

Diary Dates for events around the parish in July and August

July 2011

Tues 5th	Mothers' Union Curtis Room 8.00pm 'Dog BEHIND THE Collar' a talk by Revd Jack Leeming
Wed 6th	Evergreen Club, Laverstock Village Hall 2.30pm
Sun 10th	Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas
Sun 17th	Laverstock Gardening Club, Open Gardens Day
Mon 18th	Parish Council meets, St Andrews School 7 pm Laverstock & District WI, A Piece of Silver, talk by Philip Rance Laverstock Village Hall 7.45pm
Weds 20th	Evergreen Club event, Cream Teas at 15 Napier Crescent 2.30pm Cream Teas, Raffle—all welcome
Sat 23rd	Time Travellers Go...archaeology, Old Sarum
Sun 24th	Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas Time Travellers Go... Archaeology, Old Sarum
Mon 25th	Gardening Club, Talk on Great Bustards
Weds 27th	Mothers' Union afternoon group, St Andrews Church Wave of Prayer at 1pm Meditation led by Revd Jill Offer at 2.15pm
Sat 30th	Old Sarum Community Summer BBQ

August 2011

No meeting of L&F Parish Council this month

Tues 2nd	Mothers' Union evening group, evensong at the Cathedral Followed by supper
Weds 3rd	Evergreen Club, Laverstock Village Hall 2.30pm Time Travellers Go... Medieval, Old Sarum
Thurs 4th	Time Travellers Go... Medieval, Old Sarum
Sun 7th	Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas Skydive for the Childrens Trust, Old Sarum Airfield
Thurs 11th	Evergreen Club, event, Ploughmans Lunch at 15 Napier Crescent at 12.30 Ploughmans Lunch, Raffle—all welcome
Mon 15th	Parish Council meets, St Andrews School 7pm
Sat 20th	Copy deadline for Parish Newsletter edition 129
Sun 21st	Riverbourne Community Farm, Cream Teas
Mon 22nd	Gardening Club, Annual Show and Gardeners' Questions
Weds 24th	Mothers' Union afternoon group, St Andrews Church Evensong led by Hugh Montgomerie at 2.15

We welcome all groups, societies and clubs within our Parish to publicise your details of meetings, reports, details of AGMs, special meetings and events so that you may inform your membership as well as gain new members.

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Parish Newsletter

Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter

A bi-monthly Newsletter produced by the Parish Council, distributed free of charge to over 2,700 households and local businesses, providing news, information and items of interest for the Parish including Laverstock, Ford, Hampton Park, Bishopdown Farm and Old Sarum.

Deadline

for the September/Nov 2011

Newsletter (No 129)

Friday 19th August

will require information/
articles, reports, new
advertisements and
amendments to adverts

to be with the editor by

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lfparishnews@gmail.com or call the parish clerk to discuss*

A Space for the Community

The Old Sarum Community Room (OSCR) is now in its 2nd year. The space is available to hire for residents use, business use, community groups, fitness classes etc..

We have a main hall, a meeting room, downstairs WC, small kitchen, disabled access & 2 parking spaces.

Salisbury International Arts Festival organised a drumming workshop in April and a Sculpture workshop in May. Plans are under way at OSCR for our SUMMER DO on Sat 30 July from 12noon to 3pm for local residents to come & enjoy a BBQ, meet some staff from Old Sarum Primary School & register your child. Lots of other fun things to do too.

Contact Suz Vickery : Community Room Co-ordinator
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Contacts around the Parish

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Scouts	Dave Waspe	421287

Welcome to Edition 128 of our Parish Newsletter.

We do hope that you will find something of interest and that, should you need a local service/contractor you will use one of our advertisers for, without their support there would be no Newsletter.

Please feel free to write to the Editor* with comments/suggestions. We do not promise to always act on each and every one but your feedback would be much appreciated.

We also welcome in this edition some contributions, contacts and events from our Old Sarum neighbours.

Enjoy a great summer – there is plenty going on locally.

the front cover features a photograph of Laverstock board walk taken by David Smith

Please send all Parish Newsletter communications to

Juliet Brain lfparishnews@gmail.com

and to Steve Hannath at parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk

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POLITE NOTICE

St Joseph's School fields

St Joseph's School asks that members of the public accessing its private fields to walk up to the downs keep to the field boundary and ensure that any dog dirt is responsibly removed as this is a pupils' playing field.

Robin Dinnis

In the last Parish Newsletter we paid tribute to the fantastic work done by Robin in organising the distribution of this Newsletter. Sadly, we were unable to include a tribute to him then due to publication dates. The following is a tribute to a wonderful resident who cared about his community and worked tirelessly to, 'give something back'.

Upon moving to the area with his wife Margaret and young family 28 years ago, Robin quickly became an extremely active member of the community. As well as sitting on a number of local committees his most recent role was that of chief Newsletter Distributer, something he thoroughly enjoyed long into his retirement.

He also kept fit digging the allotment that he had leased from St Andrew's Church since the early 1980s. This allotment provided his family with a great many unusually-shaped yet very tasty vegetables and enabled Robin to forge strong friendships amongst the allotment-holders. It seems fitting that his final resting place is in sight of the allotment where he spent so many happy hours.

Robin also had a connection with St Andrew's Primary School, where his children Steve and Anna studied and where he stood as Chair of the Governors for a number of years. He liked to give back to the community that gave him and his family so much.



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Robin was born in Gurnard, Isle of Wight and educated at Ryde School where he pursued interests in engineering and sport. He represented Hampshire in the All-England Schools' Athletics Competition and excelled at hockey too. In his 50s he joined Steve on the books of Hampton Park Cricket Club. They batted together just once, lasting a defiant two balls, a memory that will remain with Steve forever.

Before retiring in 2004 Robin worked as the Production Manager at Wallgate in Wilton. Never one to sit still, his retirement didn't last long and he was soon back in action – in recent years at Phillips & Co. Solicitors

working alongside his wife of 37 years, Margaret.

