

Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Meeting 3 January 2023 Minutes

hPublic Time:

- a) A resident referenced the Overton Warm Hub and wondered if a couple of councillors or member of the community would like to run a Warm Hub in LRH on Sat mornings. They mentioned that there isn't a Govt plan for energy support from April. They were concerned about a proposed Whitchurch development (Ref 22/03219/FUL) which includes 200 homes and a medical centre being opened close to the A34. Written comments are still being taken after 29 Dec deadline. The Doctor's surgery may move to this site and they are concerned about journey time for people from L&F. They added Picket Twenty residents use Whitchurch surgery.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Julia Chedgey, Jim Marsh

In attendance: David Ellis, Jo Probut, Andrew White, Diccon Harvey, Jayne Hudson

2. **Declarations of interest** - David: PCC, Millennium Green; Diccon, archery

3. **Signature and approval of minutes** of PC meeting of 6 December 2022

4. **Borough Cllr Update** from Colin Phillimore.

A number of councillors have become Independent, the Conservatives no longer have a majority in B&D and the next elections are in May 2023. The person responsible for the local plan has resigned. The impact of Michael Gove's briefing note (see correspondence) which would indicate a reduction in housing numbers may be helpful. The main concern of local people currently is the failure of the pharmacy services. Long queues in poor weather with lack of availability of medication is a big issue. Steve Williams has a meeting with Pillbox (Overton & Oakley pharmacy owners), Watership down Health and NHS. It was commented that this wasn't unique to our area.

Colin had received an objection letter for the planning application for Watership. He thinks a balanced approach is needed as the pub is also a real asset for the community. It was discussed that some pubs are formally declared Community Assets.

23 Feb is next B&D council meeting.

Portals Closure Update – As the current operational team on site leave, and mothball the buildings, it is anticipated there will be knock on effects. The hedge fund owners will have to de-contaminate the site before selling. Colin is keen to see the resulting brownfield used for housing. There are some immediate problems such as the locked second overflow car park. Network Rail will be approached for a solution. There have been 2 meetings so far with the Borough Councillors. One of the concerns is that the road from Polhampton triangle up to apex of station is owned by portals. It has never been adopted by HCC. There are also lots of complex covenants and the environment agency are getting involved.

5. **Maintenance items**

5.1. Fencing now completed around undercroft WC.

6. **Climate change** – The flooding at the bottom of Watch Lane and opposite on the B3400 has recently joined from one side of the road to the other. It was reported that someone on crutches walking on the pavement had been drenched. Water is remaining in situ for days. It was suggested that beware flood signs are needed. **Action:** Escalate with HCC

7. **Projects List**

7.1. **Removal of old sports lights** – Bryan Hirst Recycling came out again to review the site. The PC discussed that we need to ensure the bases are left safe if they can't be removed – either with a concrete cap or planting of shrubs.

8. **Coronation Event** – although there is no budget many items from the Jubilee celebrations can be re-used and a similar street party type event could probably be run. **Action:** include request to join a committee in newsletter and determine best date (Sun 7 or Mon 8 May).

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9. Community Site updates

- 9.1. Pavilion and latest on Licenses – no update
- 9.2. Lady Rose Hall – no update
- 9.3. Tennis and archery area - no update

10. Finance

- 10.1. Dec 2022 finance summaries - see table at end of minutes
- 10.2. Items over £100:

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Items over £100

Reporting Year: Year to 31 March 2023 (9 of 12)
Month: December 2022

Sum of Net Supplier	Description	Months	Total
Clerk	Clerk salary	Dec	£(373.98)
Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	Speed Indicator De	Dec	£(690.00)
Karen Saunders	Deposit return	Dec	£(100.00)
Silviu Tudorache	Deposit return	Dec	£(100.00)

- 10.3. Payments over £250 to approve: £790 Shaun Douglas fencing. David proposed and Jayne seconded, all approved.
- 10.4. Parish Precept for 2023/24. The budget was agreed last month and a proposal made for a £55 higher precept from £9945 to £10k. £10k was proposed by David and seconded by Jo. All agreed. **Action:** It was felt an explanation should be given in the next newsletter

11. Correspondence

- 11.1. Juliet Henderson Dec newsletter inc. DWP Household Support funding for households facing hardship. Info was already included in Jan newsletter
- 11.2. 13 Dec B&D slides from B&D Parish Planning training event. Jo and Andrew attended and were given a tour of the B&D planning process which in itself was interesting in referencing the Policy frameworks and the presumption in favour of planning but it didn't give the value they were expecting in terms of what the PC should be looking out for. It was felt that feedback should be given that future events should have a more tailored agenda.
- 11.3. 12 Dec B&D housing and homeless strategy consultation
- 11.4. 12 Dec Cllr Bound sent Levelling Up Briefing by Michael Gove re. housebuilding and planning
- 11.5. Draft water resources mana **Action:** all read and put on next agenda if needed.

