

Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Meeting 21st April 2026 Minutes

Public Time – Cobbles loose at the end of Laverstoke Lane – B3400 - Reported to HCC

Borough Councillor Update - None

County Councillor Update – Apologies sent, report received and circulated.

1. Apologies for Absence: Simon Albert Jt. Deputy Chair

In attendance: David Ellis Chair, Jayne Hudson Jt. Deputy Chair, Jo Probut, Andrew White, Alice MacGinnis

2. Declarations of interest – David Ellis: PCC, Millennium Green (Item 4.2) Jo Probut BDBC employee

3. Sign and approve minutes of PC meetings of 17th March 2026. The reference to 'item 8' in declarations of interest was agreed to be deleted. Proposed Jo, seconded David. Amended minutes. Approved & signed.

4. Planning Application:

4.1 Reference T/00156/26/TCA Location Drood Cottage Freefolk Priors Freefolk Hampshire RG28 7NJ Grid Ref 448385, 148725 Proposal: T1 Pear. Height of around 3 metres. The tree is dead or dying with fungus brackets growing on the stem. Fell to ground level. No comment

4.2 Reference T/00165/26/TCA Location Millennium Green Playground Laverstoke Lane, Laverstoke Hampshire Grid Ref.449073, 148466 Proposal: Reduction of the crown and height of trees by 3 metres of 3 Lime trees in playground. Remaining height of trees 16m. Purpose of work: Reduce risk of falling branches in Children's Playground and on nearby access track. Email tree warden Gill Baker. No comment Proposed Jayne, seconded Jo, all agreed.

5. Scofell grass cutting contract – Agreement via email, to be ratified. Proposed by Jayne, seconded by Alice, all agreed.

6. Update on L&F Community Site bid. Waiting for De la Rue to respond. Update e-mail concerning bid sent 21.4.26 to all donors.

7. Proposal for Heads of Terms for Lease of Tennis facilities update. Alice has sent updated Heads of Terms. Waiting for WTC to agree HoTs Item 10.4 was discussed at this point.

8. Bombay Sapphire Inspiration Day 18th May 2026 – Discuss suggestions for activities. Jo to speak to Kelly about suggested activities.

9. Finance

9.1 Approvals for payments to make over £500.

Kingfisher Water £946.08 – Approved. Proposed by David, seconded by Alice

9.2 Summary of Receipts and Payments Year end 2025/26 as attached.

PC Expenditure higher than budget – SID as supplier has caught up with invoices; audit fees higher due to increased annual costs, IT costs covering purchase of a new laptop and new generic email set up as per audit requirements.

Community Site variances to budget - £1300 higher recoveries on electrics, clerks' salary covered arrears payments of 2 months to previous clerk. £6000 extra on electric and fire LRH maintenance; Insurance lower as payments now made by Direct debit over the year, legal fees favourable by £16,000, Wellers invoice still outstanding.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Cllr Juliet Henderson HCC Candovers Oakley and Overton Division April Report

10.2 Chief Executive's bulletins –2nd and 9th April 2026

10.3 Hampshire ALC Newsletter April 2026

10.4 Email of 15.4.25 covering maintenance being carried out on the Pavillion. It was noted that the TVMS are proposing to replace doors and windows in the Pavilion including Tennis room under the maintenance obligations of their lease. The work is being funded by a grant and there is no payment obligation under the sub-lease to the Council for the Tennis Room. Specification and copy of keys required by the Council. Proposed by Alice and seconded by Jo.

10.5 Report of the Parish and Town Council Remuneration Panel. Agreed not to remunerate any councillor. Proposed by David, seconded by Jo.

[Summary of Receipts and Payments 31.3.26.pdf](#)

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Next PC meeting: 19th May 26 at 19.30 in Lady Rose Hall.

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