

Public Time:

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

- a. Feedback was given to Bombay Sapphire regarding their opening event, invitation process and facilities
- b. It was noted that the Bus Stop outside Bombay Sapphire has just been renamed the BS bus stop
- c. Flooding was reported in the lane at North Lodge, Watch lane
- d. During a spring beer festival at the pub, a Hardy's vehicle brought down a branch in Priory Lane. Residents have moved it to one side but it needs removing. Action: cllrs to look at it and decide best course of action
- e. A request was made to lop the top and tidy the overgrown Beech hedge in front of the PC rough car park in Laverstoke Lane. Action: Caroline Jolly to ask Jon Harley whether he can do this or consider if we need to make other arrangements
- f. A resident commented on the hours of fun her children had enjoyed on the Millennium Green wooden play area and wanted it noted that she will be very sorry to see it removed. Action: clerk to forward comments to Millennium Green committee.
- g. Thanks were given by a couple of residents on the successful BS village opening event

1. Apologies for Absence: Nixie Graham

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

2. Sign and approve minutes from meeting on the 8th Sept 2014.

Approved

3. Bombay Sapphire

Will Brix and Nik Fordham from BS reported the following:

- Line painting in PC car park went ahead this morning as a simple L shape - just marking a keep clear area for Kingfisher Day Care Bus. The disabled bay will be indicated by a fence sign instead. Bombay Sapphire were thanked by the PC for arranging the line painting.
- Over 2000 guests have passed through the BS distillery since opening with no noticeable impact on village life.
- An additional brown tourist sign will be erected marking the visitor entrance and to stop people mistakenly turning into the distillery production/tanker entrances. The (building) works entrance signage will be removed.
- Increasing production has led to a tanker arrival trial on Sunday afternoon. Feedback on this is welcome as BS look at how best to manage their supply chain
- The emergency security telephone number for people in the village is 01256 890078. This is strictly for emergencies only e.g. alarm at night/late night BS lane issues/suspicious movements. Alternatively visit the 24/7 security office. It is NOT for tour info and booking. For these use the main reception number: 01256 890090. Action: publish tel. numbers in next newsletter.
- Residents loyalty cards will be on sale on BS web site in New Year
- Since public opening BS have been continuously learning "best practices and people". They hope they have engaged well to date and made it clear that they are not dropping village engagement now that they have opened. They want to continue to learn and grow as an organisation. They apologised again for the last couple of months disruption to the village pre-opening.

4. Maintenance Issues

1. **2 broken paving slabs in front of the wooden cross** – Steve Goodall, Hants Highways, has emailed that although he doesn't think they are Hants Highways responsibility he will see if he can get his contractors to repair as a goodwill gesture.
 2. **PC Noticeboard in Freefolk requires cork backing** – Bob is installing
 3. **Compost dumping in Millennium Green Wood.** Action: Clerk to pass info on to MG committee and put information re B&D Green Garden waste collection service in newsletter
 4. **St Nicholas church sign needs replacing/repairing** – unclear who has responsibility. Action: Bob will wash sign and advise on its state of repair.
5. **Wooden Cross** A resident recently approached Clare re. repair of the memorial that is on Gary Boom's land in Freefolk. It has previously been noted in the minutes of 17th Jan 2012 that the site was traditionally a drinking fountain for people to water their horses and not a war memorial. The cross

was put up subsequently. {Date on fountain = 1878. Date cross erected: 1951 } It is difficult to get grants for this sort of thing. To be clear the PC doesn't own it and therefore will not maintain it and also are not going to remove the cross. It was highlighted that this doesn't mean we are not grateful for the help that Hants Highways may give with the pavement in front of it.