Around all these other commitments, Robin kept up his most relaxing of hobbies – stamp collecting. A keen philatelist, he became Secretary of the Salisbury Philatelic Society, where he liked to listen to others talk of their collections. He too would share his own although his narrative would often stray to stories of Anna and the unusual countries from which she'd sent the stamps. He also forged relations with the Macclesfield Philatelic Society where his brother Alan is a long-standing member.

A loving family man, Robin passed away in Salisbury District Hospital on the 8th April aged 72 with Margaret, Steve and Anna at his side.

Parish Land gains at Pilgrims Way

The slow and tortuous legal transfer of the planning land gains at Pilgrims Way are moving towards a conclusion. Since the construction of the development, the responsibility for maintaining the open spaces and for the tiny tots play area has rested with the developers, Bloor Homes. Their agents, charged with emptying bins and checking the site, have not always been up to the mark. Litter, particularly, has been a problem. Just as soon as the legal transfer occurs then responsibility will pass to the Parish Council. We will generate a contract for the grass cutting and for the regular emptying of the rubbish bins. We are nearly there!

War Memorial

It's not too late to make a contribution to the planned war memorial for the servicemen of Laverstock who died in the Second World War.

Please contact the Parish Clerk

A Farewell from Jacqui Goodall

It is now only a few weeks before I retire from headship at St Edmund's School. I have been Headteacher for ten of the twenty four years served at the School and it will be with a mixture of emotions when I leave. St Edmund's School is such a happy place and I have so enjoyed helping the different cohorts through their secondary education, arriving as young girls, often very nervous, and leaving as confident and accomplished young women.

Whilst I am aware that the last thing Laverstock parishioners would want is even more students (and cars!) coming into their village, I must say that it is a shame that we do not have a Sixth Form to enable our students to complete their post-sixteen education here in their home school. The Laverstock schools are situated on such a glorious site I always feel very privileged to be here, especially in the summer with the lovely view of the hill. Our students, too, love being here and although there is some environmental impact, on the whole, our students respect the local community and the Laverstock village.

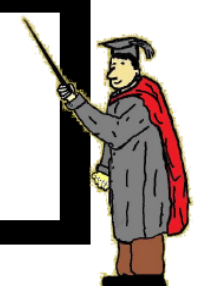
I would particularly like to thank all those associated with the Parish Council for their continued support and willingness to work with our large school community in such a positive way. I do hope that I have helped in some way to reinforce the belief that the vast majority of young people are genuinely caring and honest and do not deserve the negative publicity they sometimes receive.



I will leave in July with so many happy and special memories. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in some way to making St Edmund's into the very special school that it is and I trust that you will all welcome the new Headteacher, Miss Sarah Busby, into the Laverstock community.
Mrs Jacqui Goodall
Headteacher

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SpireWeather Review – March-April 2011

After a winter of contrasts, the spring of 2011 has been notable for its high April temperatures and lack of rainfall. At the time of writing the meteorological spring (March-May) is drawing to a close with inevitable comparisons being made with the drought of 1976. Parts of south-east England have only seen some 12% of their average spring rainfall, and here in the south it looks set to be the third driest spring on record.

Following a very mild February, March began on a dry, chilly note with air frosts every night between the 2nd and the 8th, culminating with March's lowest temperature of -4.9°C (23.2°F) early on the 8th. A milder spell followed but no measurable rain fell until the 13th and only 11mm (0.4") rainfall was recorded for the entire month. March's wettest day was the 18th with 5mm (0.2") rainfall. A very mild and settled spell later in the month produced March's maximum temperature of 21.3°C (70.3°F) on the 25th and SpireWeather's record high pressure of 1042mb on the 23rd.

April was most notable for its lack of rainfall and sizzling Easter weekend, the hottest Easter on record. In fact, no measurable rain was recorded for the entire month, and traces of rainfall were barely enough to dampen the ground. Amounts were so low that SpireWeather's estimated rainfall of 1mm (0.04") was made using other local data. April's lowest temperature of 2.2°C (36°F) produced a slight ground frost early on the 4th. The second half of the month saw remarkably high temperatures for April with maxima exceeding 21°C (70°F) every day from the 17th to 25th. The hottest day was the 23rd when temperatures soared to 30.9°C (87.6°F) sparking off isolated thunderstorms across southern England. This is higher than official local sources as is so often the case on hot still days beneath Burroughs Hill – Larkhill Met Office for example recorded 25.3°C (77.5°F) on this day. The humidity was also particularly low on the 23rd at only 18% that afternoon, another SpireWeather record.

It will be interesting to see whether the dry theme set by spring 2011 will continue into the summer – if so we could be facing some potentially serious drought problems – or whether, like so many recent years, the summer of 2011 will turn out to be another washout.

Find out in the next newsletter! For more local weather information visit spireweather.co.uk but remember to check official sources of weather data where life or property may be at risk.

BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BFRA) NEWS MAY 11

It has been a very busy period for the BFRA and the PC with the build up to, and attendance at, the Public Inquiry into HP2. We were also delighted to welcome our new 'local' PCllr, Kevin Flynn, to our Committee Meeting. Kevin has already got a firm grip on things and is chasing up the state of the speed bumps on the estate as well as working on moving Bishopdown Farm closer to the centre of the Parish (which is understandably somewhat Laverstock-centric!). The BFRA Committee has welcomed two new members: Angela Thomas and Chris Cockerill which will help to spread the workload. We have strengthened our ties with Radian housing association with mutual links between our websites. Radian is supporting our major community events such as Halloween (it may seem a while away but make a note that we will be holding our Halloween event in the Pavilion on the night of Monday 31st October when all local ghouls, ghosts and other spirits will be welcome).

