

Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish Council Meeting 16th June 2026 Minutes

Public Time

Borough Councillor Update - None

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Simon Albert Deputy Chair

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

2. Declarations of interest Jo Probut BDBC

3. Sign and approve minutes of PC Meeting of 19th May 2026. Approved and signed

4. Planning Application:

Reference 26/00981/HSE

Location: 1 Watch Lane Freefolk Whitchurch Hampshire RG28 7NU

Proposal: Two storey side extension, demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with solid construction – Consultation ends 19.6.26. Comment, windows to be replaced with something more in keeping with 2 Watch Lane as in a conservation area. Proposed Jo, seconded David.

Reference T/00243/26/TCA

Location: 14 Laverstoke Lane Laverstoke Hampshire RG28 7NY

Proposal: Pollard 1 Sycamore tree to be reduced to 10ft in height T2- 1 Yew tree to be felled
Consultation ends 18.6.26 – Agreement to Sycamore reduction, suggested crown lift on yew tree instead of felling. Proposed Jo, seconded Andrew

Reference 26/00323/FU

Location: Laverstoke Mill, The Bombay Sapphire Distillery London Road Laverstoke Hampshire RG28 7NR. Proposal: Provision of additional external metal louvred plant screens and bund wall for new chiller unit to east of Building 26 – Consultation ends 18.6.26. Agreed. Proposed David, seconded Andrew

5. Any planning permission or ongoing works arising. Tree work carried out on Bats Row. The Forestry Commission have responded that no licence has been issued for this work, they are arranging a site visit and will look into work carried out, they have warned that this may take some time.

It was noted that the repair to the road carried out at the end of Laverstoke Lane onto the B3400 has been completed with the unfortunate removal of the cobbles where the repair has been made and replaced with tarmac and white road markings.

6. LRH Committee – Terms of Reference drafted by David. Request for committee members. David, Jo and Alice are committee councillors with Nicky as a non-councillor committee member. Councillor committee members requested to check email access to LRH email. Proposed David, seconded Alice

7. Community Infrastructure Fund – Possible replacement of lights for LED. Jayne to research blackout curtains for LRH.

8. WTC – Head of Terms update. Alice updated the Council on correspondence with WTC. WTC in principle agree the offer and are receptive to HOTs. After a lease is agreed and signed the Council will consider requests for use of the courts for Pickle Ball games and a change in the permission for the use of the lights from Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday to Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. It was noted that public consultation is needed and that there are likely to be noise concerns about Pickle Ball use. Councillors agreed that the members only restriction of the HOTs was not intended to prevent members playing against non-members For future discussions after Head of Terms agreed, pickle ball games to be included, change in lighting day from Wednesdays to Mondays. To allow non-members to play during tournaments and championship games if no fees were charged. This, together with, occasional non-member sample/junior training days would be addressed in the lease. To record and

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assess appropriate angle of the cowls for the lease it was proposed Council engage a lighting specialist. Jo to find out cost and details. Alice to reply to WTC.

9. Confirm that there are no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP. Agreed and signed.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Village Hall Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

10.2 CIF Application

10.3 Cllr Juliet Henderson HCC Candovers Oakley and Overton Division Report May 2026

10.4 Cllr Jacky Tustain – New Mayor

10.5 Chief Executive Bulletin – May 2026

10.6 Chief Executive Bulletin – June 2026

Next PC meeting: 21st July 26 at 19.30 in Lady Rose Hall.

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