



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Milford, Bishopdown Farm, Old Sarum & Longhedge

Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 21st June 2021 at the Old Sarum Community Centre

MINUTES

Councillors present: Baker (Chair), Barker, Hayes, Maskell, McDonald, Rigiani, Schneider, Tucker, Waller.

In Attendance: Deane (Deputy Clerk and Clerk for this meeting), Prince (Clerk), Cavendish (Operations Officer), Whitfield (Communications and Community Engagement Officer).

Wiltshire Councillors in attendance: Cllr Oliver until 8.24pm

There were five members of the public present. One member of the public spoke concerning a planning application for additional houses in Roger Way, Old Sarum and expressed concern about the number of houses and parking spaces. The Chair replied that the Parish Council would be discussing the application in tonight's meeting, and encouraged members of the public to make their own responses on the Wiltshire Council website.

The meeting opened at 7.02pm.

21.081 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Warren and Wiltshire Cllr McLennan.

21.082 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

21.083 Co-option of Councillor

The Chair welcomed Laura Jones and explained the process of co-option. Laura addressed the Council and answered questions from Councillors. The Chair asked Laura and the other members of the public to leave the hall whilst co-option was discussed. The Chairman proposed the co-option of Laura Jones.

Resolved: To co-opt Laura Jones to the Laverstock and Milford ward of the Council.

Cllr Jones and all members of the public were returned to the meeting. Cllr Jones signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Councillor, witnessed by the Deputy Clerk and joined the meeting.

21.084 Approval of Minutes

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting on 17th May 2021.

21.085 Referral of Committee Minutes

The Chair asked Councillors to note the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee which had previously been circulated. The Clerk reported that any items which required approval of the Full Council would be reported as Action Items. The Clerk reminded the Committee Chairs that all public meetings should be arranged through the Clerk.

21.086 Matters Arising

The Action List had previously been circulated to councillors and as a report on the website.

21.087 Planning

PL/2021/04084 – 53 dwellings & 7 apartments, Old Sarum

Several matters were discussed regarding this application including traffic, traffic safety, parking, noise and the lack of marketing of the areas for their original intended use.

Resolved: to object with reasons.

A full copy of the response from Laverstock and Ford Parish Council is attached below.

Planning Application Log – Approval of Responses

PL/2021/03317 Erect a grain and feed barn, permissible surface to yard access road (scalping or similar) and re-use retained existing 5.5m wide field access on to Old Malthouse Lane. Land at Ford Farm, Old Malthouse Lane, Ford, SP4 6DR. *NO COMMENT*

PL/2021/04290 Proposed front extension. 4 Linden Close, Laverstock *NO COMMENT*

PL/2021/04970 Double domestic garage to front of property. 5 Becket Way, Laverstock *NO COMMENT*

PL/2021/05319 Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Leylandii cypress remove to ground level. *SUPPORT*

Resolved: to approve the above responses

Longhedge update

The Clerk reported that the works reprofiling the Community Open Space were progressing. Vistry have agreed to stop use of a vibrating roller following complaints from residents. The Clerk is pursuing timescales for handover.

Neighbourhood Planning update

The Communications and Community Engagement Officer reported on the progress of the public consultation with 824 visits to the NP website, but a low response rate. Councillors were asked to encourage responses using the online form, even if they have no comments and wish to just support the plan as it stands. The first Q&A has already taken place with another scheduled for 29th.

21.088 Committee Membership.

Cllr Barker had requested to join the Operations Committee and Cllr Jones asked to join the Communications and Community Engagement Committee.

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Barker to the Operations Committee

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Jones to the Communications and Community Engagement Committee

21.089 Approval of Internal Audit, 21.090 Approval of Annual Governance Statement and 21.091 Approval of Accounting Statement will be discussed at an Extraordinary Parish Council on 28th June 2021.

21.092 Highways Improvement Request. Deer warning signs on A345.

A resident had submitted a request for Deer warning signs on the A345.

Resolved: to support the Highways Improvement Request for the area of the A345 within Laverstock and Ford Parish Council area.

21.093 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order. Church Road, Laverstock

Cllr Baker explained that the existing yellow lines in Church Road were not currently supported by Traffic Regulation Orders, which meant that they were unenforceable.

Resolved: to support the Highways Improvement Request for a Traffic Regulation Order and necessary signs for Church Road.

