

Open Forum/Public time:

- a. A resident advised that some new people had moved into Freefolk Priors and might like to be added onto the newsletter distribution. **Action:** clerk contact them via James M
 - b. It was pointed out that there was an accident involving a motorcyclist outside No 15 Freefolk Priors around 15th August. There is a small slow sign well before No 9 on the bend. Could the PC investigate Hants Highways giving us more road markings? There are 3 slow signs currently in Freefolk, however it was commented that the Ashe and Oakley Hall signs, at hedge height, might be more effective **Action:** incorporate signage into speed plan as per minute 6 below.
 - c. The A-frame pub board is causing an issue for cars coming in/out of Priory Lane. Highways have positioned it well back but it keeps being moved forward. This is not helped when cars are parked outside Priory Farmhouse as they were last weekend. It was also noted that there is no pub disabled bay and no turning point for vehicles which are using the 2 private forecourts.
 - d. In July PC meeting it had been requested trees opposite distillery be cut back. BS had said it was in hand. However, Bob has since clipped them back **Action:** chase Bombay Sapphire about cutting back new growth
 - e. Concern was raised about the PC car park in Laverstoke Lane being used for car business and on occasion it is difficult to find a parking space (e.g. Men's Shed days) It was felt that the car park could be used to raise funds for the village. The PC has said it doesn't want to get into policing the car park that charging would inevitably involve **Action:** ask HALC for advice about business use and limiting car numbers by resident.
 - f. Colin Phillimore to take idea to Millennium Green team for requesting Richard Shirreff speak at a Millennium Green fundraiser
 - g. It was commented by another resident that the kick about court area is looking messy and needs some maintenance. The PC responded that they have been investigating covering the strip between the kick about court and tennis courts.
 - h. Colin Phillimore mentioned that B&D are doing a survey of long-term empty properties and wondered if there were any that could be considered in L&F.
1. **Apologies for Absence:** David Ellis, James Bretel, James Morrison,
 2. **In attendance:** Bob Hough, Jo Probut, Andrew White and Charlie Seligman
 3. **Signature and approval of minutes** of PC Meeting on 9th July 2019.
 4. **Declarations of interest:** Bob: Men's Shed, Charlie: Tennis club
 5. **Maintenance**
 - 5.1. Woodland trust tree planting – we should expect delivery of 105 medium year round colour saplings between 1-22 Nov. **Action:** Organise planting party as soon as they arrive
 - 5.2. The LRH dishwasher has finally failed after limping through the summer. Proposal to replace with medium consumer Bosche Series 4 approved by all **Action:** clerk to order
 - 5.3. Weed prevention between tennis and kick about courts – various solutions were suggested (sedum strip, concrete and astro turf) and Colin suggested that Dave Ross might be able to do the job rather than just provide astro turf. It was also discussed that at the next clear up a rotavator is ordered and the Millennium Green field end of the kick about court be strimmed, rotavated, grass seeded and a row of hedging

- incorporated to prevent bicycles being ridden down the slope. **Action:** contact Dave Ross.
- 5.4. Tidying of Millennium Green field end of the kick about court – it was discussed that at the next clear up a rotavator is ordered and the bank be strimmed, rotavated, grass seeded and a row of hedging incorporated to prevent bicycles being ridden down the slope. **Action:** Organise rotavator
- 5.5. Fly tipped fridge and pallet at Micheldever end of Laverstoke Lane. **Action:** Jo to report to B&D
- 5.6. Charlie requested a new bin is placed in L&F car park beside Salvation Army clothing bank as rubbish is being deposited. **Action:** Make request to B&D
6. **Insurance** – Bob proposed & Jo seconded that PC go with Came and Co proposal of 3 year Ecclesiastical cover at reduction over 2019 Hiscox price to £2231.13. All in agreement.
7. **Speed reduction initiative** – Andrew is working with a neighbour on a plan to reduce the speed limit to 30mph on the B3400 in Laverstoke and Freefolk. Various attempts have been made over the years and this time he would like to take a different approach. It is early days but first he wishes to send a letter to HCC requesting answers to various questions. This was discussed and all were in agreement with this proactive initiative **Action:** Andrew to sign letter as Cllr and to include a line about having the support of the PC.
8. **Playing Field S106** – we now have agreement from B&D to use the £444 fund towards the 5 aside football lines but this leaves us still with a shortfall of £500 or so plus the cost of a second goal **Action:** discuss whether there would be sports grant funding for residual requirement from Gareth Evans Enquire if he knows anyone who can do line-painting/plastic lines cheaper.
9. **Climate change.** PCs, B&D and HCC have declared a climate emergency. Bob explained that L&F should put climate change on the agenda and think of ideas for mitigating against it e.g. PC will not use single-use plastic. Land owners can get grants for re-wilding and planting trees/hedges on their land - the English Woodland Grant scheme. It was discussed that the scheme is currently subject to some change. A potential shared use cycle /footpath on Rotten hill (if pavement wide enough), to encourage cycling. Lower speed limit on B3400. **Action:** include in newsletter and request ideas for mitigating climate change
10. **Review nursery rent** – this should be reviewed annually. Last year it was increased in line with RPI. The PC discussed and it was suggested that it should be reviewed in line with market rent. Increasing up by RPI alone from a low initial base could leave the PC exposed. It was discussed that the building has limitations such as being a non-free flow nursery. **Action:** Charlie to gather professional advice
11. **Watercress and Winterbournes river improvement project** – the phase 2 bid for lottery funding of the project run by Hampshire & IOW Wildlife Trust is to be submitted in October. The trust have asked for a letter of support from the PC and also seek a grant, if successful. They'll know in April 2020. A small grant of £250 in Fy 2020/21 was proposed by Jo and seconded by Andrew **Action:** send letter of support from Bob
12. **Car Park proposal** – A letter has been received today from Sandy at sovereign requesting a meeting in October as their funding committee has decided to look seriously at the PC's proposal (it looks like this may be in preference or at least alongside developing a car park at the back of Manor Cottages.) 'When I submitted the proposals I suggested to the panel that we explore your proposal before making any final decisions. Which the

panel has agreed. So to get a better understanding of what your proposing and the head of terms, is it possible that we could meet again...In the meanwhile letters will be sent to our residents to confirm the outcome of the parking consultation we did. This includes telling them we're currently speaking with you about providing parking facilities on your land.' **Action:** confirm that PC wishes to proceed initially by email