6. BT Broadband. Currently there are 3 routes of enquiry by the PC:

1. Clare reported her BT contact has explained about the technology needed before we can get Infinity. The Connection policy is normally not to re-route people to different cabinets purely to get fibre. This is because of the costs involved and the fact that Fibre tends to only be taken up by 25-30% of residents where it's enabled. Despite Whitchurch winning the Infinity village competition 3 years ago (which raised our expectations) we still haven't had the Freefolk box (cabinet 7) connected. Currently our local lines all run out of cabinet 4 in Whitchurch. In the short term 10 or so landline and property addresses are needed to help prove our interest.
2. Jim is following up with Glen Peacey (Programme Manager for Hampshire Superfast Broadband team at Hants CC). He said we should be in next procurement for Hants. However, only 4 people have signed up for BT infinity so not affordable for them to run the service. Collecting details of those interested could be helpful.
3. Bob is looking at alternative solutions from competitors to BT eg satellite broadband that could be publicised for the village

Actions: Clare & Richard: Gather 10 immediate addresses/tel numbers for BT contact. Clare: investigate cab 4 and cab 7 situation. Clerk: gather petition via Newsletter collecting name, address with postcode & landline no. of those wanting Superfast Broadband. Bob: investigate alternatives to BT Infinity

7. Speed Limit in Laverstoke Lane. A reduction in speed limit (and temporary camera) has been investigated following Whitchurch's 20 MPH lead. Steve Goodall, Hants Highways, has explained Whitchurch is part of a countywide trial. He has forwarded our request to Traffic and Transport division for future possible consideration. The local police have no facility to supply temporary cameras but suggested the implementation of a Community Speedwatch scheme. This is an educational scheme managed by the police but run by volunteers who would use equipment to monitor speed of passing traffic and add their details to a database. Letters would be sent to registered keepers advising them of their speed and implication. The initial cost is £3000. It was discussed and decided that no further action would be taken given our limited resources.

8. Freefolk Car Park – Caroline gave background information on the original plan to make a car park on the PC land beside Manor Cottages. The initial driver for this had been the closure of the Village Hall car park and the Church wanting some alternative car parking. The PC concentrated on the top half of the land as i) they had permission to move/demolish 2 in situ garages belonging to the Giffens ii) didn't have to disrupt the other garage owners on the bottom half of the land and iii) could create 12 net new car parking spots. It was going to cost £16k and the Church was originally contributing towards this. It was clear that to have utilised all the land would have been cost prohibitive as well as disruptive (having to give notice on all the garages.) With funding available at the time from the sale of the village hall the PC put in a planning application. However there were 26 or so objections mainly from Manor Cottage residents regarding converting the whole of the land into a car park. The Church also had other demands on their funds and had pulled out. The plan went to B&D planning committee and eventually got approved. By this time the PC were underway with the Community Centre refurbishment and needed the funding for additional necessary works.

Unfortunately, car parks do not normally attract grant funding so whilst the PC have a desire to create the car park in Freefolk the purse is not currently available.

Motion: Matter to be revisited in 6 months' time, or sooner if funds become available. Approved by all

9. Community Site

1. **Lady Rose Hall / Kingfisher Gardens** - to be discussed at 23rd meeting with Kingfisher
2. **Insurance (centre & site)** – Quotes had been received and a good deal negotiated with Hiscox through Came and Co. at £1858.34 for the year. The renewal was 1st Oct and had been previously agreed by Parish councillors. Approval was confirmed again.
3. **Car Park Line Painting** – as per minute 3 above
4. **Car Park Signage** – ongoing discussion with Signrite for main car park sign and arrow indicator to LRH. Action: Get quote for car park disabled sign

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5. **Final Payment to Builders** – Caroline sent TD Barrs a letter in July explaining the PCs decision to withhold some payment due to an unacceptable flooring in LRH. They claim not to have seen this so we have subsequently emailed it and are awaiting their response.
6. **Hall Usage** – Following the success of the weekend yoga it is likely that this will become a regular Monday evening class from January onwards. Discussion is ongoing with a Montessori school as suggested by a parishioner. This would be for weekday mornings. It could potentially provide a security of income that would enable us to cover running costs of the hall and ensure its enjoyment by the community for the other times of the day and evening.
7. **Hall non-domestic Rates** – the LRH has been assessed based on a 2010 rating and so the clerk is following up with the Valuations Office to get the hall re-surveyed following the refurbishment

