

Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Meeting 11 Feb 2025 Minutes

Public Time

- a) No comments

Borough Councillor Update – Cllr Karen Watts advised that HCC has been successful in the Govt. Devolution Priority programme and the County and Borough would now be subject to lots of change. A Mayor will be elected in May 26 and local govt. reorganisation to replace the current council system with new unitary (all-purpose) councils in April 27/28. There will be streamlining of services, simplified organisation and efficiencies e.g. waste services will be managed by one organisation (currently B&D collect and HCC manage the tips) Weekly food waste collection & recycling will be implemented by March 26. From June 25 they'll roll out 7l inside bin & 23l kerbside lockable bins. There'll be an increase in types of plastic that can be recycled. Green and black bins will be collected fortnightly with glass going in green bin. Housing – numbers have been increased to c. 1100 p.a. and the local plan scrapped. B&D land supply has reduced so borough is now at risk of opportunistic planning applications which will be increasingly hard to fight. Plans for ex portals site look positive.

County Councillor Update – Apologies received with written report including devolution, postponement of elections to May 26, charging of utility companies for disruptive roadworks, proposal to increase Special Educational Needs provision, HCC set ambitious goal to become a Smokefree County by 2030 and proposal to build a new specialist secure welfare children's home on Stubbington Study Centre site.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Andrew White

In attendance: David Ellis, Jo Probut, Julia Chedghey, Jayne Hudson Alice MacGinnis. David formally thanked Diccon Harvey, who resigned last month for his contribution to the Parish Council.

2. **Declarations of interest** – David Ellis: PCC and Millennium Green

3. **Signature & approval of Minutes of 14 Jan Meeting** - approved and signed.

4. **Planning**

4.1. **Ref: 24/02836/HSE** Location: Hazel Cottage, Laverstoke Lane, Micheldever. SO21 3BA. Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side extension and internal alterations. PC discussed. No comment to be made.

4.2. **Trees felling** – Tree Warden Gill Baker raised felling in Wool Down Wood, behind Laverstoke Lane, with B&D tree officer. A subsequent meeting on site with Powell Forestry and Savills who manage the woodland confirmed they have a post-2018 felling licence for a number of areas in Laverstoke Park. Cllrs discussed that although most of the areas are in long standing conservation area, the legal position should still be followed up as Wool Down was only made conservation in 2021. **Action:** liaise with B&D.

4.3. **Any other plans: 24/02840/LBC & 24/02839/FUL.** Location: Laverstoke House, Access To Laverstoke Park. Proposal: Reinstate portion of boundary wall at access to Laverstoke park. This plan had been expected as advised by landowner following crash on B3400. No comment to be made.

5. **Community site updates**

5.1. **Pavilion**

5.1.1. The signing of the leases is underway.

5.1.2. **Pavilion heating solution** – Vibration mitigation has been addressed. Residents should experience limited fan noise given fans will be positioned on the back wall facing the courts within the wooden section of the building, the decibel drop off curve is logarithmic and they will only be used from 30 minutes before pavilion use (apart from when in frost mitigation cycle). It was proposed by Julia to ask Nicky to formally approve the heating solution once leases signed and dated. This was seconded by David and all approved.

5.2. **Tennis/Archery area** - Charity Firewalk being organised by Overton Black Arrows on 15 March on archery field is raising funds for Dive Ability. Further participants needed.

6. **Maintenance items** – HCC footpath 137/2/1 from river to Cowleaze field flooded. 2 members of public have raised this. It has now been continuously flooded for several months. **Action:** liaise with landowner about re-routing or to sign best avoided.

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- 7. Book Library Proposal** – David has spec'd out a design for the library box which will be situated at the end of the brick & flint wall opposite Manor Cottages. Nicky has spoken with neighbour concerned about location of paving slabs. The area will need a volunteer group to trim and flatten the area. David proposed and Alice seconded going ahead & all agreed. **Action:** David to get costs from TVMS.
- 1. Finance**
- 1.1.** Finance report for Jan 25 & payments made over £200 ex VAT. See table at end of Minutes
- 1.2.** Approval of payments to be made over £300 (excluding pre-authorised) – £380 Andrew Giddens (pollarding)
- 2. Correspondence**
- 2.1.** Bombay Sapphire Inspirit Day in May request to help with Wetlands/River work – Has been forwarded to Millennium Green. Discussed that Millennium Green permissive footpath grants have been approved by Watercress & Winterbournes and B&D.
- 2.2.** Local Historian re. Festival (of Britain) Garden at Freefolk.
- 2.3.** B&D regarding formal notification of Parish Councillor Vacancy – B&D will advise if election needed on 11 February 2025, otherwise PC can co-opt.
- 2.4.** HCC accepted onto Government's fast-track Devolution Priority Programme (DPP)
- 2.5.** Southern Water Stakeholder Engagement Manager regarding tankers in village – good to have contact.
- 2.6.** Transport for the South East Draft Transport Strategy Consultation closes 7 March
- 2.7.** Statement from WTC regarding use of tennis lights and welfare room.
- 2.8.** Millennium Green Quiz 8 March at 7.30.