13. Community Site Updates

13.1. Men's Shed no update

13.1.1. **LRH.** Extra fire door plan – no further development to report.

13.1.2. An email received from the nursery today was discussed.

13.1.2.1. They would like to create a similar style sign under the LRH sign, an additional sign on the telegraph pole. **Action** Agree subject to sign off but unclear about what proposing for poles.

13.1.2.2. Concern about fixing the step from the entrance to the balcony.

Action needs ramp to agree with James B.

13.1.2.3. Dishwasher replacement needed – **Action:** as minute 5.2

13.1.2.4. Ramp access to and from the balcony **Action** PC are going with second internal fire door rather than creating a new balcony exit.

13.2. **Archery/Tennis area** Tennis planning application – no further developments to report. Archers wish to have clear up and bonfire on 14th Sept. **Action** request they put hedge trimmings on old trim trail

14. Finance

14.1. **Finance Summary July and Aug 19** – see below table where items in red are those that have changed over prior month (excluding totals). Amounts over £100 ex VAT:

14.1.1. **Income:** Overton Black Arrows £1070; Watership Down Nursery £672.25 x 2; Watership Down utility contribution £410.64; **Outgoing:** EON £110.18 & £116.43; Southern Fire Protection £150.90; HMRC VAT £731.37; Software Keep (N Nicklin) £193.10; Scofell £147 x 3; Clerk Pay/News £394.74 x 2;

14.1.2. Bank mandate for PC account was discussed. It was agreed to add Jo Probut and David Ellis. Proposed by Bob and seconded by Charlie. All agreed

14.1.3. Debit card bank request needs to be made as clerk should not be using own cards to make purchases on behalf of PC in situations where internet cannot be used. Bob proposed and Jo seconded motion. All agreed

14.1.4. Grant request for playground insurance of £800 was discussed. The Millennium Green have reduced their insurance premium this year down from £816 in 2016/17. In 2016/17 the PC last supported the playground with an insurance grant but in 2017/18 a PC grant for tree felling works took precedent. Andrew proposed and Jo seconded the grant. All agreed.

14.1.5. Set up deposit and instant access accounts for PC reserves. David has prepared an investment policy which had been sent out to councillors. He has reviewed a number of accounts and suggested 2 accounts a. 12 mth deposit account with Aldermore for the roof reserve b. an access on demand deposit with Virgin Money for £5k general reserves, the £7k project reserves, £4250 LRH other contingencies and £1250 rental deposit. Charlie proposed and Bob seconded approval of the investment policy and choice of deposit accounts. All agreed.

15. Correspondence

15.1.1. External audit has been passed without comments

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15.1.2. B&D Green Week 21 Sept & Climate Emergency – discussed within minute 9 above

16. Planning

None

Next PC meeting: Tues 8th Oct at 7.30pm at Lady Rose Hall

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

Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council					
Month:	July/Aug (5 of 12)	Year	19		
Income and Expenditure Statement (Cash basis)					
	Parish Council		Lady Rose Hall/Community Site		
	Year to Date	Full year	Year to Date	Full year	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
	£	£	£	£	
Precept	5,000	10,000	n/a	n/a	
Grants	331	331	2,130	-	
Hall Hire - Nursery	n/a	n/a	3,303	8,067	
Hall Hire - Other	n/a	n/a	402	1,500	
Other Rent (garages, WTC & Archers)	-	120	1,070	1,833	
Other income (PC- interest, CC- WDN utilities)	4	20	3,911	1,540	
Income	5,335	10,471	10,816	12,940	
Salary/Newsletter	1,974	4,737	n/a	n/a	
Training	65		n/a	n/a	
Insurance	-	765	-	650	
Professional fees	498	750	-	-	
Grounds Maint.	735	1,560	-	500	
Street Lighting	187	343	n/a	n/a	
Street Furniture	-	-	n/a	n/a	
SID Management	-	957	n/a	n/a	
Other expenses	317	159	n/a	n/a	
Cleaning	n/a	n/a	-	200	
Utilities	n/a	n/a	748	2,090	
Bldgs Repair/Maint.	n/a	n/a	-	2,000	
Bldgs Planned Maint.	n/a	n/a	234	610	
Rates	n/a	n/a	-	-	
Running costs	3,775	9,271	982	6,050	
Grants Made	200	1,200			
Project cost		-	5,180	-	
Net Vat	204		- 4,633		
Total Expenditure	4,179	10,471	1,529	6,050	
Net income/(cost)	1,156	-	9,286	6,890	
	As at end:	Full year	As at end:	Full year	
	July/Aug	Budget	July/Aug	Budget	
	£	£	£	£	
Cash reserves					
b/f @31.3.19	5,053	5,053	38,048	38,048	
Movement	1,156	-	9,286	-	
Cash reserves c/f	6,209	5,053	47,335	38,048	