



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Milford, Bishopdown Farm, Old Sarum & Longhedge

**Meeting held at the Old Sarum Community Centre
at 7.30pm on Monday 18th March 2019**

MINUTES

Councillors present: Beard, Birkett (Chairman) Burton, Bussereau, Dean, Hayes, Hilliard, Waller.

Wiltshire Councillors present: McLennan (until 9pm)

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

The Chairman welcomed thirteen members of the public. These included two representatives of the River Bourne Community Farm, two representatives from the developers of the Longhedge Local Centre and three representatives of Salisbury and Wilton Swifts.

A representative of Salisbury and Wilton Swifts addressed the Council to raise awareness of the need to include 'Swift Bricks' in new buildings in South Wiltshire. They have included their recommendations in responses to many planning applications and asked for the support of the Council.

The meeting started at 7.43pm.

19.040 APOLOGIES. Apologies were received from Cllr Watson.

19.041 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None.

19.042 APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The Clerk said that Cllr Waller had requested a minor amendment to the draft Minutes, to include the words 'and advertised through the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils' at item 19.032.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2019 as amended

19.043 GRANT APPLICATIONS. The Chairman noted that the Grant Application by Greentrees Primary School had been withdrawn.

River Bourne Community Farm - Live@TheFarm. The application and other documents had been circulated before the meeting and were provided with Supporting Papers. Cllr Waller asked why the stage could not be provided from the £20,000 profit made in 2018. The Chairman of The Farm said that all of the profit from last year's event was used to support the day to day running of the Farm. The Chairman asked if grant applications had been made to other bodies such as the Area Boards. The reply was that the Area Boards had been approached for other grants but not for this project. The Chairman requested a more detailed breakdown of the costs of the event. Cllr Beard asked where the attendees at the event came from. The reply was that most came from Laverstock and Salisbury, but

also from areas such as Downton. Cllr Burton said that if residents were attending from other parts of the South Wiltshire Area then that Board should be approached for a grant. It was agreed to defer consideration of this grant application to the next meeting pending receipt of further information on costs.

19.044 MATTERS ARISING.

Action PC297. Members of the Staff Management Subgroup to draft TORs for the Subgroup. Draft TORs had been circulated and were awaiting comments from Councillors. CLOSED.

Actions PC300 & PC301. CLOSED.

Action PC302. Request Wiltshire Council to consult formally on additional documents filed against application 16/06690/OUT. The Clerk reported that the request had been made and unexpectedly made available as an online comment, but there had been no formal notification of the additional documents. CLOSED.

Action PC303. CLOSED.

19.045 PLANNING

19/00537/FUL – Hybrid Application for 65 dwellings and 29 small business units on ‘employment land’ at Longhedge. Cllr Bussereau, in his role as leader of the Ford, Old Sarum and Longhedge planning team, had previously circulated a briefing note on this application to Councillors. He had included copies of responses by the Wiltshire Council Housing – Service Development & Enabling Team, and Wiltshire Council – Economic Development. He gave a summary of these responses. His interpretation of the Housing response was that there was a shortage of affordable housing in Salisbury but not in Laverstock.

Cllr Beard asked, if the houses were not built, who, if anyone, would build the business units. The Chairman said, in his opinion, if the application for houses were to be refused, the business units would not be built either. The Chairman said that he disagreed with Cllr Bussereau’s interpretation of the Housing response. There was a shortage of affordable housing in both Laverstock and Salisbury.

Resolved: That the Council objects to the application for planning consent for 65 dwellings because of the statement by the Wiltshire Council officer in Economic Development that there was a shortage of B1, B2 and B8 business units in South Wiltshire. The Council supports the reserved matters application for 29 small business units.

19/01603/FUL – Erection of 66-bed care home at Longhedge Local Centre. The Chairman briefly described the proposal and reminded the Council that they had been briefed twice on the whole Local Centre development. Cllr Burton said that the response of Salisbury and Wilton Swifts (SAWS) should be endorsed.

Resolved: To SUPPORT this application and to endorse the inclusion of swift bricks as recommended by Salisbury and Wilton Swifts.

19/01690/FUL – Retail convenience store, retail units and nursery at Longhedge Local Centre. The Chairman briefly described the application and invited representatives of Guildhall Estates (Old Sarum) Ltd to say a few words in support of the application. The main retail unit will be taken by McColl’s and the nursery by Happy Days Nursery & Pre-school.

Resolved: To SUPPORT this application and to endorse the inclusion of swift bricks as recommended by Salisbury and Wilton Swifts.

16/06690/OUT – Outline application relating to access for the demolition of existing buildings/structures and the erection of 14 residential dwellings with modified access from Roman Road. The Council had previously objected to this application. The applicant has now submitted two new documents; a letter about access and an updated ecology report. Cllr Bussereau summarised the current situation. There has been a meeting on 31st January 2019 between the Agent for this application and the Planning Officer. This had resulted in an updated proposal by the Agent for an access to the site from the original position on Roman road. In spite of the fact that this is close to the brow of a hill, a Wiltshire Council Highways Engineer has stated that, subject to some requirements being met, she would not continue with the highway safety objection to this access.

Cllr Burton outlined the results of the updated ecology report. The proposals for mitigation were valid.