The Pavilion: Following repeated and ongoing vandalism at the Pavilion, the BFRA Committee agreed to support the Pavilion Committee in banning the Youth Club at the beginning of April. This action precipitated a combined WC/Police/Wilton Road Youth Centre investigation. This is understood to be looking into the running of the Youth Club and the legalities. There may well be a silver lining to this in that a Duke of Edinburgh award scheme group may be set up in place of the Youth Club. Having resolved some of the internal issues with the Pavilion we still have issues with external vandalism: protective boarding being removed on the side of the veranda and roof tiles on the front of the building being damaged with a football. If anyone witnesses damage being done to the Pavilion please contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team and let the BFRA/Pavilion Committee know what has happened.

HP2 Farmer's Fields: The fields where the HP2 development is sited are still private land. The fence protecting the boundary has been deliberately cut more than once (possibly by dog walkers and others) to gain access to the fields. Pearce has repaired the damage and erected signs warning that the fields are private land. The actions of some are simply criminal damage and trespass and will certainly not put the community in a favourable light in the ongoing battle over HP2. Sadly the adjacent footpath around the estate is continuing to be used as a rubbish dump by residents who cannot be bothered to dispose of their rubbish responsibly. The selfish acts of a few are damaging our community, so if you see anyone damaging the fence or dumping rubbish please report it to the NPT with an information call to the BFRA.

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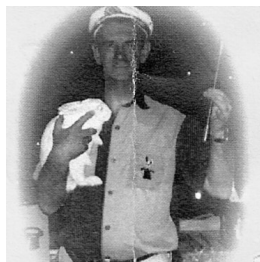
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HP2/Core Strategy: The minutes of the Wiltshire Council Core Strategy meeting on 22nd February have finally been published in draft only just in time for the subsequent WC meeting on 17th May (<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx?CIId=130&MIId=5619&Ver=4> or use the link on the BFRA website). Unfortunately, there are very few explanations which only reinforces the feeling that the Parish has been effectively 'stitched-up' by the majority of the councillors, despite the best efforts of some of our local councillors. Indeed WC's response to the question as to why the undisputed housing at Long Hedge could not be reinstated in lieu of HP2 was turned down because: '*making such a change at this stage in the process had the potential to render the Strategy unsound*' (there is no explanation of this, just a statement). We need not remind you that these are the people who you are paying to look after your best interests. While there are still some stages to go through the aim is for the Wiltshire Core Strategy to be formally adopted in 2012. In the meantime we have been through the Public Inquiry into the planning application for HP2. You were well represented by the PC and BFRA with a good turnout of residents on the first day. Detailed and considered statements were presented by the chairs of the PC and BFRA as well as your local WCllrs. The PC's and BFRA's statements are available on their respective websites and copies may well appear in this Newsletter. The Parish Clerk has also produced a summary of the 4 days of the Inquiry which should also appear elsewhere in this Newsletter. We now have some time to wait for the Inspector's report. Suffice to say that a considerable amount of work was completed behind the scenes with WC's legal team agreeing numerous issues, in particular the S106 agreements, with the appellant's team without any recourse to the PC or BFRA. Our only salvation might be that the Inspector, who presented as a fair but firm individual, will have noted the detailed statements provided on your behalf and the fact that most of the local issues raised by those who live and know how the community works (in particular transport and schools) were ignored by WC and the appellant. The BFRA website now has a detailed section on these issues – check it out now for all the information on this important subject.

BFRA Website: Don't forget to make regular visits to keep up to date with what is going on – there were regular updates on the Public Inquiry in progress, did you read them? Our web master continues to improve the site and there are a number of useful links to other sites. Communicate with your Committee at: <http://www.thebfra.co.uk>.

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This works fine for landline numbers, but there are two quirks. Firstly, when calling the system from a landline on our borders, you can end up speaking to a neighbouring authority eg Dorset. Secondly, when calling from a mobile phone you end up speaking to somebody based in Edinburgh who will give you a different number to call (the number we promote for mobile callers – 01225 777234).

We are looking at ways of improving this service, but in the meantime, we would like to remind you that there are two different contact numbers for CLARENCE:-

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Village Clean Up Day

Saturday 7th May brought the first rain in weeks! It looked like being more of a wash up than clean up but, thankfully, by 10.30 the sun was shining on a warm day and over 30 people turned out to help get Laverstock ready for the Best Kept Village judging by clearing away the litter. 35 bags of rubbish were collected and kindly removed by Wiltshire Council.

After the clean up we all met at the Community Farm for a well-earned and welcome BBQ.

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Churchwarden Mr Bryan Evans Tel 320129

Churchwarden Mrs Sue Gallagher Tel 332619

Verger Mr Ray Samways Tel 329843

Sun 8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday BCP)

(2nd & 4th Sundays at St. Martins) (3rd Sun. Common Worship)

Sun 9.30am Sung Eucharist *except 1st Sunday*

Sun 9.30am Family Eucharist (1st Sunday in the month)

Sun 6.30pm Evensong

Wed 9.30am Holy Communion (said)

Other Churches - St. Marks Parish Church,

Vicar - Rev Jim Findlay Curates - Rev Jill Offer and Rev David Coates

Church Office Tel. 340368 Sun 10.30am Family Service inc. Communion on 2nd & 4th

Sundays - Term time young people's groups

Sun 6.00pm Evening service - includes Communion on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Wed

9.00am Holy Communion at Barrington Centre (Bishopdown)

St. Mary's - Winterbourne Gunner - Service at 9.30am except 5th Sunday

St. Michael and All Angels - Winterbourne Earls - Sunday service at 11.00am Holy
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Wednesday Holy Communion 9.00am.

Team Vicar - Rev. Peter Ostli-East- (01980) 611350

Churchwarden - Mr Terry Hall - (01980) 611681

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PCC Secretary - Mr Bill Sivewright - (01722) 415833

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Sun 10.00am includes Junior Church

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Orthodox Church - Fr Columba Graham Flegg Tel 340520

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Salisbury Baptist Church - services 10.30am and 6.30pm

Minister Rev Sue Percey.

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Thursday 14 July – Devizes Market Place

Friday 15 July – Chippenham Town Centre

All roadshows will be held from 10am – 2pm

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Yes please, I would like to sign up to the new garden waste collection service.