Next PC meeting: 4 March 2025 at 19.30 in Lady Rose Hall.

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

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Income and Expenditure Statement (Cash basis)

Reporting Year:

Year to 31 March 2025 (10 of 12)

Month: January 2025

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	-	10,200	10,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,200	10,200
Grants	-	344	344	-	-	-	-	-	-	344	344
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hall Hire - Nursery	-	-	-	-	2,069	7,669	9,894	2,225	2,069	7,669	9,894
Hall Hire - Other	-	-	-	-	496	1,746	2,000	254	496	1,746	2,000
Hall Hire deposit	-	-	-	-	(200)	100	-	(100)	(200)	100	-
Cost Recoveries	-	-	-	-	1,358	5,595	4,446	(1,149)	1,358	5,595	4,446
Site Rent	-	-	-	-	-	2,179	2,154	(25)	-	2,179	2,154
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	300	-	-	300
Interest Income	-	1,405	131	(1,274)	-	-	1,571	1,571	-	1,405	1,702
Total Income	-	11,948	10,675	(1,274)	3,723	17,289	20,365	3,076	3,723	29,238	31,040
Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PC/CC cost charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salary/Newsletter	(398)	(3,759)	(5,090)	(1,331)	(86)	(1,179)	(1,080)	99	(483)	(4,937)	(6,170)
Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	(292)	(292)	-	(4,010)	(3,647)	363	-	(4,010)	(3,939)
Professional fees	-	(826)	(730)	96	-	(1,298)	(3,313)	(2,015)	-	(2,123)	(4,043)
IT costs	(2)	(369)	(548)	(179)	-	-	-	-	(2)	(369)	(548)
Grounds Maint.	-	(2,328)	(2,915)	(587)	-	(117)	(272)	(155)	-	(2,445)	(3,187)
Street Lighting & Furniture	-	(416)	(503)	(87)	-	-	-	-	-	(416)	(503)
SID Management	-	(600)	(1,228)	(628)	-	-	-	-	-	(600)	(1,228)
Utilities	-	-	-	-	(401)	(4,036)	(3,869)	167	(401)	(4,036)	(3,869)
Bldgs Repair/Maint.	-	-	-	-	(240)	(946)	(1,000)	(54)	(240)	(946)	(1,000)
Bldgs Planned Maint.	-	-	-	-	(21)	(414)	(1,033)	(619)	(21)	(414)	(1,033)
Equipment	-	-	-	-	(487)	(487)	(650)	(163)	(487)	(487)	(650)
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	(58)	(330)	(447)	(117)	-	(134)	(60)	74	(58)	(464)	(507)
Total Expenses	(458)	(8,628)	(11,753)	(3,124)	(1,234)	(12,621)	(14,924)	(2,303)	(1,692)	(21,249)	(26,677)
Grants Made	-	(900)	(900)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(900)	(900)
Project costs	-	-	-	-	-	(3,000)	(6,605)	(3,605)	-	(3,000)	(6,605)
Net Cash Movement before VAT	(458)	2,420	(1,978)	(4,398)	2,489	1,668	(1,164)	(2,832)	2,032	4,088	(3,142)
Net Vat									504	418	-
Net cash Movement									2,536	4,507	(3,142)
Reserves/cash b/f									69,801	67,830	67,830
Reserves/cash c/f									72,336	72,336	64,688

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Payments over £200

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Month:

January 2025

Sum of Net

Supplier	Description	Months	Total
AO.COM	Dishwasher	Jan	-486.66
Clerk	Salary	Jan	-475.34
Test Valley Pest Control	Pest control	Jan	-240

Bank Transfers Jan 2025

Date	From	To	Amount	Why
03/01/2025	Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council (Unity Bank)	L&F Parish Council	£ 700.00	Top up Visa account for Dishwasher purchase
22/01/2025	Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council (Unity Bank)	L&F PC Unity Savings	£ 2,000.00	Transfer to savings accounts to maximise interest