12. Planning

- 12.1. **Ref: 22/03114/FUL** Location: The Watership Down Inn, Freefolk Priors, RG28 7NJ.
 Proposal: Removal of existing sheds and siting of a caravan for office ancillary use to the business. This was discussed. It was felt to be a confusing presentation because the building looks better than a caravan and has more than just office accommodation. The PC remains supportive of the pub as it is a great asset for the community but feels it has to object to this application on the grounds of lack of clarity on design and usage. Borough Councillor Colin Phillimore has suggested a site visit would be useful which the PC would like to participate in. David proposed and Jayne seconded this response All agreed.
- 12.2. **Ref: T/00545/22/TCA** Location: Bombay Sapphire Distillery, Laverstoke Mill. For Tree Works to trees growing in a conservation area. Proposal: Fell T1 Acer. Discussed. No comments.

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Income and Expenditure Statement (Cash basis)

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All E	Parish Council				Community Site				Total		
	Month	YTD	Full year Budget	Budget Remaining	Month	YTD	Full year Budget	Budget Remaining	Month	YTD	Full year Budget
Precept	-	9,945	9,945	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,945	9,945
Grants	-	2,390	337	(2,053)	-	-	-	-	-	2,390	337
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Hire - Nursery	-	-	-	-	-	5,836	8,500	2,664	-	5,836	8,500
Hall Hire - Other	-	-	-	-	146	1,230	1,200	(30)	146	1,230	1,200
Hall Hire deposit	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	1,000	-
Cost Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	2,016	3,504	1,488	-	2,016	3,504
Site Rent	-	-	-	-	-	1,943	1,943	-	-	1,943	1,943
Other Income	4	11	1	(10)	-	67	-	(67)	4	78	1
Total Income	4	12,346	10,283	(2,063)	146	12,092	15,147	3,056	149	24,438	25,430
Contribution	-	-	1,750	1,750	-	-	(1,750)	(1,750)	-	-	-
PC/CC cost charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers	-	-	1,750	1,750	-	-	(1,750)	(1,750)	-	-	-
Salary/Newsletter	(374)	(3,481)	(4,716)	(1,236)	(42)	(385)	(524)	(139)	(416)	(3,866)	(5,240)
Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	(557)	(557)	-	(2,833)	(1,924)	909	-	(2,833)	(2,481)
Professional fees	-	(662)	(689)	(27)	-	(763)	-	763	-	(1,425)	(689)
IT costs	(2)	(510)	(443)	67	-	(42)	(58)	(16)	(2)	(551)	(501)
Grounds Maint.	-	(1,623)	(1,277)	346	-	(43)	(560)	(517)	-	(1,666)	(1,837)
Street Lighting & Furniture	-	(473)	(544)	(71)	-	-	-	-	-	(473)	(544)
SID Management	(690)	(690)	(732)	(42)	-	-	-	-	(690)	(690)	(732)
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	(1,924)	(3,761)	(1,837)	-	(1,924)	(3,761)
Bldgs Repair/Maint.	-	-	-	-	-	(1,444)	(3,000)	(1,556)	-	(1,444)	(3,000)
Bldgs Planned Maint.	-	-	-	-	(19)	(359)	(761)	(402)	(19)	(359)	(761)
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	(407)	-	407	-	(407)	-
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	(41)	(104)	(63)	-	(41)	(104)
Other expenses	(47)	(1,836)	(296)	1,540	(205)	(745)	(60)	685	(252)	(2,581)	(356)
Total Expenses	(1,113)	(9,274)	(9,254)	20	(266)	(8,986)	(10,752)	(1,765)	(1,379)	(18,260)	(20,006)
Grants Made	-	(958)	(1,200)	(242)	-	-	-	-	-	(958)	(1,200)
Project costs	-	-	(1,500)	(1,500)	-	-	(1,500)	(1,500)	-	-	(3,000)
Net Vat	(8)	(708)	-	708	(28)	677	-	(677)	(37)	(31)	-
Net cash Movement	(1,118)	1,407	79	(1,328)	(148)	3,782	1,146	(2,637)	(1,266)	5,189	1,224
Cash b/f	7,052	5,172	5,247	75	65,330	60,755	5,247	(55,508)	72,382	65,927	10,494
Cash c/f	5,935	6,579	5,326	(1,253)	65,182	64,537	6,393	(58,145)	71,116	71,116	11,718

Next PC meeting: 7 February at 7.30pm in Lady Rose Hall.

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