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Contact Steve Hannath, the Parish Clerk,
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Next Parish Council Meetings:

Monday 18th July, 7.00pm at St. Andrew's School

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Monday 12th September, 7pm, St Andrew's School

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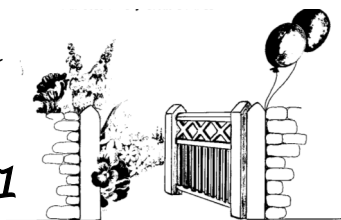
Monday	Rosemary Conley Fitness Diet	9.30 -11.00 am
	1st Bonsai	7.00 -11.30 pm
	2nd Ladies Open Group	8.00 -10.00 pm
	3rd WI	7.45 - 9.30 pm
	4th Garden Club	7.30 pm
Tuesday	Taoist Tai chi	10.00 -12.00 noon
	Pilate's	6.00 - 8.00 pm
	Art Club	2.00 - 4.30 pm
Wednesday	1st Evergreen	2.30 pm
	Cubs	6.30 - 7.30 pm
	Scouts	7.30 -10.00 pm
Thursday	Toddler Group (term-time only)	10.00 -11.20 am
	Line Dancing	2.30 - 4.00 pm
	Tai Chi	7.00 - 9.00 pm
Friday	Fitness League	2.00 - 3.15 pm
	Brownies (term-time only)	6.00 -7 .30 pm
Saturday	Beaver Scouts (6-8 years)	9.30 -10.30 am

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Laverstock Gardening Club
Open Gardens Day
Sunday 17 July 2011



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Laverstock Gardening Club's biennial event presents another chance for garden trekkers to see gardens designed and maintained by down-to-earth enthusiasts, facing all the familiar challenges of climate, location, soil, and of course the same garden pests! The owners are always happy to discuss their choice of plants and shrubs, their successes and their failures; they are also interested to hear about your own gardening experiences.

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The Village Hall, in Park Road, is the starting point for visitors to obtain their all-gardens ticket and village map (no advance sales, just turn up on the day).

A delicious cream tea is included in the admission charge (£5 adults, £2 children under 14). New this year will be a children's Photo Trail Quiz. Additionally, there will be plant sales and a raffle at the Village Hall.

All money raised will be going to Greenfingers, a small national charity dedicated to creating magical gardens to help to improve the lives of children in hospices around the UK. The charity is now in its twelfth year, and has designed and built bespoke gardens in 32 children's hospices.

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June 22

Garden Party - at 12 Merrifield Road, Ford at 2.15pm

July 27

A Quiz - Jan Seaman

August 24

Evensong led by Hugh Montgomerie

September 28

'The Schools Chaplain' - Revd Jim Findlay

October 26

'Riverbourne Community Farm' - Ben Parker

November 23

'Street Pastors' - Mary Fisher

December

No meeting

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'The Schools Chaplain' - Revd Jim Findlay

July 5

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Revd Jack Leeming

August 2

Cathedral Evensong and supper

September 6

'Lowland Search & Rescue' - Adrian
Edwards

October 4

The Exmouth Holiday - Sue Gallagher

November 1

Compline - Hugh Montgomerie

December 6

Readings and Carols followed by mince pies

Summary notes from the Parish Council meeting held on May 21st 2011

The full minutes are available on the Parish Website www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

During the public session,

Mr Colin Mackie did not remain at the meeting, but, again, left details of his complaint of a very noisy manhole cover at The Green. This has been going on so long now that the Chair and Vice Chair agreed to raise it as an issue with SWAB. Mr Nutland did not speak publicly but left details of his concerns requesting an update on the Street Lighting initiative (Switching off the lights). He was assured that this issue was not now active at this time with the Parish Council and left reassured.

Mr Alan Hotchkiss addressed Council on the issue of the Milford Mill Road (MMR) rat run. He stated that there had been no physical progress as yet following representations to WC and there continued to be concerns over volume, speed and type of traffic (including a lost Dutch lorry today). 365 vehicles had been counted in one hour over Easter and 6 wing mirrors collected from the road demonstrating the nature of the problem. More radical solutions are required, he suggested:

1. No right turn for traffic from Southampton to Petersfinger Rd save for P&R access.
2. No right turn from Petersfinger Rd onto A36 (towards Tesco) – save buses.

There followed lengthy debate about the pros and cons of this proposal with the possibility of the 'Tesco roundabout' providing the opportunity for a 'U' turn but that a precedent exists for no right turn at the Tollgate Rd junction. The Chair suggested that, perhaps we need to let the agreed changes bed in before asking for more radical steps to be taken. It was agreed that a strategic traffic plan for the area is needed if Laverstock/MMR is not to become the de facto eastern Salisbury by-pass. Alan Hotchkiss agreed to raise this issue at the forthcoming area transport group (CATW) meeting.

No decision was made at this point regarding the above proposals but the Clerk was asked to write to WC asking for swift implementation of the already agreed actions and a consideration and likely response from WC to the above suggestions.

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Matters Arising

These were taken as read as per the Agenda, save for the following:

Blocked drains at Ford These have now been tested and found to be working.

Planning Gains at Pilgrims Way The Clerk had received various communications from Bloor Homes, both by email and telephone message, and is assured that this is progressing and should be concluded within 2-3 months.

Flooding at end of School Lane Cllr Sainsbury reported later that WC will be installing a drain to take the water from School Lane.

Bishopdown Farm Youth Club The Clerk requested the opportunity to report on this here as Mary Douglas has organised a meeting to try to resolve the dissolution of the club following its recent problems. A meeting has been organised for the 1st June at 2pm at Bourne Hill and Cllr Flynn has agreed to attend on behalf of the PC.

Localism Bill The Chair reported on the Area Board meeting at Winter-slow and indicated that it had perhaps been held a little early as there are still lots of unknowns around this issue. He indicated that the underlying concept is to make things local with a community right to buy assets, a big society bank, the right to challenge and the right to express views through referenda – though these would not be binding. He stated that Planning must conform with the Core Strategy. The revised Core Strategy is now on the WC website and, whilst the PC has responded, the Chairman urged all members to respond individually.

