



## LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Finance & General Purposes Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday 4 March 2025

#### Agenda Item: FGP25.017

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| <b>Subject:</b>           | Laverstock Village Hall drains                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Prepared by:</b>       | Gale Pettifer, Parish Clerk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Purpose of Report:</b> | To consider funding support for repairing the drains at Laverstock Village Hall.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Background:</b>        | <p>Laverstock &amp; Ford Village Hall is owned (proprietor) by Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance (SDBF), administered (beneficial owner) by the Parochial Church Council (PCC), leased (full repairing/insuring) by (custodian owner) Laverstock &amp; Ford Parish Council, and run by a voluntary management committee.</p> <p>In 2024, problems with the drains were identified.</p> <p>A full survey of the drains identified multiple problems including root ingress and a broken rest bend. The rest bend and 35m of the drain has already been cleared and relined. However, a further 38m has been cleared of root ingress, but still needs to be relined to prevent them coming back. There is also a risk of the affected section of old pipe collapsing. Should this 'letter boxing' happen, relining is not an option and a full excavation of the car park would be needed. An estimated cost for the last section of relining, in 2024, was £6,205 + VAT. We await an updated quote.</p> <p>The village hall committee paid for the initial investigation, approximately £707.00.</p> <p>To date, the Parish Council have paid £6,930.00 for drainage works, plus additional hire fees for portaloos.</p> |
| <b>Key Points:</b>        | <p>The village hall drains require further work to reline the old pipes.</p> <p>The contractor who completed the work last year has been approached to update and resubmit the quote for the outstanding work.</p> <p>The Parochial Church Council have agreed to pay 50% of the cost of this up to a maximum of £4,000.00. (Funds will be released once cost has been confirmed.)</p> <p>While no formal decision has been made regarding the lease (which expires in 2027) it is anticipated that the lease will be renewed, rather than being taken back into the PCC.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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| <b>Implications</b>   | <p>Maintenance – the relining of the drainage pipes will prevent further root ingress and a collapse of the pipes.</p> <p>Financial – the cost of the repairs are estimated to be £8,000 with 50% of costs to be shared with the PCC (or up to a maximum of £4,000).</p> <p>Lease – there is no current assurance from the PCC that the lease will be renewed after 2027.</p> |
| <b>Recommendation</b> | <p>To recommend to Full Council that funding support for repairing the drains at Laverstock Village Hall be approved.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |