

## Public Time:

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

- a. There was a question as to when we'd see the heritage style lamp posts in Laverstoke Lane. With response that the latest from Hampshire Highways is that they would expect all works to be completed by the end of March at the latest. It was also queried that the 5 listed properties in Priory Lane didn't have a heritage light. This was due to there never having been plans from Hants for this and no request was made.
- b. It was requested that we get the bottom of Watch Lane, when flooded, drained more effectively.  
**Action:** clerk to request review by Hants Highways
- c. A recent Statutory road closure notice incorrectly states Watch lane as Twinley Lane. Twinley goes North from the Harrow Way and Watch Lane goes from Harrow Way South to the B3400. There seems to be some confusion on naming. **Action:** clerk to check back with Hants Highways and also to check lane signposting
- d. Comments were made that the windfarm was not going to appeal. Clare confirmed that no appeal had been made against the declined Woodmancote plan. However, EDF have appealed against the Bullington Cross wind farm (in our Parish) decision. We have not yet had sight of the validated appeal documents. When we do it was commented by councillors that we should consider making a case to Eric Pickles.

## 1. Apologies for Absence: Richard Waters, Jim Marsh

**In attendance:** Bob Hough, Clare Albert, Charlie Seligman, Nixie Graham

## 2. Sign and approve minutes from meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014.

Approved

## 3. Bombay Sapphire

Will Brix sent his apologies, Nik Fordham from BS reported the following:

- Footpath between Marsden Court and BS – Rather than join in the Village/Millennium Green clear up day BS will clear the path as a separate project in their own time as part of their social responsibility programme.
- Broken rails around BS car park – Nik still waiting to hear back from his legal team as to whether BS or De La Rue responsible for this maintenance.
- There is an ongoing issue with lights on the Gin tanks being left on by the tanker drivers after they have finished their delivery/collection. BS are aware of the situation and are trying to get tanker drivers to switch off after themselves. They are also looking at making it part of security personnel responsibility. BS have asked us to feedback if this is still an issue within a month
- Nik confirmed he is happy to print 30 copies of L&F News & Views in B&W. **Action:** clerk to email word document with give couple of days advance notice.

## 4. Village/Millennium Green Clear up Day – Main focus will be on Wooden play area. There will be 2 meeting points at Manor cottage car park, Freefolk & Pavillion car park, Laverstoke. **Action:** take photos if possible and follow up Newsletter

## 5. Bus Shelter Bench We have had quotes from Queensbury for benches of £700-£1000 for the Bus shelter which were discussed with BS present. It was agreed we would collect more data on usage before we make any decisions. **Action:** clerk to include questions on bus shelter usage and bench in newsletter & obtain further quote

## 6. Maintenance Issues including Footpath Clearing

- 6.3 A parishioner has asked that we consider putting in a drop kerb from Watch lane to Manor Cottages footpath to facilitate wheelchairs and push chairs. **Action:** Bob to take pictures of the area and circulate. Clerk to raise with Steve Goodall, Hants Highways
- 6.4 Land beyond the new fence line at Manor Cottages is still owned by Sovereign Kingfisher Housing Association – as per Land registry map **HP 534041**. A while ago the fence on the B3400 was re-aligned to give better sight line for vehicles coming out of Church Road but this left a drain exposed. **Action:** clerk to contact Emily Arnold the surveyor.
- 6.5 Jon Harley has kindly agreed to cut the beech hedge back for us over the next couple of weeks. **Action:** clerk to advise car park users living opposite to move cars out of car park
- 6.6 Peter Turner has suggested the ex-Bowling Green hedges will be cut after March.

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- 6.7 Charlie suggested removing the old tennis court posts to open up the old tennis court so that it could potentially be used for a petanque course. **Action:** PCs to make site visit on old tennis Court to discuss on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>
- 6.8 Laverstoke bus shelter beside Marsden Court is filthy. This used to be cleaned on a regular basis but it was thought to have been stopped to make cost savings. **Action:** Clerk to get quotes for cleaning from Window Cleaners.

