

## Public Time:

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

- a. The PC were thanked for organising a bench in the bus shelter
- b. The state of the pavement outside manor cottages and mud on pavement from Laverstoke House entrance to BS were raised. **Action:** clerk to report to street cleansing team.
- c. The tennis Courts hire attract VAT payment and it was suggested that the VAT should be added to the rent of £1000, rather than being included within it and questioned which PC account the VAT should be paid into **Action:** Add VAT onto agenda for forthcoming meeting with tennis Club. Check VAT going into PC accounts.
- d. It was commented that the new heritage lights look good and that they could have been put behind Marsden court too. The PC explained that these lanterns were replaced as per the HCC plan.
- e. Members of the public provided feedback on the Planning application for Watership Down. See 13.3 below

## 1. Apologies for Absence: Nixie Graham

**In attendance:** Bob Hough, Clare Albert, Richard Waters, Jim Marsh, Charlie Seligman

## 2. Signed and approved minutes from meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 & Planning meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March

## 3. Bombay Sapphire

BS reported the following:

- Short term handyman/joiner is required for 3 to 4 weeks if anyone knows anyone locally  
**Action:** clerk to post on Facebook
- Concern expressed by BS about the safety of children on scooters dodging between cars in BS corralled area. Some councillors also worried about safety in the LRH car park. **Action:** put note in newsletter
- Apologies were given to anyone affected by a 4.30am alarm on Mon 9<sup>th</sup>, sounding when a pressure reduction valve vented. Although the issue had been isolated within 30 seconds, BS have taken additional actions to reduce pressure on ring main to stop this happening again.
- The nettles and weeds have been cut and treated on the path beside Marsden Court. The post and rail fence is also in their Horticulturist's plans.
- The snagging by Meller has been happening more slowly than anticipated and so the expected additional van impact hasn't materialised.
- Heads up was given that in the summer there will be host tour guide positions. **Action:** Will to email info nearer the time to alert the village
- Restaurants – no news

## 4. Bus Shelter Bench is going to be installed at the end of March by Externiture. We just need to confirm height required. **Action:** Clerk to firm up

## 5. Maintenance Issues

- 5.1 Externiture have spring cleaned shelter at Marsden Court.
- 5.2 The litter bin that was overflowing in LRH car park has been removed. Clerk has audited and we have 4 official litter bins (2 at the bus stops at Manor Cottages and 2 in Laverstoke). There are also 6 grit bins. All will be added to new maps
- 5.3 Terrible littering at A303 end of Laverstoke Lane: **Action:** clerk to report
- 5.4 Tennis court/pc rough area. The WTC are keen to get this sorted. The MG have confirmed that a hedge must be reinstated as per commitment made to the village when the original leylandii were removed. Clare met with Charlie Munns who has said WTC may contribute to grass cutting once hedge has gone in. WTC are having clear up day on 28<sup>th</sup> March  
**Action:** Richard to check if his contact can bring digger to skim surface, otherwise get quotes for jcb & turfing
- 5.5 Pothole at B3400 junction of Laverstoke Lane to be reported
- 5.6 Suggestion made that some sort of drainage be incorporated into sides of Watch Lane to stop flooding at junction with B3400. **Action:** clerk to liaise with HCC highways

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### 6. BT Broadband

Work has been done on Laverstoke Park's lines and their fibre is coming from cabinet 4 in Overton, rather than Whitchurch. This is believed to be on the small roundabout going into Overton.

**Action:** Clare to complete HALC survey on rural broadband and check the rest of Freefolk and Laverstoke are still on cab 4 Whitchurch.

7. **PC Election** - calendar and process was run through. Official notice of election to be posted on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Nomination papers then to be taken into B&D by 4pm Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April. Publication of person's nominated will be 4pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April. If need an election there'll be notice of poll no later than 28<sup>th</sup> April & polling will be 7<sup>th</sup> May. Cllrs will be officially elected 11<sup>th</sup> May. No one can sign more than 7 forms.

