

LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH COUNCIL

Report for Agenda Item 21.163 - Resolution to Sign: Land Transfers

Subject: Transfer of seven parcels of land at Bishopdown to Parish Council.
Date: 15th November 2021
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1. Report Summary.

- 1.1 This report explains the procedure and the detail of the transfer of seven parcels of land at Bishopdown Farm and Laverstock from Wiltshire Council to the Parish Council, and authorises the sealing of transfer documents.

2. Background.

- 2.1 Section 23 of Standing Orders states that any two Councillors may sign on behalf of the Council, any deed required by law, and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures. This includes transfer deeds of land and property.
- 2.2 The Scheme of Delegation is unclear on which body or person shall authorise the transfer of land or property. It is assumed this is reserved to the Parish Council. This was clearly stated in previous Standing Orders, now superseded.
- 2.3 The seven parcels of land are being transferred from Wiltshire Council to the Parish Council under the Service Devolution and Asset Transfer Policy for Small Parishes proposed in 2018. Due diligence and legal costs are the responsibility of this Council and no funds accompany the transfers.

3. Land to be transferred.

- 3.1 Land on the north and south of St Thomas Way, Salisbury held under title number WT197888. This includes St Luke's and St Peter's play areas and an area of land within the civil parish of Salisbury that the Council proposes is added to Castle Hill Country Park.
- 3.2 Land on the south side of Pearce Way, Salisbury held under title number WT415869.
- 3.3 Land on the north and south sides of St Clements Way, Salisbury held under title number WT216133.
- 3.4 Land on the west side of Sycamore Drive, Salisbury held under title number WT182732.
- 3.5 Land known as Hampton Park, Salisbury held under title number WT240235. This is The Green, Hampton Park with the cricket pitch and London Plane trees.

- 3.6 Land adjoining Hampton Park, Salisbury held under title number WT258529. This is the land also called the strategic buffer, which includes the Hampton Park Trail.
- 3.7 Land at Duck Lane, Laverstock, Salisbury held under title number WT269190. A small strip of land between Laverstock Village Hall and Duck Lane.
- 3.8 Full descriptions and plans can be found at Annex A to Report 21.025 published in February 2021.

4. Recommendation.

- 4.1 That the Council resolves to approve the signing of the Transfer Deeds for Titles WT197888, WT415869, WT216133, WT182732, WT240235, WT258529 and WT269190 by any two Parish Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 23.