

Public Time:

- a. A resident raised the demise of Ash trees and requested that alternatives be planted. They commented that Laverstoke Park were granted a felling licence in 2019 for Rotten Hill trees
- b. A request was made to chase up drain cleaning on Priory Lane.
- c. A suggestion was made to use recycled tarmac from Waltet, as had been done in Overton recently, for the rough car park. You pay for planings and must be on hand to direct the spreading whenever they become available.
- d. It was remarked that there should be a separate water meter for Kingfisher. It was discussed this meters are expensive to put but that the PC is looking into water - see 12.2. below.
- e. A representative from the Men's Shed thanked Bob for his recent meeting with them. They wanted to know if the PC is contemplating their emergency access request. Bob has written to Millennium Green requesting this. Wrt residents parking in the pavilion area, it was discussed that a 2005 Nuisance Neighbour act covers the removal of business vehicles from the area but that the PC would write to the resident in the first instance. It was highlighted that if repairs to the pavilion track were required the Men's Shed are too elderly to be expected to do this themselves. A statement of finances was to be re-sent to a member who would now be involved in the financial reporting. The representative also commented that the noticeboard was nearly completed after much work.
- f. Borough Cllr Colin Phillimore spoke of the importance of the Local Plan review which updates and extends the current plan that runs to 2029. It is the biggest item the Borough is currently dealing with - 18k houses are required by Central Government over the period (over 300 are earmarked for Whitchurch and 200 for Overton). Cross-party Cllrs are pushing back on housing numbers as they feel B&D are taking more than their fair share. Water rationing would be one of their concerns. Action groups are forming e.g. Save our Loddon Valley Environment and there have been protests outside the council offices. Developers are using high cost legal challenges to B&D.
- g. Colin also pointed out that the B&D green waste service remains suspended as lack of HGV drivers has exacerbated covid issues
- h. The mayor had been given some Japanese blossom trees and Colin will request a couple for L&F if they're still available. He also mentioned that the Borough Cllrs each had up to £500 available for grants for local causes.

1. Apologies for absence:

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

3. **Declarations of interest** David: PCC & Millennium Green; Charlie: PCC & tennis club; Bob: Freefolk car park; Diccon: archery club

4. Maintenance

- 4.1 LRH floor repair & sanding quotes. The quotes were discussed. Winchester Wood Floor was least cost at £3380+ VAT but they cannot guarantee the expansion gap work will flatten the floor. However, wood can be taken from the cupboards should replacement boards be needed. This was discussed vs an alternative adhesive solution and higher cost quote from Topnotch Floors. On balance, Winchester was proposed given its good reputation, having done a good job on an

- Overton community building floor and requirement to get work scheduled for Xmas nursery shutdown. Bob proposed, Andrew seconded and all agreed.
- 4.2 Jo has reported potholes at the bottom of the lane (junction with B3400) to HCC. The surface has deteriorated again along the line of cobbles and there are potholes either side.
- 4.3 A resident has requested overgrown vegetation is greatly narrowing the pavement between Wells-in-the-Field to Freefolk Memorial and making it dangerous. **Action:** report to HCC
- 4.4 There is a dead tree on land (on lhs looking west) before the B3400 bridge at Freefolk. **Action:** request landowner remove
- 4.5 It was also noted that the replacement of the steps and handrail at Mountpleasant had now been done by one of the residents.
5. Footpath Project update - Diccon reported that following our newsletter request for volunteers, 2 people had come forward to help with footpath projects. Paul Howland from the ramblers 'Don't Lose Your Way' group has submitted 3 CROW footpath requests in the parish (one dues south from Rotten Hill and 2 in Roundwood) using old maps of Hampshire as his reference. Nothing has been put in for east-west routes. Diccon will be following up with Gary Boom on the permissive B3400 Freefolk Priors to Freefolk route suggestion. Other potential east west paths discussed were joining Hardy's to Watch Lane south of the railway line (exiting close to South View cottages) which may be best approached as a permissive route. A couple of people have recently mentioned that there was a public footpath from the B3400 passing the lhs of what is now the distillery to the cricket club (now Overton Rugby Club). It passed to the left of both Laverstoke House and the walled garden **Action:** Diccon to meet with Paul to ascertain whether he can help with research/references to these paths.
6. Request to support a new Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) for the area of Hampshire referred to as the North Hampshire Downs. This was briefly discussed but Cllrs need to know more about this before any decisions to support, or not, can be taken. **Action:** invite representative to come along to next PC meeting.
7. Conservation area re-appraisal: Laverstoke & Freefolk PC supports the draft Conservation Area Appraisal and the proposed boundary extensions and changes detailed within it. Jo proposed and Diccon seconded, all agreed.
8. Review of Freefolk car park project objectives. We are still awaiting final Heads of Terms; Sovereign had misunderstood the position of the 3 parties on cross defaults. David thought it helpful to ensure objectives are agreed so that the PC can measure the final HOT against it: enabling parking for Manor Cottage residents, assisting tension resolution between residents and Church, built at no cost to the PC and ensuring it is well maintained. It will create some new parking spots on the grass area for residents and church.
- It was discussed that there had not been public consultation on the proposed plan. The PC has mentioned this to Sovereign who explained they have consulted on other projects before HOTS were finished which had caused expectation issues when projects had not come to fruition. David has said public consultation may be included in HOT. HOT needs to be formally approved at a PC meeting. This would then be a good time to go back to residents to show them the proposed plan and check everyone is on same page. Jo proposed, Diccon seconded, all agreed with the objectives for the HOT based on David's briefing.