WCllr Moss indicated that Citibank will be providing 'paypoints' in local stores as part of this initiative.

Planning

Old Sarum It was reported that the school building is on schedule.

SRP It was reported that the sign 'Salisbury Retail Park' had been painted out in black.

HP2 The Chair reported on the PC attendance at the Public Enquiry. He indicated that the Core Strategy should have been resolved before any decision is made on this application. It was reported that the presentations by WC were not as strong as those for the appellants, but that the Inspector seemed a very reasonable person and, hopefully, would make a just decision.

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The PC was represented on each day (although not all day on every day) and the presentation by the Chairman on behalf of the PC may be found on the parish website. This will not appear in the next Parish Newsletter due to its length, but a general report on the proceedings of the appeal will be included.

Finance

The high cost of Parish Newsletter distribution was discussed and it was agreed that Clrs Law, Houston and R Champion would, in future, label and package the newsletter ready for the Parish Handyperson to distribute as the PC is keen to ensure that the Parish Newsletter remains self-financing.

Parish Plan Tasking Group

The Clerk reported on the Village Clean Up Day organised by the Tasking Group for Environment under the aegis of the Downland & Water-meadow Trust and was another successful venture. About 40 Scouts and residents turned up to help prepare Laverstock for the Best Kept Village judging and collected around 35 bags of rubbish. Thanks to WC for valued help and support and to all those who took part.

On a less positive note, the Clerk walked the school field and footpath behind one week after the clean up and found a large quantity of fresh litter. He therefore emailed the heads of the 3 secondary schools to point this out and request a more pro-active role in litter reduction, along with the fact that no students from the schools were present at the VCU day.

10 Correspondence

The only 2 items under Correspondence were grant applications received after Agenda distribution. Copies of these were distributed and discussed.

Application from Victims Support. Whilst it was acknowledged that there may well be local people receiving support from this organisation, it does receive funding from the Ministry of Justice and Wiltshire Council, so it was decided, on this occasion, not to support the application.

Application from Old Sarum Community Room (OSCR) As this does meet the criterion of being local, it was supported and a grant of £150 was agreed.

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11 Reports

Clr McLennan reported that the litter issue seems to be going round and round in circles. It was raised at the Area Board and referred to Graham Haye for action and now seems to be with another WC officer further down the chain. She reported that Keep Britain Tidy is now involved. The Clerk indicated that he would be talking to the WC officer and would raise this issue with him.

Clr Law reported that he and Clr Dore had attended the SAB meeting where there had been a lecture on child poverty. They were surprised to learn that Salisbury (not including Old Sarum) has high numbers of children within this problem area. Regarding the Community Farm, he reported that the email newsletter had just gone out, that the kid goat had been stolen and that police response was extremely slow and only active following the involvement of FarmWatch. He then informed the meeting that piglets had been born last week and reminded everyone that National Farm Open Day is to be held on Sunday 12th June.

Clr Sainsbury reported on the drain in School Lane, as noted earlier, and informed PC that the offending tree along the Bishopdown path had been removed, but that the root disturbance to the tarmac remains.

Clr S Champion requested that the Clerk be asked to thank WC Officer Danny Everett for his work on resolving the Ford flooding.

Clr Vincent reported that the drumming workshop held at Old Sarum on Friday 22nd April went extremely well. Participants from the ages of 3 to 84 had taken part and there were no complaints received.

On Tuesday 3rd a sculpture workshop was held and this was also well attended. A location is sought to display the finished articles. Regarding the OSCR, there is a meeting to be held on Wednesday 18th May with one of the items to be discussed being funding for Liam's replacement. This person, it is hoped, will be local and would also contribute to the cleaning of the facility.

Clr Wright reported that the OS school is going up rapidly and that a Deputy Head has now also been appointed.

WClr Moss reaffirmed the detail of the amendment to the Core Strategy as proposed by WClr McLennan. Regarding the Public Enquiry, he focussed on road infrastructure and other shortcomings.

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He further reported that, at the recent SAB meeting, the official preference was for a Youth Community Room at the Five Rivers Centre. He had argued that this was not the best location as it is not central. A facility at the Old Manor had been suggested, but the decision went for Five Rivers. Interestingly, the paperwork for the SAB meeting had suggested that Five Rivers Centre would be the location; in other words, the decision had already been made before the meeting and it was a done deal. Cllr Law further added that the meeting had overrun by one hour and had been very rushed.

Natalie Moss reported that a teacher from Dorset had been appointed Deputy Head for the new Old Sarum Primary School (Micky Cavanagh) and she felt that a good strong staff team was being put together. The Governors had made a case for a multi-use Community Centre for Old Sarum to include such facilities as Surgery, Citizens' Advice Bureau, etc.

WCllr McLennan reported on his contribution at the Public Enquiry and felt that he had held his own with the appellant's lawyer as he personally has a long and detailed history of the background to the Core Strategy and Strategic Gap. Regarding his amendment to the Core Strategy at County Hall in February, he has had to make a formal complaint as the Minutes have not been recorded accurately. He has been informed that legally no changes can be made to the Strategic Gap as this has to be done by lawyers through the Planners. He is still working on getting agreement for his amendment as he understands it. *WCllr McLennan* then reported on the new Community Centre for Old Sarum. Historically local people rejected the Centre being attached to the school so as to give the community some independence.

"Churches Together" also requested an input and offered to run the facility providing they had access to the second smaller meeting room. The outcome in the S106 legal agreement is, in fact, for one main hall (with a low roof) and a secondary "room" which is now to be changing rooms/showers! Sport England seem to be calling the tune not local preferences. *WCllr McLennan* has complained that this fails to meet the preferred local options but was told that it was what was within the S106 legal agreement

Cllr R Champion added just one item to his report, that of the poor attendance of the local police to the PC meetings. With issues such as lorries in Ford/MMR, the Community Farm theft and police 'coffee' meetings being held everywhere but Laverstock, he indicated that he would be contacting Officer Clissold to express his concerns.

There being no further business the meeting closed at **9.22pm**



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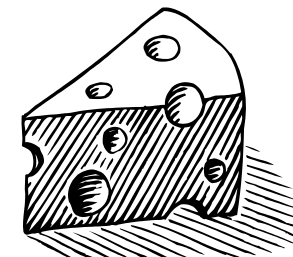
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Summary notes from the Parish Council meeting held on April 18th 2011

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During the public session,

Mr Colin Mackie did not remain at the meeting, but, again, left details of his complaint of a very noisy manhole cover at The Green, which the Clerk undertook to follow up once more.

Matters Arising These were taken as read as per the Agenda, save for the following:

Grass at the end of Whitebridge Road The Clerk again reported that no muddy desire path had appeared and that Tom Gardner indicated that the shrubs would be re-assessed in the Autumn with any dead specimens being replaced. We should be near to knowing of any remaining S106 funds from Duck Lane and therefore the possibility of having further parking in Duck Lane.

Blocked drains at Ford Now complete and await 'testing'.

Flooding at end of School Lane Cllr Sainsbury has followed this up and requesting action of WC who are 'behind' in their response.

VDS or NP Members were encouraged to attend the meeting at Winter-slow on the Localism Bill to be held on Wed 20th April. From the last minutes – regards no answer from David Milton as to whether to produce a VDS or NP – no reply yet received. WClr McLennan was asked to follow this up with David Milton.

Planning

The Chairman explained the problem of responding to the HP2 Appeal. He waved a thick file of Proof of Evidence which formed just part of the reading required. He stated that it would be necessary to have attendees (preferably two people) at each day and for email communication to take place at the end of each day in order to keep people apprised of what is going on. Members were asked to sign up for attendance.

4th May – RC/SH Red Lion, 5th May – PH, 6th May – SH/ City Hall, 10th May – KF/ Red Lion, 11th May – Red Lion, 12th May - SH/ Red Lion

The Chair and Clerk would be meeting to try to put together a case for the PC. This will, hopefully, be shared with Richard Hughes, the planning officer, early next week. It will be vital to inject the passion about this appeal which will not be forthcoming from the officers. The Chair and Clerk would be writing to all Ford residents to attend as would BRFA to their members at HP.

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Reminder from last minutes - The members of a sub-group for HP2 was agreed as being Cirs Dore, Flynn, R Champion, McLennan and Houston plus the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to liaise with BFRA to arrange a meeting date in the very near future. WClr Moss agreed to join this group.

The applications, as detailed on the agenda, were noted with the addition of mobile classrooms at St Edmunds being APPROVED by WC.

Finance

No comments were received on the distributed spreadsheets and so the financial statements, including the cheques detailed in the agenda, were accepted. The Clerk explained that the PAYE system had been set up and that the PC would now have to pay Superannuation as an employer so costs would rise.

The Chair asked if members are happy with the format of the spreadsheet as the new Financial year gave an opportunity for changes to be made. No request for amendment was received.

Rota for Area Boards A new rota for attendance at the Area Boards was agreed.

Standing Item from Parish Plan

Clr Law reported that, alas, no response had been received for his proposed Tasking Group for Local Facilities and Community Character as included in the last Parish Newsletter. Sadly, it would seem that neither that tasking group nor the one proposed for Community Safety, would get off the ground. This leaves just two of the five possible tasking groups from the Parish Plan, active.

Parish Clerk

The Clerk put detail on his decision to retire from post after the March 2012 meeting. He suggested that a small committee look to finding a replacement who could be in post (part time) in January 2012 for three months prior to taking over. The future could well see the Clerk working towards being full-time as the parish continues to grow. One possible problem in recruiting could be office accommodation and to this end the Clerk suggested that the PC take a bold and ambitious step and provide its own office and meeting accommodation at the Community Farm. This could be achieved relatively cheaply by adding a second wooden storey to the farm bungalow offices. This would be investing in what is already a valuable PC asset. This notion is enthusiastically supported by Ben Parker. Cllr Wright also identified the potential office accommodation at Old Sarum.

Correspondence

01 It was agreed to write to Helen Powdrill responding to the revised signs and lines plans for Milford Mill Rd as per the comments drafted and available to view at the meeting.

05. Core Strategy The Chair referred to the distributed briefing paper on the Core Strategy which still contained unacceptable inaccuracies. Both points had been noted and acted upon by WCllr McLennan as per his email copied below:

- SSA at Longhedge (Old Sarum) to be retained but reduced from 800 to 450 dwellings (employment to remain unchanged) and the **potential for the additional 350 dwellings** to be referred to as a long term strategic reserve in the text.
- The development template for the Hampton Park SSA will be revised to require a significant strategic gap with Ford and flexibility over the future function of the green open space, **with the establishment of a community forum to include representatives of both Laverstock and Ford Parish Councils and the 2 local unitary Councillors to guide development.**

Longhedge – Potential for the additional 350 dwellings

This was not debated or passed by Full Council and cannot just be put in because planners had it in mind all along. It was either in or out and in this particular case, the number was reduced by negotiation to 450 dwellings and 8 hectares of employment land. This was an accommodation by the L&F Parish Council, who are even open to an increase of another 150 dwellings, providing there is a reduction in employment land and that this becomes the final number. This is important owing to the infrastructure requirements for the site. Anything subsequently proposed is a real struggle with developers who refer to the existing infrastructure. The new school would be bust for sure, just as a starting point. So, 450 and no more unless as above. Remove “Strategic reserve” stuff, which is an insult.

Hampton Park – “with the establishment of a community forum to include representatives of both Laverstock and Ford Parish Councils and the 2 local unitary Councillors to guide development”

The Parish Council strongly agrees with this view and interpretation of events and agreed also to write to WC in similar terms.

