



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Hampton Park & Old Sarum

**Meeting held at the Old Sarum Community Centre
at 7.30pm on Monday 20 March 2017**

MINUTES

Councillors present: Birkett, Burnell, Burton (Chairman), Bussereau, Champion, Davidson, Davis, Dean, Hayes, Law, Martin, Waller.

Wiltshire Councillors present: McLennan, Moss.

In attendance: Prince (Clerk).

There were seventeen members of the public present. A resident of Riverdown Park who has previously addressed the Council on the same issue, spoke about the continuing problems of traffic at the new Greentrees Junior School. She also said that she considered the schoolchildren were vulnerable due to the lack of screening around the school.

The meeting started at 7.35pm.

17.034 APOLOGIES. There were no apologies.

17.035 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Nil.

17.036 APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2017.

17.037 MATTERS ARISING

Action PC102. Consider how Junior Football Pitch on MOD land could be managed.

The Clerk reported that no progress had been made since the February meeting because there had been no response from Salisbury Football Club (SFC) to the Clerk's proposal. A representative of SFC said that they were unable to make a decision until the issue of their lease had been resolved but that this was imminent.

Action PC205. Investigate alternative proposal for acoustic reverberation problem in the Old Sarum Community Centre. The Clerk reported that there had been a minor change to the plans for locating the acoustic panels. All parties had agreed with these plans and work is scheduled to commence on 10 April. CLOSED.

Action PC221. The Chairman has responded. CLOSED.

Action 222. Investigate request by resident for work to be done on PC-owned trees backing on to Silverwood Drive. Cllr Bussereau reported that he had visited the site with Cllr Hayes and has produced a report with recommendations. This will be circulated to Councillors for discussion at the next Council meeting.

Other Matters Arising. Cllr Bussereau gave an update on progress with the Portway speeding issue.

17.038 PLANNING

Old Sarum update. The Chairman reported on progress with play areas. The Norman Drive Play Park is now open and nine tenders have been received for the play and recreation facilities on the MOD open space. The state of preparation of the public open space adjacent to Area 9A/9B was discussed. The Clerk has still not been given a date for transfer by the developer.

Old Sarum Airfield update. Cllr Bussereau said that there had been no movement on the major development proposal for the airfield, but he reported on a meeting with representatives of Webbs Caravans and a management company regarding the provision of extra parking at the eastern end of the employment estate.

Cllr Bussereau also reported briefly on the latest Flying Forum meeting at which complaints about noise were heard from four residents. It had been made clear at this meeting that flying activity would continue to increase in order to 'balance the books' of the airfield operator. This would include night flying by fixed wing aircraft in the near future. WCllr McLennan stated that the airfield operator had a duty of care to residents to protect them from aircraft noise.

Longhedge update. The Clerk reported that he had received amended plans for all of the play areas at Longhedge. Some aspects of these plans such as the lack of fencing around Local Areas for Play (LAPs) were unacceptable and the developer had been so informed. The Council's solicitor has been instructed and the first two areas for transfer have been identified.

HP2 Country Park update. The Chairman reported that progress has been disappointing. A further meeting with the developer and Wiltshire Council was planned for 24 March and all three parties will have legal representation at that meeting. Cllr Bussereau added that there was still a large discrepancy between the funds required to provide the Country Park and the funds being offered by the developer.

Planning Application Log. The following responses to Planning Applications have been made since the Council meeting on 20 February 2017. 17/00899/FUL. Proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory. 61 Church Road, Laverstock. NO COMMENT. 17/01001/FUL. Full application for 3 x dwellings, car parking and access. Land north of Longhedge Cottages. NO COMMENT. 17/01208/FUL. Demolition of existing house & construction of 4-bedroom house & garage. Whitegates, Ford Lane. SUPPORT. 17/01424/FUL. Single storey lounge extension, 20 Ramsbury Drive, Old Sarum. NO OBJECTION. 17/02056/TPO. Sycamore tree - reduce overall size to prevent overhanging garden, 43 Applin Road, Bishopdown. NO COMMENT.

Resolved: To approve the above responses.

17.039 GRANT APPLICATION by Laverstock Village Hall. The application is for £500 towards the purchase of four mobile concertina stands for the stage to screen stored items. Cllr Law recommended that the Council support this application. The Village Hall lacks storage space for tables, chairs and other items and currently they sit on stage in full view. The screens are needed to make the hall look tidy and presentable to all users.

Resolved: To approve a grant of £500 to Laverstock Village Hall.

