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Public Time

- a) A Millennium Green rep raised that the alder saplings that had been removed from the old trim trail need replanting and suggested inside archery back fence line. Also considering a request for pond corner of Batts Meadow. **Action:** Nicky speak with archers. Given the recent beech hedge car park clearance, concern that rats may have moved to other overgrown areas e.g. LRH end of playground and around LRH so creepers and other vegetation is being cut back shortly. A resident requested the trees in the Millennium Green path section of the car park be cut back.
- b) A member of public requested the PC contact Sovereign regarding the vegetation overhanging the pavement at Manor Cottages. They raised mud on pavement from opposite Beech House to beyond the Priory. **Action:** report mud on pavement. Also noted was the news that the Genko planning application has been refused as they had not provided environmental impact information required. It was expected they wouldn't be able to appeal the decision. Commenting on Bere Mill solar panels – they had seen info that suggested they should be located on barn roofs where possible.
- c) A TVMS rep reminded the council of the May 25 deadline on their pavilion drains repair lottery money.
- d) PC Chair gave his update on the pavilion at this point, starting with background that at the end of last year De La Rue made an offer, subject to board approval, to sell the PC the freehold of the community site. It would need both PC and DLR board sign off. In the meantime, DLR don't want to get involved with leases which frustrates our preparation of a registered lease with TVMS. It is fantastic that TVMS have the grant and done fundraising but the drains can't be done until the lease is in place. We all want to get the job done and the PC does not want there to be the cost of multiple drafts by lawyers. We have been chasing DLR and they have come back today so we hope things will start moving.

Borough Councillor Update – Colin Phillimore updated the meeting that we are still in purdah with only planning & licensing matters still ongoing at B&D. Popham airfield has been removed from the local plan. Councillor grants are now open (Borough £2k each, County £10k). Local plan has gone to Regulation 18 - developers can still appeal to inspectorate. The application for 20+ homes near Overton Primary School has been withdrawn.

County Councillor Update - none

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Jo Probut, Diccon Harvey, Jim Marsh
In attendance: David Ellis, Andrew White, Julia Chedgey, Jayne Hudson
2. **Declarations of interest** – David Ellis: PCC and Millennium Green
3. **Signature & approval of Minutes of 4 June PC Meeting** – approved and signed.
4. **Maintenance**
 - 4.1. **Car park clearance project** – scalplings have been purchased to fill some subsidence spots **Action:** organise volunteer session.
 - 4.2. **Re-authorise football lights approval** – David proposed and Andrew seconded and all agreed to go ahead with the project over the summer **Action:** Nicky to communicate with contractor
5. **Community Site**
 - 5.1. **Pavilion update**
 - 5.1.1. **TVMS lease** covered in public time **Action:** David to visit TVMS Thursday
 - 5.1.2. **WTC June lights use proposal** – David noted all decisions are subject to contract approval and since there is a legal dispute with WTC all comments are on a without prejudice basis.
After meeting with WTC PC provided HoTs for a lease to 2035 which included permission for lights use Tues & Weds to 9pm, Sept – April. WTC responded with a proposal for 6 nights use. At June PC meeting they made a new proposal Mon-Thurs 4-9pm (weds to 10pm) and Sun 4-6pm (for exceptional match use). Courts will not be used at all these times due to inclement weather (and summer daylight hours). The proposal was then circulated to councillors in writing. It is assumed that all other provisions of the HoTs apply. Discussion comments included: HoT is still subject to contract, WTC are squatting in the pavilion room and we are therefore not in a position to offer more. Those living opposite see full impact of lights which are inappropriate with excessive glare. It's unfair if we don't have a guarantee of when the lights will be used and the village needs certainty - not if just not raining or due to a match,

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which is impossible to define. The new proposal is a move in the right direction but it has to be appropriate for the Parish as a lease would give rights to WTC which they not do currently have. It was disappointing to have WTC state that they were of the view that the original lights would have been bad on glare and for them then to install lights with double the light output. This shows little consideration for the Parish. Generally, the lights are not supported in L&F. Some Councillors felt availability for use 3 days a week (Tues, Wed, & Thurs) for Sept-to April could be considered but WTC would need to make that request. David has suggested this to Colin Phillimore. It was clarified and confirmed that this was not a proposal that had been put to and agreed by the Council. No councillor wished to make a proposal to accept the lease request from WTC. Jayne proposed to decline lease request from WTC, Andrew seconded and all agreed. **Action:** communicate decision to WTC

5.1.3. Pavilion Electricity supply contract arrangements – logical for PC to organise electricity contract given proposed future lease arrangement. This will be on-charged when arrangements are finalised. PC has looked at 1-year contracts via its broker and BG Lite is the most cost effective and far cheaper than EDF renewal deal offered to TVMS. BG Lite used for LRH too and we understand billing system.

Proposal to arrange supply with BG Lite was made by David, Julia seconded and all agreed.

