



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Milford, Bishopdown Farm, Old Sarum & Longhedge

Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th April 2024 at Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre

MINUTES

Councillors present: Harris, Jones (Chair), Lynn, McDonald, Schneider (until 9.12pm), Vanstone, Waller, Williams

In attendance: Brain (Communications and Community Engagement Officer CCEO), Deane (Clerk), Prince (Responsible Financial Officer RFO)

Also in attendance were 8 members of the public, 2 members of the local Police team and Wiltshire Councillor McLennan.

Members of Boscombe Down Aviation Collection updated councillors on their plans for a D Day event in June.

The Police updated councillors on local events including thefts at the leisure centre, anti-social behaviour incidents and stolen vehicles. All were encouraged to be aware that rogue traders had been reported as operating in the area.

The meeting commenced at 7.07pm.

24.043 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Baker, Barker and Rigiani.

Resolved: to accept the apologies received.

24.044 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Lynn and Vanstone declared an interest in item 24.045 as trustees of Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre.

24.045 Grant Applications

Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

The applicant presented their application for funds towards their Sensory Project and answered questions from councillors.

Resolved: That the council grants £2000 to Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust under the powers granted by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre

Representatives from OSLCC presented their application for funds towards the Centre Managers Salary and answered questions from councillors. The RFO reported that any award for this application would come from Community Centre budget and not the general Grant budget.

Resolved: That the council grants £5000 to Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre toward the Centre Managers salary under the powers granted by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre

Representatives from the Community Pantry presented their application for funds towards operating the Pantry and answered questions from councillors.

Resolved: That the council grants £5400 to Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre towards the Pantry costs under the powers granted by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

24.046 Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust MOU

DBCT had suggested agreeing a Memorandum of Understanding between themselves and the Parish Council. The Parish Council continue to discuss management of land adjacent to Castle Hill Country Park and any MOU will be included in these discussions.

24.047 Approval of Minutes

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2024

24.048 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported the grant application from Phoenix Stars would not be progressed until additional information was provided regarding the allocation of any funds.

The Parish Strategic Plan will be updated for the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.

24.049 Operations Updates

Saunders Avenue MUGA - Appointment of Contractor

The Operations Officer had circulated Report 24.049(1) in advance of the meeting, setting out options for replacement of the damaged goals at Saunders Avenue MUGA. Cllr Waller read a residents statement regarding the impact of the loss of the current damaged goals.

Resolved: to appoint Wicksteed Leisure to provide 2 sport wall goal ends at Saunder Avenue MUGA for a sum of £17,411.23 +VAT

Bus Shelter at Broken Cross - Appointment of Contractor

The Operations Officer had circulated Report 24.049(2) in advance of the meeting, setting out options for the deteriorating bus shelter at Broken Cross.

Resolved: to appoint GW Shelter Solutions to replace the bus shelter at Broken Cross for a sum of £11,359.00 + VAT.

24.050 Planning

PL/2022/04875 Salisbury Retail Park (ASDA)

The Chair reported that this would be considered at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday to be held in Trowbridge. The Clerk was asked to register the councils disappointment that the meeting was not held locally in Salisbury.

ACTION CLERK

Planning log

Resolved: to approve the following responses

PL/2024/02656 Consent for works under Tree Preservation Orders at 4 St Albans Close, Bishopdown
SUPPORT

PL/2024/03225 Single storey side extension at 6 Whitebridge Road, Laverstock NO COMMENT

24.051 Finance

The RFO had circulated Report 24.051 in advance of the meeting. Cllr McDonald confirmed that he had checked the accounts in detail this month and recommended them for approval.

Adoption of Monthly Accounts for March 2024

The Financial Statements had previously been circulated in Report 24.051. The total funds held on 31st March 2024 were £1,863,818.24 of which £1,700,872.42 were earmarked or restricted reserves.

Resolved: To adopt the monthly accounts as a true record of the Council's finances.

Authorisation of Payments

The lists of payments had been circulated in Report 24.051. Total cheque and BACS payments in April 2024 amounted to £39,653.31, including solicitors fees of £4,800, a contribution of £4,967 for maintenance of Salisbury City's Avenue Cemetery and £6,390 for repairs to drains at Laverstock Village Hall. Debit card and direct debit payments in March 2024 amounted to £1,631.34.

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

Review of Reserves and Treasury Deposit Report

Reserves and Treasury Deposit Reports had been presented in Report 24.051.

A total of £1,446,633.13 was held on deposit on 31st March 2024. A £390,000 term deposit with Lloyds matured on 27th March 2024 and is awaiting re-investment. £273,433.01 is on a 32-Day Notice account with Lloyds and earned interest of £544.80 during March. £1,173,200.12 is invested in the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund and earned a dividend of £4,702.99 in March. The dividend was re-invested.

The total Restricted and Earmarked Reserves held at the end of March 2024 were £1,700,872.42. Of these funds £1,273,082.85 are held for long-term maintenance or other specific projects.

Resolved: to note the reserve and treasury deposit reports

24.052 Clerks Report and Correspondence

The CCEO updated councillors on plans for the annual meetings in May to be held at Salisbury Football Club, and plans to mark the 80th anniversary of D Day.

Councillors asked the Clerk to progress awarding Freedom of the Parish to retired Parish Councillor Hayes.

24.053 Exempt Business – Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: that in view of the commercial in confidence nature of the business about to be transacted, that the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 s100.

River Bourne Community Farm

The Clerk reported on a meeting held with the directors on 10th April. The directors are arranging for the breaches of lease to be remedied. The Clerk circulated financial accounts and educational session forecasts which had been provided at the meeting.

In anticipation of resolving the lease issues, the directors had requested immediate permission for the siting of an additional classroom. Wilsons Solicitors had advised this could be achieved without prejudice to the proceedings regarding the lease.

Report 24.053 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Councillors noted that the plans included siting of two cabins, and also requested that payment of legal fees to date be included.

Resolved: That the Council approves the recommendation of confidential Report 24.053 as amended.

Resolved: That the Council resolves to approve the signing of the temporary licence for additional cabins at River Bourne Community by any two Parish Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 23.

Hampton Park Pavilion

The Clerk reported that the current licence with Hampton Park Pavilion was agreed on a temporary basis whilst the transfer of freehold was in progress. Councillors were asked to consider whether they would be content the licence indefinitely or whether they would require a lease to be negotiated.

Other uses of space at the Pavilion were discussed, and it was agreed that the temporary licence continues whilst alternative uses are investigated.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm.

NEXT MEETING. The next Parish Council Meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 20th May 2024 at Salisbury Football Club.

This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 6pm.

SIGNED:

DATE: