

Laverstoke and Freefolk PC Meeting 5 March 2024 Minutes

Public Time

a. Portals Heritage & Memories Project

Charles Cardiff Chairman of project group gave background to formation and explained it is now part of Heritage Overton which includes Overton Pictures. The plan is to take written and oral histories via interviews, scanning old newsletter info, gathering watermarks etc i.e. as broad contribution as possible. It is Overton Mill focussed (1922-2022) but because housing in L&F was an employee benefit there is overlap. They are looking for any memories that are linked and Charles recounted a lovely anecdote about the circus in Whitchurch. These memories will be published on Heritage Overton website and in the form of a printed book. Ideally there will be a museum and items e.g. lab equipment has been given by Portals. Bombay Sapphire focus is Laverstoke and more around its own branding. Overton Mill will be developed in Local Plan. Residents asked how they can join heritage Overton which costs £6 p.a. Discussion on possible Laverstoke angle being family tree of householders **Action:** membership form to be emailed to PC & Jo. It was agreed that Jo Probut will be liaison from PC

- b. A Resident brought up pub complaint of sewage smell however nearest residents had been unaffected. The pumping of sewage by Southern Water from bankside at 15 Freefolk Priors was currently at rate of 3 tankers 24/7. Mud on pavement from Love Token to Priory Lane needs removing **Action:** check and email B&D. Planning: 2 Watch Lane conversion of barn - householder now put in an official retrospective app.

Borough Councillor report – none. Cllr Karen Watts sent apologies.

County councillor report - had been sent by email.

Main Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence: Andrew White

In attendance: David Ellis, Jo Probut, Julia Chedgey, Jayne Hudson, Jim Marsh

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

3. Signature & approval of Minutes 6 Feb PC Meeting – approved and signed.

4. Planning

- 4.1. 23/02658/FUL. Location: Land Opposite Bere Mill, London Road, Whitchurch. Proposal: Installation of ground mounted solar array 144 solar panels. Amendment to App. Discussed. Comment, rather than objection, proposed by Jayne and seconded by David as follows:
Whilst the PC understands the environmental importance of renewable energy we still have concerns about the size – this seems overly large scale for a conservation area. In terms of position we have looked at the new images of viewing angle from footpath and believe there will be a visual impact in the conservation area - although mature hedging when grown will mitigate this. We would ask the Borough to reassess these concerns with their more technical knowledge.

- 4.2. 24/00255/RET. Location: 2 Watch Lane, Freefolk. Proposal: Erection of detached stable feed store (retrospective). Discussed, no comment to be made.

- 4.3. 24/00338/FUL. Location: 2 Watch Lane, Freefolk. Proposal: Hay Store. Discussed, no comment to be made.

5. Maintenance - none

6. **Southern Water drain activity in Freefolk** – Jo updated the meeting. She had spoken to nearest householder about dirty water having previously run into river. Tanker situation is as commented in public time and there's not a lot of information available. The tankers having limited turning area and therefore using Laverstoke Park gateway to turn.

7. Community site

- 7.1. **Pavilion** – incl. authorisation to incur legal fees for making lease arrangements with TVMS. PC has sent previous HoTs (version where TVMS repair the drains) to TVMS. All subject to contract and De La Rue approval. TVMS had queried electricity arrangements which agreed solicitors to sort. TVMS, our anchor tenant, verbally agreed to go ahead. PC awaiting quote from solicitor - previous fees quoted at £1200. David

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proposed and Jim seconded instructing solicitor. PC should make it known it's covered costs.

David and Jim (Nicky for Minutes) met with WTC on 27 Feb subject to contract and without prejudice and had a good meeting although all matters still have to be agreed. PC to send revised HoTs and WTC to provide lights proposal. Progress was made.

7.2. **Tennis & archery area** – no update

7.3. **LRH** – Two-Day Roofing are repairing LRH roof and will review whole roof

8. **Finance**

8.1. See Feb report at end of minutes. Discussed that utilities were over budget, due to VAT correction, and other costs higher due to Pavilion. The report has been changed this month simplifying the VAT line and avoid splitting out cash timing differences across the community site and PC.

8.2. Items over £150 ex VAT:

Payments: Clerk Salary £396.18 (PC) + £44.02 (CC); HMRC VAT £659.48; British Gas Lite Electricity £292.08; British Gas Lite Gas £200.43; Arthur Gallagher insurance £185.98; Euroloo £531.42. Receipts: Watership Down Nursery rent £800; Watership Down utilities £1014.56

8.3. Approval of payments over £300 ex VAT – Trinity Rose condition survey £1100 as proposed by David and seconded by Jayne

9. **Correspondence**

9.1. Elpatech re. website hosting – have quoted to take over website hosting inc SSL. Discussed benefits e.g. more hand holding than EUK host/easy to work with. Cheaper in 2024 than current hosting but slightly more expensive for 2025 (£95p.a.). However, some savings should be made with removal of LRH hosting as info moves onto L&F. Possibility Millennium Green info could be transferred to enable some cost sharing.

