

### Public Time:

Members of the Public attended the meeting and had the following comments:

- a. Confirmation was requested of village clean up day to clear footpath beside Marsden Court. It was thought that a day joined with the MG clearing would be optimal rather than having a separate date but the recent MG day had been cancelled. A new date in the new year will be organised.  
**Action:** clerk to liaise with Millennium Green. Also see minute 5.9 below.
- b. BS have investigated the fencing rails to the side of the Marsden Court path but it is unclear from their contract (with the land owner de la Rue) who has to maintain it. Nik is seeking clarification.
- c. The branch in Priory lane will be removed by the clerk
- d. The Borough council have swept the footpaths last week that were causing a mud issue along the B3400.
- e. Seating for BS bus shelter was raised following confirmation from Hants CC planning dept. that they have no issue with a seat being put in. The resident raising the issue says approx cost would be £400. BS will only be able to consider this in the next financial year. If the PC wish to support the idea then this funding would have to be taken from other requests that the Parish may make on BS.
- f. A Crazy Golf suggestion was made for the wooden play trail area alternative use. It was felt that the installation and maintenance of this would be high but Clare will feedback to the Millennium Green trust.
- g. It was suggested that the PC charge car parking money of £1 per week as a way of fundraising.  
**Action:** Review this idea along with Garaging rent at the next PC meeting
- h. Stephanie Ogden attended the 3.12.14 B&D Transport meeting. Unfortunately only the Dial a ride Service was discussed, rather than Stagecoach services. Borough cycle ways had been brought up including a Southington to Whitchurch route suggestion, one side of the road. Concern was expressed at the danger of such a scheme in the already narrow dangerous section through Rotten Hill.

**1. Resignation of Chairman and appointment of new Chairman.** Caroline has tendered her resignation after several years as Chairman and 12 years in total on the PC. She was thanked for her fantastic service by the PC. It was unanimously agreed that Bob would take over as chair. Jim has offered assistance as required. Clare will remain vice chairman.

**2. Apologies for Absence:** None

**In attendance:** Caroline Jolly, Clare Albert, Charlie Seligman, Richard Waters, Bob Hough, Jim Marsh, Nixie Graham

**3. Sign and approve minutes from meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014.**

Approved

**4. Bombay Sapphire**

Will Brix and Nik Fordham from BS reported the following:

- The planting scheme in front of the Gin tanks will consist of Yew trees and all being well it should start in April.
- Bins currently situated outside front green doors will be moved shortly, along with any remaining pallets
- BS have withdrawn their restaurant planning application. There will instead be a café offering within their Gin shop including coffee, sandwiches and cakes
- Gift vouchers and £30 Loyalty cards are already up and running on BS web site. **Action:** clerk to include details in newsletter
- The distillery is producing record quantities of gin and BS are proud to be surpassing all their other group distilleries. 100% of BS comes from this site.
- BS are very kindly donating £300, raised from the sale of products internally, to the parish.  
**Action:** PC to confirm how they would like the funding to be used.
- Caroline was presented a boxed bottle by BS with engraving of thanks from the residents of the village.
- BS are happy to volunteer their help in a village “clear up” day. **Action:** advise next date

**5. Maintenance Issues including Footpath Clearing**

1. Hants Highways have responded that the soak-away in Laverstoke Lane will be jet cleared shortly
2. Steve Goodall has confirmed that hole in the pavement beyond the manor cottage fencing and indicated by posts is Kingfisher's responsibility as they moved the fence line back a long while ago. **Action:** clerk to get hold of KF Surveyor
3. Steve Goodall will look at the state of the bottom of Watch Lane shortly and thinks the area of flooding outside North Lodge has now been cleared.
4. Jon Harley has confirmed that he can cut or flail the Beech hedges bordering PC rough car park in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week Jan. Concern expressed over flailing. **Action:** clerk to discuss and organise with Jon.
5. It was requested that we ask for a cleansing/road sweeping schedule so that we can move cars next time sweeping takes place. **Action:** clerk to request from Alan Tully at B&D
6. It was noted that the Archery hedge (ex bowling green) needs to be cut and neatened around the perimeter. Also it was requested that they cut their rough grass area before the thistles seed next yr. **Action:** clerk to make request on Archers
7. Road Closure along Laverstoke Lane. We received a Road Closure Notice but only at the end of last week. **Action:** clerk to investigate why the road is being closed and explain in the next newsletter {BT Openreach installing overhead cabling to business at The Grange}
8. Incorrect street lighting in Laverstoke Lane has been installed. Hants CC have confirmed that this will be corrected. The poles will be reduced to 4m, painted black and have a "heritage" lantern. It is expected that the parts will take 8 weeks to order. Given the Christmas period our expectation is that the work will be done in 10 weeks. Clare is awaiting an answer as to whether this will be at tax payer's expense. {It has subsequently been confirmed by Julian Higgins on 10.12.14 that "the error is being corrected at the contractor's expense and has no impact on Council Tax bills. As you know Hampshire hasn't increased its share of the Council Tax bill for several years and has no plans to do so as far as I'm aware."}
9. L&F Footpath clearing: we have been asked by N Hants rights of way team to confirm, or request changes, to the 2015 vegetation clearing plan. **Action:** clerk to confirm that we wish to have path 501 (Marsden Court) cleared in Sept as well as June and to have our most Easterly path 9 added (section starting at B3400 up to a line parallel to top of adjacent field (to E) for June & Sept clearing.

