

Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Meeting 4 March 2025 Minutes

Public Time

- a) **Bombay Sapphire Update** – Lucia Vilajoana Ricon reported that production was very busy. The solar panel installation had been halted and is being put back out to tender. BS Branding guidelines have been updated resulting in forthcoming external signage design change (not size or position). The InSpirit CSR day is coming up in May and it is hoped that the Brand Home team will join boosting numbers from 18 to c. 40 to help with jobs around the villages. It was discussed that larger projects could therefore be attempted. Paul McHardy has enquired already regarding a small group helping with Invasive species removal. Phil Nicklin has forwarded him the four Millennium Green pond/stream maintenance dates. The BS site is keen to undertake INNS work having elevated their Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) conservation award for a Wetlands and Water Bodies Project to Silver in June 24. **Action:** PC to define list of projects over next month.
- b) A member of the public queried what was happening wrt devolution. David gave brief outline of some of the options for Local Government reorganisation that are taking place. There is a meeting on 19 March to understand more about the options

Borough Councillor Update – none

County Councillor Update – none

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Alice MacGinnis
In attendance: David Ellis, Jo Probut, Andrew White, Julia Chedgey, Jayne Hudson
2. **Declarations of interest** – David Ellis: PCC, Millennium Green and Plan Ref: T/00114/25/TCA; Jayne Hudson: Appeal ref. 24/00055/RLD; Jo Probut: Appeal ref. 24/00055/RLD.
3. **Councillor Co-option:** Simon Albert has expressed an interest in becoming a PC Member. He has lived in Laverstoke for 12 years and his wife was previously a Cllr. Having been brought up in a more remote location he appreciates the community we have in our Parish and believes it is important to support that community by joining the PC. David proposed, Andrew seconded and all agreed Simon should be co-opted.
4. **Signature & approval of Minutes of 11 Feb Meeting** - approved and signed.
5. **Planning**
 - 5.1. **BDBC Appeal Ref: 24/00055/RLD (For planning Ref 23/02438/LDEU) Inspectorate Appeal Ref: APP/H1705/X/24/3357151.** Location: Land At Rear Of 29 And 31 Laverstoke Lane. Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land as domestic garden area associated with the use of 29 & 31 Laverstoke Lane. Discussed that PC had commented on the original planning app and that previous comments are considered in the appeal. PC did not have any further comments to make.
 - 5.2. **Ref: T/00114/25/TCA** Location: Keepers Cottage Laverstoke Lane. Proposal: T1 Unknown species: fell. T2 Uprooted tree: fell. Discussed that Tree Warden has reviewed and thinks felling is required. No comment to be made.
 - 5.3. **EC/24/00269/BOC3 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)** Location: 3 Watch Lane Freefolk. Alleged Breach: Alleged breach of Condition 3 (matching materials) of planning permission 23/02904/HSE. B&D have closed the case with no further action. It was discussed that windows throughout the property were replaced which were not as per the original planning approval. The applicant had made a change of materials request from wood to UPV but they had also moved away from the Georgian style. The windows are now aesthetically out of keeping. The Georgian window style is a pervasive feature throughout the conservation area not just the 3-cottage terrace. **Action:** Jo to raise with Colin Phillimore.
6. **Community site updates**
 - 6.1. **Pavilion**
 - 6.1.1. All the legal documents are now with our solicitors, having been signed by both PC and TVMS. They will then go to DLR via their solicitors. **Action:** Chase PC solicitors and check status. David to follow up with DLR to stress urgency given Lottery Funding deadline of 20 May. Nicky to liaise with Morwenna regarding Grant funding

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6.2. Tennis/Archery area – A Charity Firewalk being organised by Overton Black Arrows on 15 March on archery field is raising funds for Dive Ability. Everyone is encouraged to attend to support the participants. A Try Archery is taking place from 4pm on the same day followed by a BBQ.

7. Maintenance items

- 7.1. The spring village maintenance day** is at 13.30 on Sat 15 March. Help is needed for PC jobs including moss clearing on the Kick about Court which will need to be fenced off and also litter picking on the B3400. The beech hedge car park could also be moss killed and perhaps the filling/levelling could then be done as a Bombay Sapphire CSR project.
- 7.2. Speed indicator device 25-26 deployment** – this has been budgeted for. Jo proposed, Jayne seconded and all agreed continuing with a schedule that David had suggested focusses on the 3 sites on the B3400. This has benefit of being most needed on the main road and the settings can be kept at 40Mph (switching between 30 and 40Mph has been leading to errors). This is subject to Bombay Sapphire approving their 50% share.

