



# Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Milford, Bishopdown Farm, Old Sarum & Longhedge

## Meeting of Operations Committee held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm

**Councillors present:** Maskell (Chair), Barker, McDonald

**In attendance:** Cavendish (Deputy Clerk), Elder (Operations Assistant), Prince (Responsible Financial Officer)

### MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 7pm.

**O.22.22 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Lynn, Rigiani and Vanstone

**O.22.23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**O.22.24 Approval of Minutes of Meeting**

The minutes of the June meeting had not yet been circulated and this will be carried forward to the next meeting.

**O.22.25 Matters Arising**

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Graffiti Art Project was now completed successfully and was reported in the Newsletter and Facebook. No further damage has been seen although litter remains a problem.

**O.22.32 Cricket Pitch, Bishopdown** (this item was brought forward at the request of the Deputy Clerk)

The Deputy Clerk reported that the cricket wicket on The Green was in poor condition and had been vandalised. The surrounding outfield does not meet the dimensions required by ICC. It is also surrounded by a public path and a residential road with on street parking.

**Resolved:** to remove the cricket wicket and re-instate to grass on The Green, Hampton Park.

**O.22.26 Sycamore Drive Play Area**

The Operations Officer is preparing a tender document for the new play area. Ideas to obtain residents feedback on design were discussed.

**O.22.27 Drake Close Play Area**

The Deputy Clerk reported on the intention to replace the play area on a smaller footprint to allow for the desire line path and access onto the Hampton Trail to remain. Re-cycling the reconditioned equipment from St Judes play area was agreed.

**O.22.28 Community Infrastructure Levy**

The Deputy Clerk reported on a request from residents for picnic benches at Old Sarum. The Deputy Clerk will obtain quotes.

**O.22.29 Defibrillator's**  
A resident had suggested that the Parish Council should provide a defibrillator in each ward. It was felt that the wards were too large and rural to be able to provide comprehensive cover, without suitable locations. The Womens Institute had suggested publishing the location of accessible defibrillators in the Parish on the Parish Council website. The Deputy Clerk was asked to respond that grants were available to community groups wishing to instal a defibrillator, and that if the information was provided, the Parish Council would publish the location of defibrillators in the parish.

**O.22.30 Queen's Green Canopy Tree Planting**  
The Deputy Clerk reported that 30 trees were to be planted at Hartley Way, Bishopdown Farm, and 130 fruit trees (including sloes, hazelnuts and crab apples) would be planted on the open space at Norman Drive, Old Sarum.

**O.22.31 Tree Policy and Inspections**  
A consultant has been requested to conduct a tree-zoning exercise to assist in risk management and inspection. This report will then influence the final tree policy.

**O.22.33 Environmental Action Plan Group**  
There were no volunteers to chair the group. Cllr Barker said she may be able to in the future. The Deputy Clerk will email those councillors not present.

**O.22.34 Officers Report**  
The Deputy Clerk reported that Budget requirements for 2023/24 should be considered at the next meeting.  
The Deputy Clerk reported on increases in energy costs for Old Sarum Community Centre and that renewable energy options may need to be considered.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

SIGNED:

DATE:

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Operations Committee will be on 24<sup>th</sup> November at River Bourne Community Farm.