merrick Francis to join the Committee  
A separate campaign for high Viz jackets to be launched in September (via email).

#### **19. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON NEXT AGENDA**

Any items for future agenda/discussion

**Chairman:**

**Date:** 11/09/19