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9. PC's position/role in car parking in the Parish and Laverstoke (following Men's Shed request for 3 disabled spots). This was briefly discussed as already mentioned in public time. **Action:** write to resident keeping cars in pavilion area to request they stop
10. Covid update – Autumn is an ideal time to plant trees and as agreed previously the PC will use the remaining £250 covid grant from last year to purchase trees (these will be bird cherries). They are ideal for spots in the Millennium Green and Freefolk.
11. Climate change – no update
12. Community Site Updates
 - 12.1 Pavilion – see public time
 - 12.2 LRH – a date for the hands-on review of water/waste for entire LRH building was discussed (& review of electrics was requested by Jo for LRH/pavilion). **Action:** Nicky to circulate Sat 13th Nov and let Kingfisher know
 - 12.3 Archery & tennis area incl. latest on tennis lighting. It was discussed that WTC don't seem to have full grasp of PC concerns. The lights are not near to how they were specified to the PC yet the tennis club are requesting an interim timetable of use and then 365 days a year potential use. At the moment the lights are not positioned for them to be used full stop. Also, they need to keep in line with 2 evenings a week and pre agreed match use. **Action:** Bob to write to Howard
13. **Finance**
 - 13.1 **Sep 21 finance summary** - see below table where items in red are those that have changed over prior month (excluding totals). Amounts over £100 ex VAT:
Income: Watership Down Nursery rent £708.33; Watership Down Nursery water contrib. £628.94; Watership Down Nursery gas/elec contrib. £291.78; B&D precept £4875
Outgoing: GB Gas (elec) £108.34; Arthur J Gallagher £2386.43; Scofell £153.56 x 2; Clerk Aug Pay £402.63 (£362.37PC+£40.26CC); B&D Playground Maintenance £208
Transfers: CC contribution to precept £250
David has pointed out that the PC grounds maintenance is showing over budget. This is because we have payments made from the PC account that still need to be transferred to the CC account and had some fencing that could reasonably be paid from the CC budget. It is proposed to move unused budget from Clerk training and grants to Grounds maintenance. Also the PC is now paying for 50% of the playground inspections that was unexpected when we set the budget last year. We may end up £19 over grounds budget. All were aware and agreed with this.
 - 13.2 Approval of payments over £250 ex VAT – defibrillator £1295 + VAT. It was agreed to go with Primary Care Solution as the London Hearts option looked more like a donation.
 - 13.3 Playground insurance grant request, Millennium Green, £700. The grant was discussed and David explained why it was required. Historically the playground had been the remit of the PC but was owned by Portals. Portals would not sell to the PC but as an alternative to losing the village play area the Millennium Green agreed to add it into the land held in trust for the village. Portals agreed to this and the PC agreed to pay the insurance. It was discussed that a fundraising village fete or quiz night should also be held. James proposed & Jo seconded the grant be made, all agreed.
14. **Correspondence**