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06 Insurance for Ball Court. The quotation for this is £907.50. Following discussion and given the very high cost (beyond any reasonable expected yearly damage) it was agreed that the PC would act as its own insurer so thus decline the quote. It was further agreed that the PC would request the bins at the Ball Park to be emptied by WC on a contract basis.

08. Email from Officer Weston. The Clerk read out the email received from Kim Weston regards preparations for the Mini Marathon, graffiti at the bus station and potential problems with FaceBook parties on Cockey Down. The Clerk was asked to write to Officer Clissold mentioning a number of concerns: heavy lorries in Milford Mill Rd area and Ford, current police strength following a retirement, analysis of crime figures and any affects on front line services from the cuts.

Reports

Clr McLennan reported that the recycling schedule from WC should be sent to the Clerk for inclusion in the next Parish Newsletter. The Vice Chair further reported that she intended to follow up the litter issue with the Area Board. The WC response following the loss of our street cleaning grant is to 'monitor' the situation, whatever that means! WC also undertook to meet with the schools in order to put together an anti litter message. It is to be hoped that, with schools seeking eco status, they will be keen to take ownership of this issue.

Clr Law reported that all but one of the unsightly electricity poles along Cow Lane had now gone giving much improved vistas. The permissive paths are proving very popular and a great success and in the past three weeks or so c700-800 pupils had visited the site. All present were reminded of the Farm Open Sunday taking place on June 12th.

Clr Hayes NTR.

Clr Dore reported that The Green is no better or worse following the winter damage and that the keys to the HP notice board had been passed to Cllr Flynn.

Clr Flynn reported that he had attended a BFRA meeting and that the youth club had been closed and that the police were investigating possible embezzlement.

Clr Houston NTR

Clr Sainsbury reported that he is pursuing the flooding issue in School Lane. He then reported that there is considerable damage to the Bishopdown footpath from invasive roots from adjacent vegetation. The Clerk would try to pursue this.

Lastly Cllr Sainsbury requested that the PC write to the One Stop Shop to provide some bike locks for cycles.

Cllr S Champion reported that following the PC's request for an alternative safer route for the Amesbury/Salisbury Cycle Path, there had been some very strong and unwarranted criticism of the PC. The Chair indicated that a meeting of himself, Richard Britten, Tom Bray and John Smale of Amesbury Area Board would take place to resolve the issue. *Cllr Dean* reported that the ClearWay group was busy clearing a bridle way over the downs.

Cllr Maffey stated that the War Memorial Group was trying to establish whether fallen servicemen, who lived just outside of the parish boundary but who farmed land within the parish, could be included in the memorial.

Cllr Vincent reported that, following 8 months work with the youngsters of O/S, the intended concert had taken place along with a performance of 'The Way of the Partridge'. Two performances had been given at the Arts Centre but, alas, only one child from O/S had taken part, the young man who wrote the song. Cllr Vincent then informed the meeting that there was to be a drop-in, drop-out drumming workshop this Friday, organised as part of the Salisbury Festival. She lastly reported that the newly appointed Headteacher would be using a room at the OSCR as a temporary office.

Cllr Wright stated that the school had met with the developers to plan a way forward for IT provision. Mrs Natalie Moss the school Chair of Governors offered her thanks and congratulations to Cllr Wright.

WCllr Moss started by apologising for his late arrival due to another meeting. He reported that the owner of the Old Sarum Business Park had just gone bankrupt. He then indicated that he might be able to find a lawyer who could represent us at the forthcoming HP2 Appeal. The Chair thanked him for that and requested that the lawyer get in touch.

Cllr R Champion reported that the transport aspects of the Community Plan were being driven forward by the CATG. Cllr Law agreed to join Mr Alan Hotchkiss (Chair TGT&T) to represent the PC on this group.

There being no further business the meeting closed at **8.34pm** - a record!!!

Date of the next meeting is **7pm Monday 18th July 2011** at **St Andrew's School, Laverstock.**

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BFRA NEWS: May 2011

Who's Fault Is It Anyway? The demise of a Youth Club

A few weeks ago we heard that the Bishopdown Youth Club had been closed down by the management committee of the Pavilion. It was a reluctant decision but it was felt there was no alternative other than to evict. In their own words – the young people seemed intent on wrecking the premises, the youth helper in charge was unqualified and admitted he was out of his depth. Many people saw it as a successful Youth Club since opening just over two years ago. It had a healthy bank account, supported by grants from the Parish Council and elsewhere, enabling young members to go on trips and engage in many activities. For the thirty or so young people who attended it was seen as the place to go and was fulfilling an important need in this community. For personal reasons, the people who had set it up had to step away and let others continue the work. When Wiltshire Council support was withdrawn the Youth Club struggled to find voluntary support from within the community of Hampton Park and Bishopdown Farm.

In 2008 the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council recognised the importance of having more facilities for young people in the Parish Plan. Following consultation with residents, including young people in the Parish, it was proposed that the three main areas of population, Laverstock, Hampton Park and Old Sarum should be provided with out-of school activities for young people.

In Laverstock plans were discussed and agreed for a Youth Centre. Nothing of its kind exists for young people, even though there are four schools on the Church Road campus. For over a year a very small group of local residents toiled on this project. When the schools were unable to contribute accommodation, the Sports Club offered and was prepared to embrace the scheme. The project was supported by our Wiltshire Councillor and funding promised from the Parish Council and the Southern Area Board.

In every Parish Newsletter for a whole year, we advertised for volunteers to assist with the Laverstock Youth Centre Project. No help was forthcoming and finally the project failed after eighteen months, for lack of support.

At Old Sarum a Youth Club, supported by Wiltshire Council Youth Service, was started in the back of van called Erbie. It is run by a professional Youth Development Co-ordinator for South Wiltshire and now has premises in the Community Rooms. We must hope that Wiltshire Council do not withdraw their support. *So whose fault is it that such projects fail. Is it us – or is it them?*

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Or is it everyone - For not trying hard enough. Goodwill is not enough. Projects like these do need good people who are prepared to get involved and make a difference in the community. We also need more support from statutory agencies. The Youth Club cannot be run on a shoestring; it does need to have experienced competent people involved.

