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# Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Minutes

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## Annual Parish Assembly 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at the Community Centre at 7.30pm

### **Present:**

Parish Councillors: Caroline Jolly, Clare Albert, Richard Waters, Charles Seligman, Bob Hough, Nixie Graham.  
Borough Councillors: Cllr Paula Baker, Cllr Ian Tilbury  
Parish Clerk Rachel Abbott

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

None

### **2. Minutes of the last annual meeting**

Checked and signed by Chairperson.

### **3. Chairperson's Report**

Firstly like to thank the councillors for all their support and commitment and attending every meeting each month.

The main achievements for the last financial year were:-

- a) Community Centre – Gary has been painting and prepping the community centre ready for the village on the 24<sup>th</sup> May and Bombay Sapphire on the 30<sup>th</sup> May to paint. The Disabled ramp is completed thanks to Bombay Sapphire and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for the Grant. The relationship between the Parish Council, Kingfisher, Tennis club, and Archery club continue to be good and we thank them for their support and patience while the refurbishment has been going ahead.
- b) Laverstoke Mill development continues and everyone looks forwards to when the development is complete and open. The Parish Council signed the parking agreement with Bombay Sapphire.
- c) Bullington Cross Wind farm – this is a concern to the area. The hearing is on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 10am in Winchester.
- d) Skips – these were a great success, if anything too much of a success as some items have been left in Freefolk.
- e) Trees have been reduced in height in Marsden Court to give more light.

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- f) Sadly Steve Grudgings and Phil Nicklin resigned from the Parish Council after many years of being on the Parish council and their dedication, involvement and commitment in all they have done for Laverstoke and Freefolk is very much appreciated. The Parish council welcomed Clare Albert on to the Council and there is still one vacancy to be filled.
- g) Freefolk Car Park is the next project to be addressed once the refurbishment is complete

## 4. Borough Councillor's Report

Local Plan – this has been through the judicial review and fall out. The Borough council has also been through a peer review where another Council has come to look at the Borough's procedures etc. and wrote a report which was not particularly flattering especially for Governance. The Council have been rewriting their Constitution which should allow for better scrutiny.

Bullington Cross – This application is going to the Development Control Committee where it will be looked at by all three councils in Winchester on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 10am. There will be a joint meeting where objectors and supporters will be heard by all 3 councils and then all 3 Development Control Committees will have separate meetings. If 2 Councils object and 1 Council accept then it will be up to the applicant to decide.

Locally, Bombay Sapphire put in for a license and at the hearing they announced that they were going to reduce the hours. The CarFest license has also been reviewed – the options were to extend the number of days or increase the number of attendees allowed as the money made from ticket sales is not enough to cover the full cost of the preparation. An application was put in to increase the number of attendees by 4000 and this has been approved.

Overtown continues with its Local Plan and has a lot of plots which could be considered for development.

CJ thanked the Borough Councillors for their support.

## 5. Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2014.

Accounts circulated and reviewed by all. Agreed.

## 6. Open Forum

1. Wooden rails at Marsden Court – please could it be put on the agenda for the next meeting.  
Action: Clerk to put on agenda
2. Undergrowth on pavement between Bombay Sapphire and Freefolk overhanging.

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Action: Clerk to email landowner

3. Transport meeting – some people had taken time off work to attend and representative from Stagecoach didn't arrive.

Bus service into Whitchurch – BH had spoken to councillor at Overton who was not aware of it. CJ has spoken to Kevin at Passenger Transport who wants the service being used.

**Action:** Parishioner to send route to BH. CJ to liaise with Kevin at Passenger Transport.

4. Tree fallen further up from Memorial and branches along footpath – this is on Gary Boon's land.

Action: Clerk to write to Mr Boon and also advise that there may be grants available

5. Laverstoke and Freefolk have highest rates of community Charge in Basingstoke and Deane – Precept has not gone up this year. Parish Council took over the maintenance and insurance of playground and so precept increased in 2012 to cover this cost. The other option would be to lose the Millennium Green which would be a dreadful thing.

6. Priory Lane is being resurfaced over the next few days.

7. Skips – skip in Freefolk got filled very quickly by a couple of Parishioners, and items have been left behind.

Action: Clerk to arrange for BDBC to clear.

8. A parishioner reported that they had experienced problems when swinging into the Car Park by the Community Centre as there were small children on bicycles which couldn't be seen from behind the cars.

## Laverstoke Mill

1. Parishioner reported that they had seen construction workers going into Laverstoke Mill at 5am, and also that there had been a loud metal bang at 6am.

BS – would look into time workers starting work, and apologised for loud bang that was unacceptable and measures been put in place to ensure no reoccurrence.

2. BS assured Parishioner that tank is fully bunded and bonded.

3. PSI compressor still going out – BS have raised issue and will increase size of vent.

4. Vehicles using car park at back of Marsden Court

Action: Parishioner to take down vehicle registration numbers and BS will investigate.

5. Female Security Guard – very good at job and takes very seriously.

Action: BS will feedback to Guard.

6. Estimate for opening is later in year. Restaurant is still under discussion and BS are working with a number of people.

Meeting Terminated at 8.00pm and followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.