



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Hampton Park & Old Sarum

**Meeting held at the River Bourne Community Farm
at 7.00pm on Monday 21st March 2016**

MINUTES

Councillors present: Ansonia, Burnell, Burton (Chairman), Bussereau, Champion, Davis, Dean, Hayes, Law, Tunncliffe.

Wiltshire Councillor present: Moss.

Clerk: Prince.

The Chairman welcomed two members of the public and invited them to address the Council. Former Councillor and Chairman, Ray Thomas, offered his archive of past Minutes to the Council. The Chairman gratefully accepted this offer. Sue White, a local resident, asked about the Community Governance Review that is now in progress and said that there should be more information on the process from the Wiltshire Council working party. She asked 'what are the current proposals, why have they been made and when are they going to talk to the residents?' She said that she was unhappy with the short time allocated for consultation in order for the Review to make recommendations and be implemented by May 2017 and that the process seems undemocratic.

The meeting commenced at 7.04pm.

16.023 APOLOGIES There were no apologies.

16.024 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Law declared a non-pecuniary interest in the River Bourne Community Farm because he is on the Management Committee.

Cllr Dean declared a non-pecuniary interest in the land that will be crossed by the new Milford Mill Road footpath.

Cllrs Ansonia and Tunncliffe declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Open Reach connection box that will be placed on land that will shortly be owned by the Parish Council because it will supply high speed broadband to their dwellings.

16.025 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held at the Old Sarum Community Centre on 15 February 2016.

16.026 MATTERS ARISING

Action PC176 Seek provision of 'No Smoking' signs for Play Areas. The Clerk reported that the original signs promoted by Wiltshire Public Health are no longer available. He will seek an alternative solution.

Action PC178 Investigate Service Delegation for bus shelter on Portway, Old Sarum.

The Clerk gave a summary of his investigation. The Council can take over responsibility for cleaning the bus shelter with just an exchange of letters with Wiltshire Council. The Clerk was asked to proceed with this course of action.

Speeding on the Portway. Cllr Bussereau summarised the results of the metrocount and possible solutions to speeding on the Portway, Old Sarum. He discussed the options for moving the 40mph zone at the eastern end of the Portway. He said that the best solution would be to extend the zone by 150 metres and recommended that the Council support this solution at CATG. If accepted by CATG the Council would be expected to contribute a proportion of the cost of extending the 40mph zone.

Resolved: To support the proposal to extend the 40mph speed limit on the Portway, Old Sarum 120 to 150 metres to the east and contribute up to £1000 towards the cost.

Community Governance Review. Cllr Bussereau gave a summary of the progress of the CGR so far following the passing of Motion 27 at the Wiltshire Council meeting on 24 November 2015. The Council is still seeking clarification of the process and the timetable for the Review. Governance at Wiltshire Council have not responded to several requests.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) Cllr Bussereau referred to an email from Tom Bray with a list of Parish Councils that have already decided to participate in the SID scheme, which will be implemented by the River Bourne Community Farm. He will get more information and circulate the details to Councillors so that they can make a decision on whether or not they want to participate.

Action Cllr Bussereau

16.027 PLANNING

Old Sarum The Clerk briefly described the process of Enforcement against Persimmon Homes Limited that he had instigated with a letter to the Head of Legal Services at Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Council have in turn issued a notice to say that intend to investigate the alleged breaches of S106 agreements. He was particularly disappointed that the Council was not able to complete the transfer of the Archaeology Open Space because of the failure of Persimmon to pay a commuted sum of just £25,285.53. There has been a request by BT Openreach to erect a new cabinet on land that will be owned by the Council in order to facilitate high speed broadband. The Clerk has confirmed to them, via Wiltshire Council, that the Council will have no objection to this cabinet.

Old Sarum Airfield Cllr Bussereau gave a brief report. Mark Harris of Barton Willmore has again deferred a further meeting with himself and John Glen MP. No date for a meeting has been proposed.

HP2 Country Park The Chairman reported on the progress of the planning application and on minor changes that had been made following comments by Historic England and Salisbury City Council. A date has been agreed to meet again with Barratts to discuss delivery of the Country Park. This will be on the afternoon of Thursday 7 April. The meeting will be attended by representatives of The Land Trust who might be able to offer independent advice to the Council on the delivery and management of the Country Park. A separate meeting with The Land Trust has been arranged for 30 March so that Councillors can acquaint themselves with this charity.

Longhedge A meeting with WYG and the developers is scheduled for 23 March. The main subject will be the large quantity of spoil being created on site and how the developers intend to deliver the Community Open Space.

16/02207/VAR Proposed Variation of Condition 3 of 15/06949/FUL relating to the creation of a café.

Resolved: To support the application.

