



# LAMBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Racing Committee Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7.00pm at the Memorial Hall

In attendance: Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Leeming, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Rieunier, Cllr Snowden, R.Burns (Deputy Clerk)

### 01-11/24 To receive any declarations of member's interests or dispensation requests.

**Noted:** That none were given.

### 02-11/24 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Cllr Leeming was unanimously voted to the Chair - proposed by Cllr Atkinson, seconded by Cllr Snowden.

Cllr Snowden was unanimously voted to the Vice-Chair - proposed by Cllr Leeming, seconded by Cllr Rieunier.

### 03-11/24 Minutes of previous meeting to be approved

Minutes of the previous meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were approved and signed.

### 04-11/24 Finance and Salt Levy

- a) The Committee discussed the levy income and expenditure for last winter season and agreed that the receipts and balances were healthy.
- b) Proposal to agree the amount per horse and changes to the wording of letters to trainers. The Committee **unanimously agreed** to keep the amount per horse at £4 and that no changes to the wording of the letter were required.  
**Action: Cllrs Leeming & Snowden** to advise the Deputy Clerk of horse numbers.  
**Action: Deputy Clerk** to prepare letters by email and hard copy on receipt of this information.
- c) Proposal to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Parish Council and the Lambourn Trainer's Association. The Committee **unanimously agreed** to request to following changes:
  - That Jockey Club Estates be added as a signatory so that they can be asked to underwrite any shortfall liability.
  - That a £2000 reserve float be maintained in the fund to reduce the likelihood of shortfall.

**Action: Deputy Clerk** to make the necessary changes to the MOU

**Action: Cllrs Leeming and Snowden** to take the amended MOU to the Trainer's Association and Jockey Club Estates for discussion.

**Action: Clerks Office:** To keep the Racing Committee informed of requests for funds via email once the Memorandum of Understanding is in place.

7.25 Cllr Marshall arrived

7.35 Cllr Middleton arrived

**05-11/24 Feedback on additional Salting route requests and problem areas reported in the last salting season**

It was **noted** that West Berkshire Council turned down a request to extend salting further up Sheepdrove as it was not operationally possible due to the width of the carriageway and the size of the vehicle. Cllrs Snowden and Leeming stated that Seven Barrows and the section from Malt Shovel Lane to Fulke Walwyn Way were the problem areas.

**Action: Deputy Clerk** to ask West Berkshire Council whether their contractors can provide any regular reporting on these two routes.

**Action: Cllrs Leeming and Snowden** to ask Jockey Club Estates whether they can provide additional salting coverage at the Malt Shovel Lane corner.

**06-11/24 Proposal to approach Jockey Club Estates re maintenance of OCF Horse Track**

Proposal to approach Jockey Club Estates about formalising the arrangement whereby they often assist with or arrange works to the Old Cricket Field horse track. The Committee **unanimously declined** this proposal.

**08-11/24 Equine Road Fatality**

The Chair gave a brief outline of the accident and Cllr Marshall gave a report on a meeting that she and Cllr Rieunier attended with Alan Hiscox of the British Horse Society (BHS). Items discussed included:

- Placement of durable yellow safety signs on lamp posts. These to be aimed at riders and movable at regular intervals to maintain attention. Cllr Rieunier confirmed that she is awaiting a response from West Berkshire Council to allow this.
- A return visit by Alan Hiscox on 8<sup>th</sup> November to check the number of horses on the roads and visit sample training yards to talk with staff, results of these conversations to inform a programme of education later.
- Potential for an awareness ride from the accident site to Windsor to take place in May 2025.

In a broader Committee discussion of safety issues Cllr Snowden stated that the Lambourn Trainer's Association are keen to use levy money for the provision of Hi Vis that should be used on an all-day basis. Cllr Marshall stated that Jockey Club Estates have plans to put in a walkway. It was also suggested that awareness could be raised via a stall at Lambourn Open Day.

**09-11/24 Feedback re the potential for 20mph zones near yard entrances**

Cllr Atkinson reported that the Parish Council are in the process of requesting 20 mph speed limits.

Meeting closed 8.00pm

Signed:

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