### 7. Garages at Freefolk

Ground rents on the garages at Freefolk were discussed. A sketch of the 8 plots was shown including 4 areas that are still rented out (one is now hard standing only and the other 3 have garages). 3 of the unrented 4 plots have very rickety-through-to-collapsing garages and look untidy. It was suggested that we smarten up the area by taking down the old unrented ones before any decisions are taken on rent increases and increasing the number of rentable spaces. Two of the unrented garages have contents inside and so the content owners would need to be contacted and consulted first. **Action:** clerk to contact the 2 people with contents that would be affected.

### 8. BT Broadband

Clare has emailed Glen Peacey, the Hants CC Broadband contact, as well as BT requesting an update following our petition list sent to both of them with over 50 names.

Action: Clare to carry on pushing

9. **PC Election** – The Parish Council election is coming up in May. Bob suggested a more informal, alternative gathering (to PC meetings) might be good for parish residents to meet with Parish Councillors and find out what we do. He is happy to host a “Meet the Parish Council” coffee morning on a Saturday in Feb or March. Action: clerk to include in Newsletter

### 10. Community Site

1. Hall Usage, revenue & costs were reviewed. Currently although the hall is under-used the net costs, thanks to minimal cleaning and current small business rates exemption plus archery & tennis club rents, are much lower than expected at about £50 per week. The rates could be subject to change from April 2015 and we must therefore continue to increase the number of regular users.
2. Hall Cleaning **Action:** clerk to investigate asking Kingfisher cleaner to do 30 mins to one hour every week

### 11. Playground & Open Space

- 1.1 Section 106 funds: confirmation has been received from Richard Wareham that these can be rolled into 2015
- 1.2 Rough ground along length of tennis courts: it has been suggested that the tennis Club may be open to contributing to the digging out/turfing/hedging project and ongoing maintenance of the rough area beside the tennis courts. **Action:** Clare and Nicky to work on plan. {Whitchurch Tennis Club have proposed a meeting with PC of 17<sup>th</sup> Match. This item could go on the agenda}
- 1.3 A contribution to the Millennium Green towards FY 2014/15 main playground insurance was discussed. A motion to provide a grant of £723 was proposed by Nixie and seconded by Bob. All were in favour. **Action:** Clare to send grant form to Millennium Green trust.
- 1.4 There is still confusion over the role of the Millennium Green within the parish and its Parish Council roots. **Action:** make interconnection in Newsletter, why founded etc. Add Clare to request for copy

12. **Parish Website** [www.laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk](http://www.laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk). Bob is making headway on the new web site and hopes to have this available for us to add content in Feb

### 13. Finance Summary Dec 7<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> 2014

#### Balances on 31/12/2014

Treasurer account	£ 1700.17
BMM account	£ 6719.72

#### Paid Out

09.12.14	Phill's Print (ON&V printing)	£19.75
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31.12.14                      Nicky expenses (parking, ink, tel top up, etc)                      £100.20

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**Community Centre Account                      £28308.47**

Paid in

08.12.14	S. Lee (Yogamaniac)	£30.00
09.12.14	J Ruffell (Kettlebells)	£90.00
09.12.14	J Ruffell	£67.50

Paid Out

10.12.14	HMRC	£17.85
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**14. Correspondence**

14.3 Hitting Cold Spots – Hants County Council Rural Development are offering extra support to tackle fuel poverty in rural hants. Action: put info in next newsletter

14.4 Survey on B&D Leisure needs assessment. **Action:** clerk to complete survey response

14.5 HCC Survey on Waste Planning and environment services. **Action:** clerk to complete survey response

**11 Planning**

14/03719/RET Retention of Development: Change of use of agricultural land at 2 Watch Lane to mixed use. Erection of animal shelter (retrospective) – No Objection

No other plans received.

A request was made by the councillors to receive planning information electronically via PDF to improve quality of the plan diagrams and images. **Action:** clerk to make request to receive plans via email with embedded web links to original plan documents

**Date of next meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm at Lady Rose Hall**

**Sign.....Date.....**