Planning Application Log. The following responses to Planning Applications have been made since the last Council meeting. 16/00558/VAR. Variation of condition 4 of 15/03556/FUL to alter landscape, Premier Inn, Bishopdown. SUPPORT. 16/00983/FUL. Remove garage and erect 2-storey side & rear extension, 6 Silverwood Drive, Laverstock. NO COMMENT. 16/01171/FUL. Single storey extension & alterations, new hotel reception, Premier Inn, Bishopdown. NO OBJECTION. 16/01747/TPO. Fell T1 Horse Chestnut, 12 Norton Drive, Ford. NO COMMENT.

Resolved: To approve the above responses.

16.028 FINANCE

Adoption of Monthly Accounts The Financial Statement had previously been circulated by email and copies were provided. The total funds held at the end of February 2016 were £155,783.72 of which £108,787 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. Cheque payments amounted to £3,305.07. Debit card payments in February 2016 amounted to £36.12.

Resolved: To approve the cheque and debit card payments.

Budget for Grants & Donations The Clerk reported that only £3,200 had been spent out of the £5,200 budget for 2015/2016. £150 had been returned by St Andrews PCC because the Local History Group were unable to spend the donation on archaeology, and a further £265.64 had been received from the Beechwood Resident's Association with the proviso that it is donated to a cause in Laverstock. There are no outstanding grant applications in March and he proposed that the total unspent funds of £2,415.64 be transferred to restricted reserves for use in 2016/2017. It was agreed that these funds should be rolled over to the next financial year. It was also agreed that councillors would look at simplifying the terms and conditions for grant applications. **Action Cllrs Burnell & Hayes**

16.029 MILFORD MILL ROAD FOOTPATH Cllr Bussereau reported from the last CATG meeting. In order to proceed with this project the landowner requires an undertaking from Wiltshire Council to accept responsibility for the maintenance of hedges, fences and furniture of the footpath and boardwalk. Wiltshire Council Rights of Way officers had declined to accept this liability due to budgetary constraints.

Resolved: To accept liability for the maintenance of the new Milford Mill Road footpath including hedges, fences and furniture in accordance with powers vested in the Council by Section 43 of the Highways Act 1980.

16.030 PUBLIC TRANSPORT (BUS) STRATEGY CONSULTATION The Chairman had previously circulated a draft response to this consultation. Cllr Champion read the list of cost-saving options listed in the consultation questionnaire and asked for a verbal response to approve or reject from Councillors. In all cases the response was a rejection.

Resolved: To approve the letter of response to the consultation with the addition of a reference to the Council's response to the cost-saving measures. **Action Chairman**

16.031 CIL CONSULTATION The Clerk summarised the nature and extent of the consultation. First was a Draft Revised Regulation 123 List and second were draft revisions to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document. The consultation ends on 25 April 2016 and so a response can be deferred to the next Council meeting. It was agreed that all Councillors should read the documents and pass comments to the Chairman who would draft a response from the Council.

Action all Councillors and Chairman

16.032 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Victim Support A letter of thanks for the recent donation from the Council.

Shared User Path, Old Sarum The Clerk briefly described the Shared User (cycle and pedestrian) Path that has been proposed by Wiltshire Council and is designed to link Green Lane and Sherbourne Drive at Old Sarum. In doing so it crosses the Archaeology Open Space (Country Park) that is due to be transferred to the Council. The path crosses The Portway east of the junction with Green Lane. The original design from early 2015 has now been amended following discussions between the Wiltshire Council Traffic Engineer and the Wiltshire Council Archaeologist. The new design makes more use of Highways land but would involve the removal and replacement of a hedge on the AOS. Wiltshire Council are seeking the view and approval of the Council for this revised plan. The Clerk added that the cost of construction and maintenance of this Path would be borne by Wiltshire Council.

Resolved: To support the revised proposal to construct a Shared User Path across the Archaeology Open Space in accordance with the most recent plan supplied by Wiltshire Council.

16.033 REPORTS

Cllr Bussereau He reminded Councillors that he and Cllrs Hayes and Ansonia would be attending a Neighbourhood Planning meeting on 29 March.

Cllr Burnell He said that he had had no response to his proposal to hold a Dementia Friends session but he intended to plan and promote the event and hope it then gains some support.

Chairman He reported on a meeting of the trustees of the Old Sarum Community Centre that he attended. The main topic of discussion was the problem of Acoustic Reverberation. The trustees have commissioned a report on the problem, which has been passed to the Council. The next steps for the Council on this issue were discussed. One option is to refer the matter back to Wiltshire Council who accepted the building.

Action Clerk & Cllr Bussereau

16.034 EXEMPT BUSINESS There being no exempt business this item was cancelled.

The meeting concluded at 9.21pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Greentrees Primary School at 7pm on Monday 18th April 2016.