Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Meeting 1 April 2025 Minutes

Public Time – no comments

Borough Councillor Update – Karen Watts sent her apologies
County Councillor Update – Juliet Henderson sent a March report that included HCC has been accepted onto the Government's fast-track Devolution Priority Programme (DPP), information on Devolution, 4.995% increase in HCC council tax and how council tax is spent.

1. **Apologies for Absence**: none
   In attendance: David Ellis, Jo Probut, Andrew White, Julia Chedgey, Jayne Hudson, Alice MacGinnis, Simon Albert.
2. **Declarations of interest** – David Ellis: PCC and Millennium Green;
3. **Signature & approval of Minutes of 4 March PC & 13 March extra ordinary PC Meeting** - approved and signed.
4. **Planning** - No plans
5. **Jane Austen event** – The organisation of a family-oriented event on Sun 8 June has started. It is likely to kick off with a treasure hunt, followed by BBQ picnic (bring your own), fun games & tea on 8 June. David reminded everyone that a professional theatre company is performing Pride & Prejudice at St Nicholas on 14 August
6. **Community site updates**
   6.1. **Pavilion -** Status of licences. The solicitors have confirmed that as of yesterday the licences are with De La Rue. **Action:** Nicky to update Morwenna
   6.2. **LRH** – electricity and gas renewed for a year. Clerk is currently investigating a new fire safety contractor and had 2 quotes with most cost effective so far at £545 p.a. (£566 budgeted) but is looking for a third. It was proposed by Jayne to grant authority to the clerk, with approval from Chair, for going with best value provider. Andrew seconded and all approved.
   6.3. **Tennis/Archery area** – The Firewalk was a very successful fundraising event by the Black Arrows with over £6500 raised for Dive Ability
7. **Maintenance items incl.** The Grounds Maintenance contract renewal has increased 5% to £1507.36. meaning we over budget by £34.36. It is anticipated this is to cover the new NI increases from 1 April. Grounds maintenance includes the grass area and verges in Freefolk and the Playground and verges in Laverstoke. David proposed and Jo seconded a one year renewal including taking the additional budget from the small budget credit balance we had allowed.
8. **Bombay Sapphire InSpirit day** – it was discussed that we have a long list of potential tasks with preferred bias towards top 2 or 3 larger items. **Action:** discuss and agree tasks with Bombay Sapphire. Raise clearing old fencing from back of staff car park as separate activity.
9. **Finance**
   9.1. Finance report for March 25, payments made over £200 ex VAT and Bank transfers see tables at end of Minutes. Reconciliation for end March signed off by Jayne.
   9.2. Approval of payments to be made over £300 (excluding pre-authorised) – none
   9.3. Budget update 2025-26 – discussed and it was agreed to review in new financial year.
10. **Correspondence**
   10.1. British Gas Lite LRH electricity/gas contracts confirmed in place through March/April 2026
   10.2. B&D – push for North Hampshire Unitary encompassing existing Borough/district councils B&D, Hart & Rushmoor
   10.3. HCC March report Juliet Henderson
   10.4. Simone Surveys SID schedule agreed for B3400 only. **Action:** correct to 40MPH on current B3400 site
   10.5. HCC future services consultation

Next PC meeting: 6 May 2025 Parish Council Annual Meeting at 19.30 followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 20.30 in Lady Rose Hall.

Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council **Payments over £200**

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

Sum of Net Supplier	Description	Months	Total
HMRC	HMRC VAT	March	-£ 605.96
Clerk	Clerk salary	March	-£ 475.34
British Gas Lite	Electricity Pavilion	March	-£ 318.50
British Gas Lite	Gas LRH	March	-£ 224.19

Bank transfers:

Date	Amount	From bank	To bank	Comment
12/03/2025	£ 1,000.00	L&F PC Unity Savings	L& F PC Unity Current Account	Top up to keep current account from going into overdraft

Laverstoke & Freefolk Parish Council **Income and Expenditure Statement (Cash basis)**
Reporting Year: Year to 31 March 2025 (12 of 12) **Month:** March 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	-	-	-	-	400	8,891	9,894	1,003	400	8,891	9,894
Hall Hire - Other	-	-	-	-	213	2,058	2,000	(58)	213	2,058	2,000
Hall Hire deposit	-	-	-	-	(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	-	-	-	-	60	194	300	106	60	194	300
Interest Income	88	148	131	(17)	351	1,696	1,571	(125)	439	1,844	1,702
Total Income	88	10,691	10,675	(17)	924	20,615	20,365	(249)	1,011	31,306	31,040
Salary/Newsletter	(440)	(5,029)	(5,090)	(61)	(95)	(1,083)	(1,080)	3	(535)	(6,112)	(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)	(398)	(548)	(151)	-	-	-	-	(2)	(398)	(548)
Grounds Maint.	-	(2,708)	(2,915)	(207)	-	(117)	(272)	(155)	-	(2,825)	(3,187)
Street Lighting & Furniture	-	(416)	(503)	(87)	-	-	-	-	-	(416)	(503)
SID Management	-	(600)	(1,228)	(628)	-	-	-	-	-	(600)	(1,228)
Utilities	-	-	-	-	(839)	(5,223)	(3,869)	1,354	(839)	(5,223)	(3,869)
Bldgs Repair/Maint.	-	-	-	-	(94)	(1,041)	(1,000)	41	(94)	(1,041)	(1,000)
Bldgs Planned Maint.	-	-	-	-	(21)	(456)	(1,033)	(578)	(21)	(456)	(1,033)
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	(487)	(650)	(163)	-	(487)	(650)
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	(2)	(2)	-	2	(2)	(2)	-
Other expenses	(25)	(369)	(447)	(77)	(26)	(160)	(60)	100	(51)	(529)	(507)
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	**(467)**	**(10,346)**	**(11,753)**	**(1,407)**	**(1,077)**	**(13,875)**	**(14,924)**	**(1,049)**	**(1,544)**	**(24,222)**	**(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	(379)	(555)	(1,978)	(1,423)	(154)	3,739	(1,164)	(4,903)	**(533)**	**3,184**	**(3,142)**
Net Vat									**(530)**	**(156)**	**-**
Net cash Movement									**(1,063)**	**3,028**	**(3,142)**
Reserves/cash b/f									71,921	67,830	67,830
Reserves/cash c/f									70,858	70,858	64,688

Sign…………………………………………Date……………