21.094 Old Sarum Skatepark.

The Deputy Clerk reported that access difficulties were still being discussed, as Persimmon had only just agreed to grant access across their land, and requested that up to £5,500.00 be approved to facilitate access to the Skatepark site. Due to COVID, the skatepark group had not quite raised the £10,000.00 they hoped to, with a shortfall of £1,422.00.

Resolved: to approve additional funds of £1422.00 towards the construction of the Skatepark, from Youth and Adult Off-Site Open Space Contribution for Area 9A/9B.

Resolved: to approve up to £5,500.00 towards the costs of access for the contractor and materials to the Skatepark site, from Youth and Adult Off-Site Open Space Contribution for Area 9A/9B.

21.095 Finance

Cllr Baker confirmed he had inspected all the monthly accounts, but that the Adoption of Monthly Accounts and Approval of Reserves and Treasury deposit reports were not yet available for this meeting, and would be presented at the meeting in July.

Cheque, Debit Card and Direct Debit Payments

Debit card & direct debit payments in May 2021 amounted to £1452.81. Total cheque payments in June 2021 amount to £16,051.40.

Resolved: To approve the cheque, debit card and direct debit payments,

21.096 Clerk's Report & Correspondence.

The Clerk reported on a request from Wiltshire Council for suggestions on how to improve Bus services. The Chair suggested this be circulated to residents on social media and then delegated to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to collate responses. Cllr Barker suggested that the bus service from the Park and Ride should be extended out to the hospital.

The Clerk reported that the Hampton Park Community Event had been deferred until 30th August, and that another event was planned on 14th August Old Sarum Fun Day. The Clerk suggested that if the Parish Council were participating in the Hampton Park event, they should also consider the Old Sarum event. The Clerk had circulated a request from a resident for a community defibrillator at Longhedge. This will be discussed by the Operations Committee.

The Clerk reported that the rota for councillors attending Area Board had stopped. The Clerk will circulate dates and asked for volunteers to attend.

The Clerk reported that a company had contacted him warning of reduced rental costs in future for the Vodafone mast at River Bourne Community Farm, and offering to buy the remainder of the lease. The Clerk reported the lease still had a number of years to run. The Chair asked that this be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

21.097 Exempt Business - Exclusion of the Press & Public

There being no exempt business, this item was cancelled.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be an Extraordinary Meeting held at 7pm on Monday 28th July 2021 at River Bourne Community Farm.

PL/2021/04084

Proposed residential development of 53no. new dwellings comprising development on land to the west of Roger Way (Areas A&F), alongside the change of use of the vacant ground floor unit at Block C of the Old Sarum Local Centre (Area G), to provide for 7no. affordable apartments. **Land to the west of Roger Way and Old Sarum Local Centre (Block C), Old Sarum, Salisbury, Wiltshire.**

At its meeting on 21st June 2021, Laverstock and Ford Parish Council voted to OBJECT to the above application for the following reasons.

Regarding residential development of the land to the west of Roger Way:-

1. The Parish Council strongly supports the land remaining as employment land as defined in the 2007 S106 agreement, being "6ha of employment land principally comprising uses B1 and B2". No evidence has been provided of sufficient effort made in marketing or developing the land, to encourage take up for this use.
2. The noise and light from the neighbouring Salisbury Football Club, being immediately adjacent to the site, would have a significant adverse effect on any residential properties.
3. The roads approaching the site are already overcrowded. Many cars are parking along both sides of Sherbourne Drive, including near junctions and blind corners. The bus already has great difficulty negotiating this area, and concerns have been raised about access for Emergency Services. Laverstock and Ford Parish Council believe the proposed design does not provide sufficient parking for residents and visitors and will add to the problems already evident.
4. This road is part of the route for many children to nearby Old Sarum Primary School. The lack of parking spaces, and poor parking on the road combined with the increase in traffic to a residential development would make this an extremely hazardous area.
5. The proposed design of the new homes in this area is over-dense, with too many properties in a small area. There is no provision of electric vehicle charging points and many of the properties have no provision for storage of refuse bins.

Regarding the Old Sarum Local Centre:-

Not enough has been done to make this area an easy enough option for any consideration of Community use. We have seen no evidence of any marketing of this area for Community use, and the units have been left empty and unmaintained for some time.

Wiltshire Councillor Andrew Oliver, who was present at the meeting, was requested to 'call-in' this application for full discussion at the next Planning Committee.