5.2. **LRH – New Kingfisher signage** – have made request to renew signage as old signage in poor state. New design looks good however, it is just outside deemed consent size for outdoor advertising rules and needs scaling down to max 1.2m². Jayne proposed accepting design at correct size, Andrew seconded and all agreed. **Action:** advise Kingfisher

6. Finance

6.1. **Monthly finance report for June 24** – see end of minutes

6.2. **Items over £150 ex VAT:**

June 24 - Items over £150 ex VAT

Date	Cost code	Description	Customer/supplier	Net £	VAT	Total £
06/06/2024	Hall Hire - Nursery	Nursery rent	Watership Down Nursery	765.22	153.04	918.26
06/06/2024	Cost Recoveries - CC	Nursery utilities contrib Q4 23	Watership Down Nursery	702.19	140.44	842.63
06/06/2024	Cost Recoveries - CC	Nursery utilities contrib Q1 24	Watership Down Nursery	702.19	140.44	842.63
07/06/2024	Project Cost - PC	Car park scrape	Contractor	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
17/06/2024	Cost Recoveries - CC	Nursery utilities contrib Q4 23	Watership Down Nursery	67.55	13.51	81.06
17/06/2024	Utilities - CC	Electricity	British Gas	-144.96	-7.25	-152.21
24/06/2024	Clerk Salary - PC	Clerk salary	Clerk	-389.78	0.00	-389.78
24/06/2024	Clerk Salary - CC	Clerk salary	Clerk	-85.56	0.00	-85.56
24/06/2024	Professional Fees - PC	HALC subscription	HALC	-238.00	0.00	-238.00
27/06/2024	Grounds Maintenance - PC	Grounds maintenance	Scofell	-179.45	-35.89	-215.34
30/06/2024	Bank interest - PC	Bank interest	Unity Trust Bank	405.07	0.00	405.07

6.3. **Items over £300 to pay:** {Water bill for LRH £699.52 and Pavilion £378.30}

6.4. **Quarterly bank reconciliation:** signed off by Jayne

7. Correspondence

- 7.1. Salvation Army bin in beech hedge car park to be moved 25 June. Lorry broke down mid move and bin removed.
- 7.2. Community Infrastructure Scheme 2024 launched, deadline 19 July. Discussed that toilet lintel replacement might be funded. **Action:** investigate funding

8. Planning

- 8.1. **Ref: 24/01347/LDEU** Location: Hazel Cottage, Micheldever. SO21 3BA. Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of cottage as a single dwelling following conversion of two cottages (Hazel Cottage & Pine Cottage) in Aug 2018. Discussed, no comment.
- 8.2. **23/02658/FUL** Location: Land Opposite Bere Mill, London Road Whitchurch. Proposal: Installation of ground mounted solar array of 144 solar panels. 1) Amended plans: Proposed elevations & details; Proposed site

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plan 2) Response to Landscape Team's comment. Discussed only change to plans is removal of fencing.
Reiterate comments of 12 March.

Next PC meeting: 17 September 2024 at 19.30 in Lady Rose Hall.

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Reporting Year: Year to 31 March 2025 (3 of 12)

Income and Expenditure Statement (Cash basis)

Month: June 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	-	5,100	10,200	5,100	-	-	-	-	-	5,100	10,200
Grants	-	344	344	-	-	-	-	-	-	344	344
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Hire - Nursery	-	-	-	-	765	1,565	9,894	8,329	765	1,565	9,894
Hall Hire - Other	-	-	-	-	175	222	2,000	1,778	175	222	2,000
Hall Hire deposit	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	(200)	-	200	-
Cost Recoveries	-	-	-	-	1,472	2,746	4,446	1,700	1,472	2,746	4,446
Site Rent	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,154	2,154	-	-	2,154
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	350	300	(50)	-	350	300
Interest Income	407	479	131	(348)	-	-	1,571	1,571	407	479	1,702
Total Income	407	5,923	10,675	4,752	2,412	5,084	20,365	15,282	2,819	11,006	31,040
Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PC/CC cost charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salary/Newsletter	(398)	(889)	(5,090)	(4,201)	(86)	(561)	(1,080)	(519)	(483)	(1,450)	(6,170)
Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	(292)	(292)	-	-	(3,647)	(3,647)	-	-	(3,939)
Professional fees	(238)	(711)	(730)	(19)	-	-	(3,313)	(3,313)	(238)	(711)	(4,043)
IT costs	(42)	(95)	(548)	(453)	-	-	-	-	(42)	(95)	(548)
Grounds Maint.	(179)	(741)	(2,915)	(2,174)	-	(117)	(272)	(155)	(179)	(858)	(3,187)
Street Lighting & Furniture	-	(230)	(503)	(274)	-	-	-	-	-	(230)	(503)
SID Management	-	(600)	(1,228)	(628)	-	-	-	-	-	(600)	(1,228)
Utilities	-	-	-	-	(145)	(713)	(3,869)	(3,156)	(145)	(713)	(3,869)
Bldgs Repair/Maint.	-	-	-	-	(13)	(410)	(1,000)	(590)	(13)	(410)	(1,000)
Bldgs Planned Maint.	-	-	-	-	(21)	(268)	(1,033)	(765)	(21)	(268)	(1,033)
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	(650)	(650)	-	-	(650)
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	(26)	(100)	(447)	(347)	-	-	(60)	(60)	(26)	(100)	(507)
Total Expenses	(883)	(3,365)	(11,753)	(8,388)	(264)	(2,070)	(14,924)	(12,855)	(1,147)	(5,435)	(26,677)
Grants Made	-	-	(900)	(900)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(900)
Project costs	(500)	(500)	-	500	-	-	(6,605)	(6,605)	(500)	(500)	(6,605)
Net Cash Movement before VAT	(976)	2,058	(1,978)	(4,036)	2,148	3,014	(1,164)	(4,178)	1,172	5,072	(3,142)
Net Vat									316	(37)	-
Net cash Movement									1,488	5,035	(3,142)
Reserves/cash b/f									71,376	67,830	67,830
Reserves/cash c/f									72,865	72,865	64,688

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