



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Hampton Park & Old Sarum

**Extraordinary Meeting
held at the River Bourne Community Farm
at 7.00pm on Monday 8 January 2018.**

MINUTES

Councillors present: Beard, Birkett, Brown, Burton (Chairman), Bussereau, Buttigieg, Champion, Davidson, Dean, Hayes, Waller.

Wiltshire Councillors present: McLennan.

In attendance: Prince (Clerk). Stay (Assistant).

The Chairman welcomed one member of the public.

The Chairman invited WCllr McLennan to report to the Council on the extra funds that he thought would be available to support expenditure on the Wiltshire Council owned play areas. These funds were £1,726.00 arising from 14/04986/FUL at Old Sarum, £17,850.00 from S/1992/0907 at Bishopdown Farm, £1,459.69 from S/1999/1439 at Ford and £39,461.54 of unspent funds from Bishopdown. WCllr McLennan answered questions from Councillors, and Councillors gave their views.

The meeting started at 7.17pm.

18.001 APOLOGIES. Apologies had been received from Cllr Davis.

18.002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were no declarations of interest.

18.003 PLANNING APPLICATION 17/11775/FUL. For an annex and alterations at 50 Saunders Avenue, Bishopdown.

Cllr Davidson reported that a neighbour had recently submitted an objection to the application and read out parts of their objection. Various aspects of the application were discussed including loss of privacy, loss of light and loss of parking. Cllr Birkett said that technical aspects of the application should be left to the Planning Officer. Cllr Bussereau advised the Council on those matters that the Council should consider, as recommended by Wiltshire Council in their Statement of Community Involvement. The Chairman proposed that the Council object to the application with reasons. Seconded by Cllr Beard.

Resolved: To object to the application for two reasons.

1. Due to the effect of the proposed development on the appearance of the area.
2. Due to the significant overbearing impact and loss of outlook on neighbouring buildings.

18.004 APPROVE BUDGET FOR 2018-2019.

A Draft Budget (version 6) had been previously circulated to Councillors and copies were provided with supporting papers. The Clerk explained each line of the draft budget. A query was raised over the £600 provision for researching a new accounting system. It was agreed that this was not necessary and it was deleted from the draft budget. A request that the Grant budget be increased to £8000 was not agreed.

The budget figure for Asset Replacement was discussed at length. The projected increase in Asset value during the FY 2018-2019 will result in an Asset Replacement Value of £739,000. This would result in an Asset Replacement budget of £36,950 if fully implemented.

The Clerk stated that he had no confidence that the funds listed by WCllr McLennan would be paid to the Council in a timely manner. The risk of deciding a Budget and Precept without a guarantee of payment of those funds was discussed at length. The Clerk reminded the Council that the deadline for submission of a Precept requirement was 19 January 2018.

The Clerk explained each line of the draft income budget. This would result in a draft total deficit or precept requirement of £126,543. This is an increase of 78.4% on the 2017-2018 precept. If the £60,497 of funding suggested by WCllr McLennan were included the total deficit or precept requirement would be £66,046. This is a decrease of nearly 7% on the 2017-2018 precept. Cllr Birkett and Cllr Bussereau said that if the extra funds were accepted the budget line for Asset Replacement should be increased to £36,950.

It was decided to defer the approval of the Budget until the Council meeting on 15 January 2018 in order to gain clarity and more certainty on the provision of the extra funds.

18.005 APPROVE PRECEPT FOR 2018-2019. This item was deferred until the meeting on 15 January 2018.

18.006 EXEMPT BUSINESS – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC. There being no Exempt Business this item was cancelled.

The meeting concluded at 8.33pm.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7pm on Monday 15th January 2018 at Greentrees Junior School, Saunders Avenue, Bishopdown Farm.