

Public time:

- a. There were no public comments

1. **Apologies for Absence:** none

In attendance: Bob Hough, Jo Probut, Charlie Seligman, David Ellis, James Bretel, Andrew White, Diccon Harvey

2. **Declarations of interest** Bob: Men's Shed & Freefolk car park; David: PCC & Millennium Green & planning ref: T/00098/21/TCA & T/00099/21/TCA; Charlie: PCC & tennis club; Diccon: archery club;

3. **Signature and approval of minutes** of PC Meeting on 9 Feb 2020

4. **Maintenance Items** incl. Batts Meadow corner kissing gate post/fence repairs, kick-about-court fencing behind goal

4.1 Batts Meadow kissing gate (at top left, looking up from Laverstoke Lane) has rotten main post and missing fencing to one side. HCC have been asked by farmer to fix but it's not a definitive Right of Way. Land owner will also not fix for same reason. However, it was created as a lottery heritage access path in combination with other parishes and is used by general public. If PC do not fix it will be fenced off by farmer. We have had a rough quote for £250. Landowner is ok as long as we can ensure it is permissive route only and that it does not establish a ROW. It was discussed that to do this the land owner must close the route one day a year. Cattle are going in from mid-April and so the repair needs doing before them. Bob proposed and Charlie seconded repairing as long as bill is under £300 **Action:** repair if quote comes in <£300

4.2 Kick about Court fencing – Jo brought up that children had mentioned their footballs are going through the fence behind the goal. Some pictures showed where the tension wire along top and bottom has broken leading to the netting curling back on itself and getting caught at the bottom edge with the goal net. **Action:** Bob to have a look at repairing. David offered to help

5. **Freefolk Car Park** – Nicky to chase PC solicitors to update Heads of Terms. Sovereign have said they will clear the vegetation on the area and 2 remaining garages. We have letters for the householders ready to go a bit nearer the time. We will also ask land valuers to go ahead when solicitors give us the go ahead.

6. **Covid-19 update (National lockdown):** Need to keep eye on Government roadmap on when to open hall

7. **Climate Change:** A local electrician has suggested they could bulk buy household LED (environmentally beneficial) lightbulbs from their wholesaler at cost but Bob explained he didn't think organising this and dealing with payments from residents was really part of the PC remit **Action:** include as an idea in newsletter to see if anyone in Community will coordinate

8. **PC Risk management register**

8.1 The clerk has been working on updating the PC risk register. David has reviewed and suggested it requires more work either, to simplify, or to make more usefully detailed so that we can focus on the real risks and required actions. It was proposed to go through it in more detail next month. **Action:** David and James to meet with Nicky to help finalise

9. **Community Site update**

9.1 **Pavilion** – Men's Shed not open yet but someone is popping in on regular basis to check the building is ok

- 9.2 **LRH** – Government roadmap looks like we could possibly consider opening up for evening hire as early as 12th April but we need to prepare with cleaning materials etc. so probably best to hold off making big decisions until beginning of May. David asked whether water leak/bill issue resolved. Nicky working with KF who are investigating their water bills. David mentioned if toilet running is still a potential issue it could be worse with other hirers using them. Diccon mentioned Priory Lane had water leak issues relating to a batch of faulty connectors used locally and could be a link.
- 9.3 **Archery/Tennis area** –Nicky has had feedback that the archery club are a little unhappy with PC over the shelter. She had explained that the PC needs to be comfortable with a plan before it goes forward to a public meeting. The archers have decided to put their shelter plans on hold until next year. They would like to continue with lighting by putting new LEDS on the old lighting poles and add some lights going forward over overshoot. It was mentioned that unlike tennis lights it is not hidden by Pavilion. Archers should come up with suitable plan first.
- 9.4 Tennis wall paint – resident opposite is v upset about the block green colour. PC had agreed back when wall first rebuilt that resident could pick suitable colour. Nicky has suggested mossy tree colour and to paint the 2 pavilion doors the same {and is now awaiting resident's sample}
- 9.5 New tennis bollard – James is concerned that the PC has inadvertently created a barrier to wheelchair users wanting to access the Millennium Green from the practice tennis court and that it is potentially discriminating. Perhaps the bollard should be removed altogether or a removable option put in place. The PC debated this. Before the courts were upgraded the area was open but the PC and tennis clubs had wanted to stop bikes being used on the court. One of the points considered was whether it was a reasonable adjustment to use the other alternative access points versus additional costs of changing bollard route. It was also discussed which way able bodied would approach tennis areas and whether that was any different for disabled. The Millennium Green disabled access is via the set footpaths and this was agreed at set up at the millennium. It was also brought up that a new disabled access route could be considered giving access to both tennis and archery areas. **Action:** seek opinion in the first instance from local government expert
10. **Finance**
- 10.1 **Feb 21 summary** - see below table where items in red are those that have changed over prior month (excluding totals). Amounts over £100 ex VAT in:
Income: Watership Down Nursery rent £708.33; HMRC VAT £192.27;
Outgoing: CNG £126.27; Clerk Jan Pay £402.63 (£362.37PC+£40.26CC)
- 10.2 Approval of payments over £250 (excl. pre-authorised) – P Housden £1200, practice tennis fencing and wall painting. (This will be reimbursed by B&D tennis project grant.) All agreed.
- 10.3 David raised we have £250 covid grant left over that we should utilize soon. It was suggested that it could be put towards Covid risk register maintenance items but that maybe everyone could think of other good uses. **Action:** Cllrs to consider and propose ideas. Include on April agenda.
11. **Correspondence**
- 11.1 BDBC Temporary Road Closure order Laverstoke Lane, 15 March

