



LAMBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE RACING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM, AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Attending: Cllr. Riggall (Chairman), Cllr. Snowden (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr. Bracey, Cllr. N. Spence, Cllr. Marks, Cllr Penfold
Apologies: Cllr. Billinge-Jones, Mr. Oliver Sherwood

Meeting Commenced 1930 hrs

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Riggall was proposed as Chairman by Cllr. N. Spence, seconded by Cllr. Marks. Cllr. Snowden was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Cllr. N. Spence, seconded by Cllr. Penfold. Agreed by all. Duly voted in:

Cllr. Riggall – Chairman

Cllr. Snowden – Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Riggall, on behalf of the committee, thanked Cllr. N Spence for his work as vice-chairman last year.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes from Racing Advisory Meeting held on 27th February 2019 were approved as a true record. To be signed by the Chairman.

3. FINANCE UPDATE & BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee considered the financial report from the Clerk. Question asked – could the income from the racing levy be shown on this report as income? [No income received this financial year].

Budget requirements were discussed including further improvements to FWW (see item 6) and improvements on grounds of safety to the corner of Maddle Rd. Committee agreed to form a working party (Cllrs. Riggall, Bracey & Snowden) to progress this and report back to the next meeting.

The Committee agreed to request a budget of £4500 based on miscellaneous maintenance and improvement projects and possible contributions to Road Signage projects. Proposed by Cllr. Penfold, Seconded by Cllr. Bracey. Agreed by all.

4. RACING LEVY - Winter 2019/20

Committee reviewed income from the Levy (currently £2412). It was agreed by all to maintain the racing Levy at £3/per horse for winter 2019/20. A target of achieving levy payments from a minimum of 70% of trainers for 19/20 was agreed by all. (Currently just over 50% of trainers pay the levy).

For accounting purposes, the end of September 2019 was agreed as a cut-off for recording winter 2018/19 payments. Income after this date will be recorded against this winter 2019/20.

Levy request letters for 2019/20 to go out in October and to come from the chairman and vice-chairman, with reminder email/letters in (Jan/Feb) mid-winter. It was requested that maps showing the salting routes be included with the levy letter and that the reminder should promote and thank those trainers who have already paid as encouragement.

The chairman and vice-chairman will make special efforts to contact persistent nonpayers and also new trainers to the area. LRT to be asked to help promote payment of the Levy.

5. JOHN HILLS TRACK

The Chairman gave a quick update on this private track. JCE are undertaking improvements to the track to encourage more use of it and create more room on Maddie Rd. It was noted that usage of the track was up and improvements were welcomed.

6. FULKE WALWYN WAY IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Refurbishments to FWW track went well. The Committee thank Mr. John Watt and Mr. Oliver Sherwood for allowing routes through Rhonehurst during work. This is an important horse track which has increasing footfall. The committee agreed to look at further improvements.

Work proposed is the renewal of the surface to a more permanent, modern surface which requires less maintenance and creates less dust and no sediment deposits. Proposal to explore the costs prior to considering funding options at the next meeting, agreed by all. The Chairman will gather costs to bring to the next meeting.

7. GREENWAYS HORSE TRACK

Cllr. Riggall reported that he has been in contact with WBC who are gathering costs for surfacing. They have asked if the PC could contribute to the costs. The committee agreed that the track at the moment is inadequate and needs to be brought up to standard for use by pedestrians by WBC Highways. It is noted that this is a potential route to and from school. Once the track is up to standard for use by pedestrians then the committee could look at improvements to bring it up to equine standards. Agreed by all. Cllr. Riggall will reply to WBC and liaise on this matter. Committee requested this is chased.

Additional improvements suggested: streetlights should be considered, to go to next Hall & Street committee.

8. LAMBOURN SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS

This is an on-going project. Cllr. Riggall will keep the committee up-to-date with the project.

9. LAMBOURN CODE OF CONDUCT

The Committee agreed to send out a reminder for the need for High Viz clothing at this time of year, as discussed at the last meeting. The letter should stress the current forecast for thick fog in the next month. Cllr. Riggall to talk

to Wicks regarding a deal on high viz clothing and will draft a letter on behalf of the committee. LTA and JCE to be asked to lend their support to this.

10. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON NEXT AGENDA

Fulke Walwyn Way Improvements

Working Party (Maddle Rd Junction) Feedback

Control of Lorries/Heavy Vehicles in Upper Lambourn

NEXT MEETING:

Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday 13th November prior to the Finance Meeting on 27th November [05/11/19, agreed not to proceed with this meeting] The following meeting will then be Wednesday 22nd January 2020.

The chairman thanked everyone for their contributions.

Meeting concluded at 2050 hrs.

Chairman:

Date:

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