### 6. BT Broadband:

Further investigations indicate alternatives to BT eg microwave or satellite or community broadband projects look to be too cumbersome/expensive to install. However, EE are rolling out a 4G service that should be considered. Clare has contacted Hurstbourne Priors who were in similar situation to us wrt infinity last year. Some people in HB Priors now have infinity as there was capacity on their cabinet however the periphery of the village still doesn't. She is now speaking to Chilbolton. Hants CC has agreed funding for various villages which can't automatically get infinity from BT. However it was commented that technology implemented is proving slow.  
Action: Clare to send Glen Peacey our petition list.

### 7. Community Site

1. **Car Park Signage** – 3 signs have now been erected in the LRH car park: large car park sign, disabled parking & arrow indicating LRH from Kingfisher.
2. **Final Payment to Builders** –£5k inc vat settled on 25<sup>th</sup> November
3. **Hall Usage** – the Montessori nursery has provided feedback on costings of Picket 20 hall and Testbourne school **Action:** clerk to make proposal to nursery based on PC meeting input of monthly rent with assessment built in for maintenance. Jim to look at contractual situation. Clerk to check insurance implications; contact dance organisations eg ceroc, salsa, ballroom; advertise in Parish Mags (continue with Test and advertise in other mags in April eg Whitchurch); Add onto Whitchurch and Overton web sites; create hall hire notice for L&F & other noticeboards; Re-do forecast of costs spreadsheet & create a revenue by month sheet for discussion at next meeting.
4. **Hall non-domestic Rates** – updated valuation came through and as we have enhanced the building the rateable value is now higher than the previous assessment. However, we have negotiated 100% Small Business Rate 100% relief through to end March 15, which is great news.

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## 8. Playground & Open Space

1. Quoting meetings are ongoing.
2. **Use of section 106 funds** – the Open space £661 and Play Area £1006 funds cannot be refunded back to the developer until 2021/22. **Actions:** clerk to get clarification that the grant funding can be rolled into next financial year 2015/16 for use on projects that will be starting next year.

9. **Parish Website** [www.laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk](http://www.laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk). Bob has investigated current domain hosting server and confirmed it will be suitable for hosting a new Wordpress (easily editable) site to be launched in Jan/Feb. **Action:** Bob to create site using similar layout to Overton theme. MG will be able to add content.

## 10. Finance

### 1. Financial Summary November to December 2014

<b>Treasurer account</b>	<b>Balance on 06/12/2014</b>	<b>£ 1820.12</b>
<b>BMM account</b>	<b>Balance on 06/12/2014</b>	<b>£ 6719.41</b>

#### Paid Out - Internet

27.11.14	Kieron Beattie	£418.80
01.12.14	Clerk's Salary + Newsletter	£387.00
06.12.14	Kieron Beattie	£42.00

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<b>Community Centre Account</b>	<b>Balance on 06/12/2014</b>	<b>£28138.82</b>
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#### Paid in - Internet

13.11.14	Kingfisher (Insurance)	£682.73
06.12.14	K Black	£45.00

#### Paid Out - Direct debit

12.11.14	HMRC VAT	£255.37
25.11.14	T&D Barrs	£5000.00
02.12.14	E.ON	£41.58
02.12.14	E.ON	£24.58

2. It was discussed and concluded that there was no value in having two separate Parish Council accounts. However, Community Centre account to remain in place so that we can account for the hall and activities separately. **Action:** Clerk to arrange with bank to merge the BMM & Treasurer accounts, to organise for Bob, Jim, Clare and Nicky to be added to the bank mandates for all Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council and Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Community Centre accounts and to consider an additional savings account for the £20k LRH contingency fund.

## 11. Correspondence

11.1PC have received invitation to Mayor's Carol Concert at St Michaels in Basingstoke 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm. All welcome

## 12. Planning

There were no plans to review. It was discussed that EDF would only have until 16<sup>th</sup> Dec to appeal against the Bullington Cross wind farm decision.

**Date of next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm at Lady Rose Hall**

Sign.....Date.....