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14.1 B&D draft Code of Conduct feedback required – Cllrs requested more time to review and for it to be tabled at next meeting

14.2 Difficulties with planning approval policies in rural areas, NW Hants PCs

15. Planning

15.1 21/02596/FUL Freefolk House, Laverstoke Lane RG28 7PB. Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling including new pool room and carport. The PC discussed and objected to the plan. It objects to the design in principal as it is not in keeping with the local vernacular nor is it a coherent style. It was felt there should be a revised scheme that is coherent, contemporary or traditional, and in keeping with the local vernacular. The PC does however like the use of solar and eco features. In the event that the Borough Council approves the plan we would recommend Tree Preservation Orders imposed on the surrounding trees to preserve screening from the direction of the Laverstoke and Freefolk Conservation area.

15.2 21/02722/ROC Laverstoke Mill, The Bombay Sapphire Distillery. Proposal: Variation of condition 1 of Planning Permission 20/03462/FUL to amend the plan numbers. Discussed, no comment to be made.

15.3 21/02723/LBC Laverstoke Mill, The Bombay Sapphire Distillery. Proposal: Variation of condition 1 of Planning Permission 20/03463/LBC to amend the plan numbers. Discussed, no comment to be made.

Next PC meeting: Tues 2 Nov 2021 at 7.30pm in Lady Rose Hall

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Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council					
Month:	Sep	Year	2021/22		
	(Mnth 6 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	9,750	9,750	n/a	n/a	
Grants	337	334	-	-	
Transfer from CC - Precept contribution	250	250	n/a	n/a	
Donation	-	-	-	-	
Hall Hire - Nursery	n/a	n/a	4,250	8,357	
Hall Hire & deposits - Other	n/a	n/a	196	2,925	
Other Rent (WTC & Archers)	n/a	n/a	1,943	1,954	
WTC			833	833	
Archers			1,110	1,120	
Other income (Recoveries)	0	4	2,441	3,021	
WDN - water (71%)			629	588	
W/DN - Gas & Electric (57%)			625	1,245	
Kingfisher - insurance			1,188	1,188	
Income	10,337	10,338	8,831	16,257	
Salary/Newsletter/utills	2,174	4,543	249	505	
Training	-	65	n/a	-	
Insurance		542	2,386	1,869	
Insurance paid			2,386	2,411	
Transferred to PC			-	(542)	
Professional fees	845	799	35	56	
Grounds Maint.	1,418	1,253	-	500	
Street Lighting	216	355	n/a	n/a	
Street Furniture	-	-	n/a	n/a	
SID Management	-	704	n/a	n/a	
Other expenses	225	262	n/a	n/a	
Cleaning	n/a	n/a	-	200	
Utilities	n/a	n/a	1,774	3,012	
Gas and electric			888	2,184	
Water (paid to Kingfisher)			886	828	
Bldgs Repair/Maint.	n/a	n/a	364	1,000	
Bldgs Planned Maint.	n/a	n/a	190	864	
Boiler			100	200	
Landlord Gas Safety cert			-	35	
Extinguishers and alarm			90	269	
Elec: annual duration test			-	180	
Elec: Monthly function test			-	180	
PAT (2 yearly)			-	-	
other			-	-	
Rates	n/a	n/a	-	-	
Transfer to PC - precept contribution	n/a	n/a	250	250	
Running costs	4,877	8,523	5,248	8,256	
Grants Made*	650	1,450	-	-	
Project cost		-		-	
Net Vat	367		- 808	-	
Total Expenditure	5,895	9,973	4,439	8,256	
Net income/(cost)	4,443	365	4,391	8,001	
	As at end:	Full year	As at end:	Full year	
	Sep	Budget	Sep	Budget	
	£	£	£	£	
Cash reserves					
b/f @31.3.21	31	5,943	59,916	51,121	
Movement	4,443	365	4,391	8,001	
Cash reserves c/f	10,386	6,118	64,307	59,122	