10. Playground

1. **Removal of Millennium Green Wooden Play Trail** – Following the MG decision to remove the wooden play trail, compost bins and petanque were suggested as alternative uses of the land. However, health hazards associated with public composting and the consequent costs and risks mean this idea, although seemingly sensible, cannot be pursued. Other ideas were discussed such as further picnic tables on a bark chip area. This led onto a discussion on which land is owned by the MG (in trust for the village) and which by the PC. All agreed that it is a shame that the trim trail is no longer sustainable. It was agreed that Clare will go to MG meetings as the PC liaison now that Phil Nicklin is no longer on the PC.
Action. Include a map/commentary of MG and PC land in next newsletter to raise awareness. Clerk to feedback the parishioner's comments from public time.
2. **Use of section 106 funds** – there are still 2 section 106 grant funds available for: Open space £661 and Play Area £1006. Action: Councillors to bring usage ideas to next meeting. Clerk to contact B&D to understand usage requirements.

11. **Parish Website** www.laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk Feedback from Steve Morris, who created the site originally, is that the software used is now very outdated and that the site needs to be recreated from scratch. Bob is moving ahead with this. The site needs to be easily editable. Nicky & Clare to help with content and MG keen to provide content too.

12. Finance

1. Financial Summary July to September 2014

Treasurer account	Balance on 14/10/2014	£ 1635.17
BMM account	Balance on 14/10/2014	£ 8719.04
<u>Paid Out - Internet</u>		
18.09.14	Community Action Hants	£5
30.09.14	Kieron Beattie	£230.40
30.09.14	Laminator & stationery	£70.26
02.10.14	Clerks Salary & Newsletter	£387
14.10.14	Kieron Beattie	£230.40
07.10.14	Stationery (Welcome Packs)	£14.50
<u>Paid in - Internet</u>		
22.09.14	Basingstoke & Deane Precept	£5000
<u>Paid In - Cheques</u>		
18.09.14	Garage	£20

Community Centre Account	Balance on 14/10/2014	£32500.37
<u>Paid Out - Direct debit</u>		
11.09.14	E.ON	£34.72
30.09.14	E.ON	£9.20
08.10.14	E.ON	£30.37
<u>Paid Out - Internet</u>		
30.09.14	Key Safe	£27.59
30.09.14	Key cutting	£18
30.09.14	Cleaning Materials	£13.82
30.09.14	Community Action Hants	£5
30.09.14	Insurance	£1858.34

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30.09.14 Chair Hire £50

Paid in - Internet

06.09.14 Whitchurch Tennis £1000
12.09.14 John Ruffell £60
01.10.14 HMRC VAT £174.24
06.10.14 D. Rochford £30
08.10.14 D. Kaminska £75
09.10.14 Yogamaniac (S Lee) £60
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Paid in - Cheques

05.09.14 Bombay Sapphire £800

2. Grant request from Senior citizens – £200 contribution towards Christmas Lunch and Summer Garden Party. Approved.

13. Correspondence

1. Introduction of Community Infrastructure Levy in 2015 – will replace S106
2. Leisure Needs assessment Survey

14. Planning

Two plans have come in with comment deadlines prior to this meeting. The plans had been reviewed by the Councillors and no objections had been raised:

14/02666/LBC - Erection of a glass porch to side entrance of Bere Mill House

14/01671/HSE – Fencing and Gate at Old Rectory

No plans were received between 07/09/14 & 14/09/14

15. Timing of PC meetings was brought up and all present agreed they would like to start future meetings at 7.30pm. The meetings will start with up to 15 minutes available for public time. Parishioners will be asked to keep their individual speaking time to 3 minutes.

Date of next meeting: 11th November 2014 at 7.30pm at Lady Rose Hall

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