8. Finance

- 8.1.** Finance report for Feb 25 & payments made over £200 ex VAT. See tables at end of Minutes. Bank recs for last 4 months have been signed by Jayne.
- 8.2.** Approval of payments to be made over £300 (excluding pre-authorised) – none

9. Correspondence

- 9.1.** HCC invitation to Devolution Teams Meeting 19 March; Govt public consultation started & closes 13 April
- 9.2.** B&D advice and support for First Time Home Buyers 13 March 3-7pm @ Civic Offices
- 9.3.** Forestry Commission - Invasive Spruce Bark Beetle Awareness & proactive action. Has been included in newsletter **Action:** Nicky to forward email to woodland landowners.
- 9.4.** B&D re. Forestry Commission felling licences & TPOs. Wool Down Wood felling licence is in place and B&D tree officer has followed up with Powell Forestry and is happy the work had been done per the licence. Licensing/TPO law is complicated and PC should contact B&D in future if it has any concerns re trees.

Next PC meeting: 1 April 2025 at 19.30 in Lady Rose Hall.

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Payments over £200

Reporting Year: Year to 31 March 2025 (11 of 12)
Month: February 2025

Sum of Net Supplier	Description	Months	Total
British Gas	Electricity	Feb	-250.59
Clerk	Clerk salary	Feb	-475.34
HMRC	HMRC E VAT	Feb	-202.44
Andrew Giddens	Tree work	Feb	-380.00

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Reporting Year:

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Income and Expenditure Statement (Cash basis)

Month: February 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	-	-	-	-	823	8,492	9,894	1,402	823	8,492	9,894
Hall Hire - Other	-	-	-	-	100	1,846	2,000	154	100	1,846	2,000
Hall Hire deposit	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	(100)	-	100	-
Cost Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	5,595	4,446	(1,149)	-	5,595	4,446
Site Rent	-	-	-	-	-	2,179	2,154	(25)	-	2,179	2,154
Other Income	-	-	-	-	134	134	300	166	134	134	300
Interest Income	-	1,405	131	(1,274)	-	-	1,571	1,571	-	1,405	1,702
Total Income	-	11,948	10,675	(1,274)	1,057	18,346	20,365	2,019	1,057	30,295	31,040
Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PC/CC cost charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salary/Newsletter	(526)	(4,285)	(5,090)	(805)	(114)	(1,292)	(1,080)	212	(639)	(5,577)	(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	(27)	(396)	(548)	(152)	-	-	-	-	(27)	(396)	(548)
Grounds Maint.	(380)	(2,708)	(2,915)	(207)	-	(117)	(272)	(155)	(380)	(2,825)	(3,187)
Street Lighting & Furniture	-	(416)	(503)	(87)	-	-	-	-	-	(416)	(503)
SID Management	-	(600)	(1,228)	(628)	-	-	-	-	-	(600)	(1,228)
Utilities	-	-	-	-	(347)	(4,383)	(3,869)	514	(347)	(4,383)	(3,869)
Bldgs Repair/Maint.	-	-	-	-	-	(946)	(1,000)	(54)	-	(946)	(1,000)
Bldgs Planned Maint.	-	-	-	-	(21)	(435)	(1,033)	(599)	(21)	(435)	(1,033)
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	(487)	(650)	(163)	-	(487)	(650)
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	(14)	(344)	(447)	(103)	-	(134)	(60)	74	(14)	(478)	(507)
Total Expenses	(946)	(9,575)	(11,753)	(2,178)	(481)	(13,102)	(14,924)	(1,822)	(1,428)	(22,677)	(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	(946)	1,474	(1,978)	(3,452)	575	2,244	(1,164)	(3,408)	(371)	3,717	(3,142)
Net Vat									(45)	374	-
Net cash Movement									(416)	4,091	(3,142)
Reserves/cash b/f									72,336	67,830	67,830
Reserves/cash c/f									71,921	71,921	64,688

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