9.2. Building Condition Report LRH – a working party to go through in more detail. Overall – if report adjusted for inflation and to excluded KF obligations, it can be compared to PC's model. This suggests that the PC's model is conservative by about £9k over the 10 year period. The report considers roof can be patched over 10 yrs (provided for replacement in the PC model), but suggests that windows replaced for energy efficiency and balcony work undertaken (not included in PC model). Overall, it supports the current PC reserve provisions.

9.3. 21 Feb Confirmation B&D ACV team received PC submission

9.4. Request for paving slabs at Manor Cotts. Nicky had met with 3 residents and explained PC concerns e.g. about giving rights. They will follow up with a proposal for PC. David said positive residents looking to improve the area

9.5. Energy broker re. contract renewal. Smartest Energy not possible so 12-month BG Lite confirmed.

9.6. Resident wrote re. objecting to Popham Airfield development in Local Plan

9.7. New Community Safety Patrol Officer (team focuses on reducing antisocial behaviour)

9.8. DEFRA Hampshire ELMS Convenor Test and Trials project

9.9. HCC Future Services consultation, open till 31 March

Next PC meeting: 2 April 2024 7.30pm in Lady Rose Hall.

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

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Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council

Reporting Year:

Year to 31 March 2024 (11 of 12)

Income and Expenditure Statement (Cash basis)

Month: February 2024

All £	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	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Grants	-	512	340	(172)	-	5,104	-	(5,104)	-	5,616	340
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Hire - Nursery	-	-	-	-	800	8,727	9,635	908	800	8,727	9,635
Hall Hire - Other	-	-	-	-	50	1,460	1,900	440	50	1,460	1,900
Hall Hire deposit	-	-	-	-	10	(200)	-	200	10	(200)	-
Cost Recoveries	-	-	-	-	1,015	4,224	4,356	132	1,015	4,224	4,356
Site Rent	-	-	-	-	-	1,943	1,943	(0)	-	1,943	1,943
Other Income	-	21	9	(12)	-	437	-	(437)	-	458	9
Interest Income	101	759	-	(759)	-	-	-	-	101	759	-
Total Income	101	11,292	10,349	(943)	1,875	21,694	17,834	(3,860)	1,976	32,986	28,183
Contribution	-	-	850	850	-	-	(850)	(850)	-	-	-
PC/CC cost charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers	-	-	850	850	-	-	(850)	(850)	-	-	-
Salary/Newsletter	(396)	(4,509)	(5,056)	(547)	(44)	(498)	(550)	(52)	(440)	(5,006)	(5,606)
Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	(299)	(299)	(186)	(3,903)	(2,807)	1,096	(186)	(3,903)	(3,106)
Professional fees	-	(733)	(757)	(24)	-	(13)	(14)	(1)	-	(746)	(771)
IT costs	(7)	(328)	(313)	15	-	(58)	(64)	(6)	(7)	(385)	(377)
Grounds Maint.	-	(1,367)	(1,477)	(110)	-	(670)	(872)	(202)	-	(2,037)	(2,349)
Street Lighting & Furniture	-	(481)	(598)	(117)	-	-	-	-	-	(481)	(598)
SID Management	-	-	(732)	(732)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(732)
Utilities	-	-	-	-	(493)	(6,622)	(4,815)	1,807	(493)	(6,622)	(4,815)
Bldgs Repair/Maint.	-	-	-	-	(531)	(4,532)	(7,850)	(3,318)	(531)	(4,532)	(7,850)
Bldgs Planned Maint.	-	-	-	-	(19)	(1,564)	(837)	727	(19)	(1,564)	(837)
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	(30)	(600)	(571)	-	(30)	(600)
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	(37)	-	37	-	(37)	-
Other expenses	(8)	(431)	(374)	57	-	(60)	(566)	(506)	(8)	(491)	(940)
Total Expenses	(411)	(7,849)	(9,606)	(1,757)	(1,273)	(17,986)	(18,975)	(989)	(1,684)	(25,835)	(28,581)
Grants Made	-	(900)	(900)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(900)	(900)
Project costs	-	-	(600)	(600)	-	(9,665)	(5,000)	4,665	-	(9,665)	(5,600)
Net Cash Movement before VAT	(310)	2,543	93	(2,450)	601	(5,956)	(6,991)	(1,035)	292	(3,413)	(6,898)
Net Vat									(422)	(219)	-
Net cash Movement									(130)	(3,632)	(6,898)
Reserves/cash b/f									68,029	71,530	68,606
Reserves/cash c/f									67,899	67,899	61,708