- 11.2 Modernising Hospitals and Health services Programme Voluntary Sector Focus group, 8 March

12. Planning

- 12.1 Ref: T/00098/21/TCA. Millennium Green woodland adjacent Batts Row Cottage, Laverstoke Lane. Proposal: T1 sycamore coppice to ground level.
- 12.2 Ref: T/00099/21/TCA Batts Row Cottage, Laverstoke Lane. Proposal: G1 ash fell to ground level, T1 sycamore fell to ground level, T2 ash fell to ground level. PC discussed both plans above together. David had made the applications following the recent experience of a tree, further away than the one in plan 00098, falling and missing Batts Cottage by 1 foot. The sycamore being coppiced to ground is leaning towards Batts Cottage and could cause injury/death if it fell. The ashes have 'dieback'. The PC discussed. No comments to be made.
- 12.3 T/00121/21/TCA | Tree works per proposals to include felling. | 4 Mount Pleasant Watch Lane Freefolk Whitchurch Hampshire RG28 7NX. Andrew has been to visit the site and looked at the situation. Nicky had taken some detailed photos which were shown. The PC reviewed with reference to the plan diagrams. No comments to be made.

Next PC meeting: Tues 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm online. If a member of the public wishes to join please contact laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or 07725 368012

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Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Meeting 9 March 2021 Minutes

Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council					
Month:	Feb	Year	2020/21		
	(Mnth 11 of 12)				
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 tbc
		£	£	£	£
Precept		10,000	10,000	-	n/a
Grants		334	334	10,000	n/a
Donation*		500		-	
Hall Hire - Nursery		n/a	n/a	6,122	6,723
Hall Hire & deposits - Other		n/a	n/a	200	887
Other Rent (WTC & Archers)		n/a	n/a	1,903	1,903
Other income (PC- interest, CC- WDN utilities, Kingf insur)		2	20	2,236	1,627
Income		10,836	10,354	20,461	11,140
Salary/Newsletter/utills		4,271	4,543	421	463
Training		-		n/a	
Insurance		521	765	1,797	587
Professional fees		1,036	750	42	13
Grounds Maint.		1,366	1,560	250	500
Street Lighting		352	343	n/a	n/a
Street Furniture		-	-	n/a	n/a
SID Management		345	707	n/a	n/a
Other expenses		220	159	n/a	n/a
Cleaning		n/a	n/a	-	200
Utilities		n/a	n/a	1,586	2,108
Bldgs Repair/Maint.		n/a	n/a	980	1,000
Bldgs Planned Maint.		n/a	n/a	492	796
Rates		n/a	n/a	-	-
Running costs		8,110	8,827	5,568	5,667
Grants Made*		1,696	1,450	-	-
Project cost			-	680	-
Net Vat		442		- 849	-
Total Expenditure		10,248	10,277	5,399	5,667
Net income/(cost)		589	77	15,063	5,473
		As at end:	Full year	As at end:	Full year
		Feb	Budget	Feb	Budget
		£	£	£	£
Cash reserves					
b/f @31.3.20		5,104	5,053	44,750.77	44,751
Movement		589	77	15,063	5,473
Cash reserves c/f		5,693	5,130	59,813	50,224
* NB £250 of donation has been awarded as a grant					