Cllr Beard said that she would not be in favour of any access that crossed the Country Park and that an access via roads in Bishopdown should be investigated further. Discussion followed on whether or not the Council should withdraw its original objection from 30 August 2016, because the reasons were no longer valid. Cllr Bussereau pointed out that the change to the Housing Allocation that included this site had still not been approved.

Resolved: To withdraw the Council's objection and to support the application subject to conditions which have yet to be determined.

Old Sarum update. The Chairman reminded Councillors that they had previously approved a budget of up to £38,000 for the Virginia Way Play Park in its new position. The final quotation was higher. The Clerk advised that the contractor had also requested different payment terms to those in the Invitation to Tender.

Resolved: To approve a new budget for the Virginia Way Play Park of £41, 287.82 plus vat, and to agree to pay for the materials when they are delivered to site and the balance on completion.

Longhedge update. The Chairman reported on a fruitful meeting with the developer and Wiltshire Council officers to discuss the commuted sums for maintenance of public open space and play parks. Currently the Council has excluded the Western Boundary and the football pitch from these discussions. The detail of the commuted sums will be discussed in exempt business. A pre-transfer inspection of the Community Open Space is planned for 12th April. Progress has been made with the link paths to Old Sarum. Only the westerly two will be available initially. The first of these should be complete by late summer or early autumn.

Castle Hill Country Park update. The Clerk reported that the Council's solicitor had been informed that funds and land transfer should take place tomorrow, 19th March 2019. Cllr Burton reported that the artwork installations are being progressed and informed the Council of a Community Art workshop and Country Park drop-in event at the Hampton Park Pavilion on 15th April.

Planning Application Log. The following responses have been made since the last Council meeting.

19/00754/FUL. Construction of single portal frame building for production of paving slabs, incorporating change of use of area and associated works. Boswell Bros., Ford Lane, Ford. NO OBJECTIONS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

19/01145/FUL. Single storey rear extension and associated internal alterations. 7 Fiander Lane, Bishopdown. NO OBJECTION.

19/01714/FUL. Replacement conservatory, 12 Tryhorn Drive, Bishopdown. NO OBJECTION.

19/01746/LBC. Installation of anti-climb prevention equipment and associated signage. Milford Mill Bridge, Milford Mill Road. OBJECT FOR REASONS. Cllr Hayes gave a brief summary of his reasons for recommending this response.

Resolved: To approve the above responses.

Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group update. Cllr Bussereau referred to the report that he had previously delivered to the Annual Parish Meeting. He spoke briefly about contact that had been made with the Salisbury City Neighbourhood Planning Group.

19.046 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND.

Cllr Beard summarised progress on the production of a response to LGBCE's Draft Recommendations. WCllr McLennan confirmed that Wiltshire Council had reaffirmed their wish to use the names 'Laverstock and Ford West' and 'Laverstock and Ford East', but that they had made minor changes to the boundaries especially at Old Sarum.

19.047 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT. APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS.

Cllr Waller spoke briefly about the timetable and scoring process for the interview on 25th March. There is just one candidate from the Local Government Resource Centre. There was a discussion on the scoring process.

19.048 BUS SHELTERS – AREA BOARD GRANT APPLICATION. Cllr Burton spoke about the availability of Area Board funding to support the Council's plans to build bus shelters across the parish. The first step would be to contact the Community Engagement Manager. Further details would be discussed at the next meeting of the Facility Management Subgroup on 12th April.

19.049 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 2019 were £714,530.97 of which £661,241.34 were earmarked or restricted reserves. The Clerk reported that the allocation of Old Sarum Youth and Adult Recreation funds had increased by £7957.14 due to the relocation of the Virginia Way Play Park

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 in March 2019 amounted to £7,959.85. Debit card payments in February 2019 amounted to £271.50.

Resolved: To approve the cheque and debit card payments.

19.050 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE.

Old Sarum Community Centre Kitchen. The Clerk referred to previous reports about a problem with the gas supply to the Community Centre. The problem largely resulted from high demand gas appliances in the commercial kitchen which in theory exceeded the

capacity of the supply to the building. The Chair of Trustees has requested permission to negotiate the removal of the deep fat fryer, which had never been used, and the large 6-burner stove, which was under used, and replace them with a smaller stove and more work surface and storage. The Clerk recommended that this be approved and there were no objections from Councillors.

Grit Bin request from a resident of Silverwood Drive, Laverstock. The resident said that he had requested an extra bin from Wiltshire Council, but they had informed him that they no longer provide grit bins and he should ask the Parish Council. The Clerk said that he had no budget for grit bins and would inform the resident.

Town and Parish Councils training and Networking Day. To be held on Thursday 9th May in the Guildhall, Salisbury. Two places had been offered and three Councillors are interested. The Clerk will request a third place.

Request for Bus Shelter by Alabare Old Sarum Development Centre. A request from a Team Leader at Old Sarum for the Council to fund a new bus shelter at the entrance to the Old Sarum Development Centre. The Clerk's response was that Alabare should make a grant request to the Area Board which might be supported from the Council's budget.

19.051 LATE NOTICE ITEMS. There being no late notice items this was cancelled.

19.052 EXEMPT BUSINESS.

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.

The meeting concluded at 10.21pm.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 15th April 2019 at the River Bourne Community Farm.