17.040 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS The Clerk gave an outline of the process of Nomination for Parish Councillor in the three wards of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, and provided Nomination and Consent forms for every Councillor. He will assist members by supplying their Electoral Number and that of their Proposer and Seconder. Finally he offered to submit the papers by hand to the Electoral Services Nominations desk.

17.041 PEDESTRIAN WARNING SIGNS – Monarchs Way/Portway crossing. Cllr Birkett said that a resident of Old Sarum had asked him if signs could be installed on the Portway to warn car drivers of the crossing. The crossing point was not easily visible and car speed was generally high. Cllr Birkett or the resident were advised to raise this as an issue to the South Wiltshire Area Board.

17.042 TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME, FORD. Cllr Bussereau reminded Councillors of the history of the issue and reported that he and Cllr Champion had seen copies of the latest design of the traffic calming scheme. It is likely that the cost will be in excess of £16k. There will be another meeting with residents on 7 April to show them the scheme and prioritise items if full funding is not available.

17.043 FINANCE

Adoption of Monthly Accounts The Financial Statement had previously been circulated by email and copies were provided. A statement of Financial Reserves was also included. The total funds held at the end of February 2017 were £548,810.14 of which £508,927.84 were earmarked or restricted reserves.

Resolved: To adopt the monthly accounts as a true record of the Council's finances.

Cheque & Debit Card Payments The list of payments had been circulated by email and copies were provided. Total cheque payments amounted to £6,454.07. Debit card payments in March 2017 amounted to £175.80.

Resolved: To approve the cheque and debit card payments.

17.044 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Application for Premises Licence – River Bourne Community Farm. This Application was only referred to the Council on the day of the Council meeting. Cllr Law explained the background to the application. It was agreed that the Laverstock planning team would view the application and recommend a response.

Community Policing Report for Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum. A report with general interest items and items specific to the Parish from the Community Policing Co-ordinator, PC Matt Holland.

Resident's Issues The Clerk gave a brief summary of other issues that had been raised to him by residents.

- A request for the provision of a litterbin at a bus stop on Sherbourne Drive, Old Sarum. The roads are still un-adopted and owned by the developer who has refused previous requests to provide a bin. Cllr Birkett asked if the Council could provide a bin. The Clerk said that the 20-year cost of emptying a bin is £2,500 and he would not recommend this.
- A complaint from a resident of Partridge Way about fly tipping. He had originally complained to Wiltshire Council and they had referred him to the Parish Council. This part of Partridge Way is owned by a management company and is not highways land. Wiltshire Council will not accept responsibility.

- A request from a resident of Norman Drive, Old Sarum for the imposition of a 20mph speed limit. The constraint is again one of un-adopted roads.
- A request from a Ford resident for planning advice. He was referred to the pre-application advice service offered by Wiltshire Council.

17.045 LATE NOTICE ITEMS There were no late notice items. WCllr McLennan made a brief report to the Council regarding discussions with Persimmon Homes Ltd.

17.046 EXEMPT BUSINESS – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

Resolved: That in view of the Commercial-in-Confidence nature of the business about to be transacted the public and press be temporarily excluded from this meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972, Section 100.

The Chairman referred to two papers that had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The first gave a background history of the HP2 Country Park site, and the second reviewed the options to build and manage the Country Park. The matter was being raised now in advance of a meeting of all parties, supported by their legal representatives, on Friday 24 March.

Cllr Champion asked about the role of the Land Trust. The Chairman reported that they had given a minimum figure required of £695k based on their calculator plus another £200k for hard landscaping, which would include fencing and paths. The Land Trust had said that below that figure the project is not viable. These figures do not include the play parks.

Cllr Burnell said that the first option, that Wiltshire Council would build and manage the Country Park, would not happen. That leaves the Land Trust partnership with the Council or the build and management by Barratts as the only two options. The Chairman said there was a risk that the residents may have increased management charges imposed on them. Cllr Burnell thought it very unlikely that residents could be so charged.

Cllr Bussereau reminded the Council that the current offer by Barratts was £550k plus a nominal £188k to build the play parks, plus the S106 provisions for maintenance. He also reminded the Council that under the first Deed of Variation Barratts would have given £1.5m to build the Country Park and Wiltshire Council would then have indemnified the Council against the risk of Barratts asking for the return of unspent funds.

Cllr Hayes said that Barratts seem to be in control. If they cannot be persuaded to increase funding to a level acceptable by the Land Trust they would go ahead and build it themselves. He also said that the Council should be seeking the assistance of Wiltshire Council in the negotiations.

No conclusion was reached. The Chairman and Vice-chair were asked to report back to the Council after the meeting with Barratts and Wiltshire Council.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the River Bourne Community Farm at 7pm on Monday 24 April 2017.