

Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Minutes 8th April 2014

Public Time:

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

- a. Rail at Marsden Court not complete
Action: Clerk to enquire
- b. Tree has blown over in Freefolk by the Memorial.
- c. There are 2 new broadband boxes in Freefolk, but the pavement has collapsed – this has been reported to Highways who are asking BT to repair .
- d. Drain outside No 6 Freefolk Priors has been cleared.
- e. Could the bus shelter by Laverstoke Mill be cleaned?
- f. Priory Lane is closing for one day for resurfacing
- g. At the last meeting a suggestion was made to have a wooden gate as a security gate on the rough car park – Hardy's have metal gates which would be cheaper and involve less maintenance.
- h. Whitchurch bus – request made for letter to be printed for resident's at Harvey's Field enquiring if they wish to use this bus to increase people using it.
Action: BH to speak to B Langer at Overton.
- i. MP from BS had in past agreed to signage for Marsden Court.
Action: MP no longer at BS, but NF and WB will look into it.
- j. Parishioner reported that there was a lot of light pollution coming from Bombay Sapphire. Also people on site working at 7pm on a Sunday. It was clarified that Bombay Sapphire have a 24/7 operational license and BS have limited timings of tankers to limit disturbance to residents.
- k. Would it be possible to have a line of conifers in front of the tank farm?
BS – there is a very detailed landscaping requirement with the site, and there is a horticulturist on site however BDBC are extremely specific about what trees and herbaceous bushes are to be planted. There is also to be hedging in front of the car parking area and BS have negotiated for 1.5m high.
Action : PC to look at planting scheme and how fast growing trees are going to be.
- l. Community bus is safe until July. 76 is to run every hour. Request made that Laverstoke times given on bus timetables.

1. Bombay Sapphire

Apologies made to the parishioners for two extraordinary soundings of the fire alarm. These have been investigated and the first was due to a software update and the other was due to a fly. Rentokil have been called in who have found natural and sensitive solutions to pets control.

From next month there should be an email address for residents to contact Bombay Sapphire – will be confirmed at May meeting.

Planning – all buildings are going to be used on site apart from those to be mothballed.

Councillor Albert thanked the security guards for checking the car park and reported that the situation had improved, but there was still the occasional contractor parking on the Lane.

2. **Apologies for Absence** : Councillor Paula Baker

In attendance: Caroline Jolly, Phil Nicklin, Clare Albert, Richard Waters, Nixie Graham, Charles Seligman, Bob Hough, Councillor Ian Tilbury, Rachel Abbott (Clerk)

3. **Sign and approve minutes from meeting on the 11th March 2014.**

Approved

4. **Maintenance**

- a. **Noticeboard – Freefolk**
Action: BH will look at this weekend.
- b. **Skips**

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Cheapest price obtained has been £310 plus VAT for a 12 yard skip. Positioning – Freefolk (Bob Hough to advise), Laverstoke – bottom end of Rough Car Park.

Action: Clerk to arrange for first bank holiday weekend if possible and advertise in News and Views.

c. Parish Gate

One quote received which is for a very simple pole that would swing open. Suggestion made to have poles in the ground.

Action: poles in ground to be investigated and report back at next meeting.

5. Community Centre

Snagging is still to be done. Faulkner West have worked very fast on the disabled access – now needs some soft landscaping. June Balcombe has not yet come back with dates to come and have a look at the kitchen and disabled access. The curtains are in progress.

Decorating – suggestion made that someone got in to carry out the prep work, then get residents etc. in to do the painting. PC is going to apply to Anna McNaire Scott for a grant for the paint. Hope to get the building open by the end of May. Elections are being held on the 22nd May.

6. Hampshire County council review of subsidised bus and community transport services

Bus services discussed in Public time

7. Freefolk Parish Car park

Once the Community Centre is complete, this is the next challenge to come up with a resolution.

8. Playground

Group have met and looked at brochures of play equipment but looking at costs involved it will be a long term project to raise enough money for “wish list”. Group will monitor playground between them and report any issues to the Parish Council. They are going to contact Overton Parish council to enquire if they were to purchase other equipment such as a zip wire how this might affect the insurance premium.

9. Finance

9.1 Financial Summary March to April 2014

Treasurer account	Balance on 07/04/2014	£ 793.92
BMM account	Balance on 07/04/2014	£4333.93

Cheques paid out

101397 Printer cartridge	£ 11.76
101398 Hampshire Association of Local Councils	£270.00
101399 Fair Account – Internal Audit	£165.00

Internet payment

18.03.14	Laptop and Microsoft office	£494.93
31.03.14	Clerks salary March 2014 plus expenses	£328.80
31.03.14	HM Revenue and Customs	£ 25.40

Community Centre Account	Balance on 07/04/2014	£41451.55
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Paid in

25.03.14	HMRC VAT repayment	£2.29
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Paid out – direct debit

04/04/14	E.ON	£ 29.58
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Internet Payment

13.03.14	Fabric Flare	£ 95.76
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Cheques paid out

300042	Basingstoke and Deane	£195.00
300044	Community Halls Advice Service	£ 33.00
300045	Domestic Appliances UK	£ 473.17

9.2 Audit

Internal audit took place on 3rd April 2014. No problems raised. Accounts and audit to be discussed at meeting on 13th May 2014.

9.3 Grants – Laverstoke with Freefolk Parish Church Council

Grant application received from Laverstoke with Freefolk Parish Church Council for £300 towards ground maintenance of the church yard.

Motion: All in favour

9.4 PC contribution to Millennium Green to assist in maintaining the facility.

PC agreed to contribute £669 to cover the insurance of the playground. Agreement sought to contribute a further £400 to cover the MG's shortfall.

Motion: all in favour

10. Correspondence

10.1 Environmental agency – we're moving to GOV.UK

10.2 Basingstoke Passenger Transport forum

10.3 Consultation : Draft transparency code for parish councils with turnover not exceeding £25000.

11. Planning

14/00470/PREMV Premises Licence variation application

Laverstoke Park Farm Ltd, Southley Farm, Overton, Basingstoke. RG25 3DR
License request to extend to 23999 at one event – increase of 4000.

Discussed and PC decided need to see how it would affect village so not going to comment.

13/02733/FUL Laverstoke Mill, London Road, Laverstoke, Whitechurch

Change of use from Mothballed/Industrial Buildings and internal amendments of Building 18 and 27 to provide a ground floor WC and store in connection with the visitor centre. Alterations to fenestration of both buildings and installation of metal roller shutter door to building 27. Installation of solar slates to building 27

No objections

Date of next meeting : 13th May 2014 at 7.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting and AGM, Community Centre

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