**Action:** Provide current councillors with their register numbers. Push back May meeting and Annual Parish Meeting from 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May

### 8. Community Site

1. Landscaping around LRH – Gill has confirmed that she will donate her time to project managing as well as undertaking some of the landscaping but will need some volunteers to help with digging and planting. She will buy plants, shingle and edging material on PC's behalf and will be reimbursed from community centre budget. A budget of £500 was agreed by all the councillors
  2. Hire of old Referee Room under LRH – it was agreed in outline that the old ref's room could be hired as storage. **Action:** clerk to liaise with resident
  3. Use of Toilets under LRH – As the archers have toilets it is felt that these should be kept mothballed
  4. Usage of Pavilion – a resident has shown interest in using part of the pavilion as a workshop for renovating furniture. They would need to work in partnership with other interested potential hirers to share repair costs **Action:** Jim to confirm our position wrt De La Rue Lease. Nicky to include article in newsletter to see if any other interested hirers
  5. Rough Area by tennis Courts – see 5.4 above
  6. Clear up of disused tennis court & possible village bonfire. Organise Village Clear Up for Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Strim, cut roots and weeds etc. **Action:** circulate on newsletter and Facebook
  7. LRH usage stats **Action:** Clerk to update hall usage/finance stats for next meeting
9. **Parish Website** [www.laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk](http://www.laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk). **Action:** clerk - Get home page content completed so we can launch. Include a request for businesses to give us details and web links in Newsletter

10. **HALC membership:** renewal approved by all

11. **Financial Summary Feb 6th- March 6th 2015**

### Balances at 06.02.15

**P Council A/c** **£8020.33**

Paid Out

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Paid In

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### Community Site A/c

**£28064.58**

Paid in

06.02.15	G Jennings (Yoga with Gloria)	£180.00
05.03.15	S. Lee (Yogamaniac)	£60.00
03.03.15	J. Ruffell (Kettlebells)	£180.00
03.03.15	A&R Spooner (party)	£45.00

Paid Out

11.02.15	HMRC VAT	£19.90
05.03.15	EON Elect	£26.84

05.03.15

EON Gas

£93.47

**Actions from review of finances:** Increase deposit on weddings to £500. Consider further whether to take bookings from non-locals for weddings given they have less of a vested interest in the building wrt damage, maintenance, causing a disturbance etc. Advise BS that the hall can be used by parties wishing to visit Bombay Sapphire and wanting to organise their own catering.

**12. Correspondence**

- 12.1 Protocol for public and press reporting at PC meetings **Action:** clerk to circulate latest on this
- 12.2 Presubmission Neighbourhood Development plan for Overton – circulated as example of good practice
- 12.3 HALC rural broadband provision survey – see minute 6.

**13. Planning**

- 13.1 **Update on Wind Farm Planning Appeal** - Land At Bullington Cross , Upper Norton Farm, Sutton Scotney. PC have now submitted comments as agreed at planning meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March
- 13.2 **15/00399/FUL & 15/00400/LBC Bere Mill House** – conversion & alterations to ancillary barn to farm storage and part residential farm manager accommodation. Plan was discussed and comments made for amendments as follows: Plan to be amended so that the roof is lowered; that occupation be limited to an agricultural worker employed at Bere Mill; that the building be tied to Bere Mill and not to be able to be sold separately.
- 13.3 Any other plans received between 04/03/15 and 10/03/15:

- 13.3.1 **15/00508/FUL Watership Down Inn:** Erection of detached building in garden area to provide 5 guest rooms for use ancillary to the adjoining public house following demolition of existing outbuildings

Public comments:

Concern was expressed at the lack of detail in plan drawings (e.g. adjacent pub not shown), at the height and scale of the building (up to 7m, floor space of 28m for each unit more than 1 bed new home RIBA recommendation, longer than pub building) & out of character with local area. Other issues raised were access to light and proximity to closest neighbour, light pollution for other residents, additional noise from increased pub occupants, increase in car parking requirement and lack of consideration for wildlife and wildlife meadow planted within 100m by bordering neighbours. It was also aired that consideration should be given to the refused planning appeal of 1980/81 where 6 single storey motel units were refused mainly for effect on the character of the surroundings, and noise and traffic impact.

Residents are happy to have a thriving pub but are concerned the application may not be for improvement of the pub business and worried that if pub doesn't do well it will get sold off and units sold possibly separately.

**Actions:** PC to view site. Access through neighbouring garden to get side and back view. Arrange for Sat morning and then organise a planning meeting to discuss in detail.

**Date of next full PC meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm at Lady Rose Hall**

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