

LAVERTOCK & FORD with Hampton Park, Old Sarum, and Milford PARISH COUNCIL PERFORMANCE LOG

Parish Plan Key Issues:

- (1) LOCAL TRANSPORT. (2) LOCAL FACILITIES. (3) KEEPING THE CHARACTER OF OUR COMMUNITIES. (4) PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT. (5) TRAFFIC CONTROL. (6) FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. (7) SCHOOLS. (8) COMMUNITY SAFETY. (9) SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

Log Number	ASSET for the Parish	Serving BENEFITS to the Parish	SUPPORT from the Parish Council	Date entered
028	Protecting the community from takeover	<p>The Parish Plan's loudest statement was that residents chose to live near not in Salisbury and that our independence must be protected.</p> <p>The key drivers being to acquire and protect our green spaces, village halls/community centres and continue to fully inform and bring closer, our residents via the Parish Newsletter.</p> <p>Meets Parish Plan Key Issues: 2,3,4,6,8,9</p>	<p>Laverstock, Ford, Old Sarum, Hampton Park (inc the new build) and Milford – with Longhedge are all unique and distinct communities and yet flourish under the committed stewardship of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council. Everyone is represented by parish councillors from within their own community.</p> <p>All available land and recreation assets has been or will be owned, by the PC on behalf of residents and the large landholding managed by the River Bourne Community Farm using professionals and community volunteers to meet the needs of each community.</p> <p>The community halls are passed over to the safe hands of local resident management groups, with the watchful eye of the PC ensuring community needs are uppermost.</p> <p>The Parish Newsletter is distributed free of charge, bimonthly, to every household in the parish and carries news from all communities and groups. It is rated 'most important' by residents.</p> <p>A very well supported residents survey, in the last year, showed that 99.3% of residents still wished to remain independent of Salisbury, despite the Salisbury Parish wanting to swallow the whole parish. Salisbury continue to follow this path and the PC continue to keep residents fully informed of the facts and ask for continued support to fight off the challenge.</p> <p>Despite taking on many community assets, the parish continues to operate with one clerk and many volunteers, enabling our council tax contribution to remain at £12.88 for a Band D property. Probably the lowest in the country for a parish of our size (14th largest in Wiltshire).</p>	<p>April 2016</p> <p>IM</p>