It would be great to see Bishopdown Youth Club resurrected; but it will not happen unless there are champions in the community prepared to commit alongside skilled and funded youth leaders.

Localism Bill:

The BFRA was represented at a presentation on the forthcoming Localism Bill. The Bill (which is completely separate to the Core Strategy) was launched in Dec 2010, is some 400 pages, and expected to pass into law at the end of this year. The stated aim is to improve efficiency by reducing the size of the State input and making cost reductions in services. The Bill is a major part of the Big Society initiative so the message is that we must be engaged or we will miss out. The Bill introduces some 'rights'. The Right to Buy will allow important local assets to be owned by the community, thus the local shop or Post Office could be rescued. There is no indication of how this might be funded. There is also the right for assets to be transferred from WC to lower level organisations such as the PC or BFRA. Again there is no indication of how such issues as insurance, Health & Safety and general red tape will be resolved. BFRA were told that there is a Wiltshire Infrastructure Consortium which should be able to assist with these issues (we are investigating what this means!). You will also have the right to challenge the way services are provided and the right to demand referenda on issues of concern. Whilst, WC will not be bound by any decision they will have to take due note and explain why they are not following the local decision! Some of this work has already been done since the formation of the unitary authority and the Area Boards. An example quoted was Speedwatch where local communities are trained to record speeding drivers. Thus saving the scarce and expensive Police resources. Apparently, some 3600 motorists have received Police warning letters as a result. But it is not known whether more drivers are speeding in the knowledge that there aren't enough police officers to catch them and that *Speedwatch cannot issue penalty points.*

The importance of the Area Boards should not be underestimated. They are the voice of the community and are changing the role and accountability of local councillors. There is a clear need to involve people at the local level so that everyone's views can be taken into account. We are told that WC is committing some £3.4m to localism over the next 4 years. This represents £78k pa to the Salisbury Board. As 'local' is not defined, there could well be issues with Salisbury City and the surrounding Parishes coming into conflict.

The planning process is an important part of localism. Neighbourhood Plans (NP) have to be developed to allow communities a voice in this process but a NP does not give communities the option to say 'no' to any development. The plan must be in conformity with the Wiltshire Core Strategy and national planning guidance. The definition of 'neighbourhood' is likely to be based on the Parish boundaries although parishes could work together to cover a wider area. The final area boundary has to be agreed by WC. It is intended that there will be a Community Infrastructure Levy (basically a roof tax) on new developments which will channel funds for larger infrastructure (eg schools) away from WC to the Parish. This funding is additional to any S106 agreements but is not an increase in funding. Once a NP has been developed it has to be voted on locally and then WC is legally obliged to adopt it ie the Plan becomes part of planning policy. Whilst we do not have to have a NP surely it is better to have one than to see unwanted development in our area

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Hampton Park 2 – Public Enquiry

The Enquiry got under way on Tuesday May 3rd in the Red Lion Hotel to a nearly full house! About twenty six members of the public were in attendance along with representatives from both sides, plus the press. Six days had been set aside for the Appeal to be heard but estimates were that only three or four would be needed. Opening statements were made by lawyers for both sides; Wiltshire Council (WC) and Barratts Homes. Wiltshire Council had put forward ten reasons for challenging the Appeal, each refuted, of course, by the Appellant. These were: loss of the Strategic Gap, Highways issues with the Highways Agency, Highways safety, the school site, provision of a community facility, ecological issues, the Country Park, affordable housing, the historical countryside and archaeological issues and the legal S106 Agreement which lays out the developer's responsibilities in terms of when things happen and financial contributions to be made. Members of the Parish Council(PC) and public were given days and times when they could make their own representations. Listening to the minutia of the case for and against was not enervating, it was difficult at times to relate the arguments to the place that we know so well and is where we call home. It was frustrating that the arguments had come down to issues like 'how many buses would be running each day from the proposed development' or 'width of roads and parking provision'. The process is very frustrating and excluding. Remarks are made which are inaccurate or simply lawyer's spin but there is nothing you can say! You can but hope that the WC lawyer will challenge them but, alas, lack of detailed local knowledge usually means the statement slips through and is accepted as evidence by the Inspector. The world in which we live and will have to live if the development goes through is reduced to a collection of technical statements separate, it seems, from the real world and all is conducted in a legalese and arcane fashion.

Day two started with a reduced public attendance; just two members of the public joined two representatives from the PC. Our spirits were lifted by a robust presentation of why the Appeal should be refused by Wiltshire Councillor Ian McLennan. In cross examination he did not give way limply as had been the case from some Wiltshire Council witnesses but stood firm and argued his case. During the time of the Appeal there had been lots of goings-on behind the scenes and we gradually found that a number of the ten areas that had been seen important enough to give refusal were no longer issues dividing the two sides. Of course, no view was sought from our Wiltshire Councillors or the PC as to their view of the 'deal'! The PC view was that the Appellants were getting the better of the argument.

Day three (5th May) saw strong representations from Ron Champion (Chair of the PC), Celine Boudeq-Hughes (Chair of BFRA) and several members of the public. Later in the day Wiltshire Councillor Bill Moss had an opportunity to give well argued reasons why the Appeal should not be upheld. The Chairman's presentation may be viewed on the parish web-site www.laverstock-ford.co.uk

Day four saw last minute evidence offered by the PC (concerns over air safety with the siting of the proposed development and the airfield at Old Sarum) plus a very robust argument from a representative of the Royal Society who presented a 'Refined Core Strategy', suggesting that any decision must be delayed until the Inspector for the South Wilts Core Strategy has reported. These were, of course, dismissed by the Appellant who felt that he had 'kicked them into touch': the Inspector will decide on that! A late morning recess combined with an early lunch saw aspects of the legal S106 Agreement drafted, redrafted and agreed by the solicitors from either side. The Parish Council had been requesting for over a year to be involved in this process but we were not consulted. This is a key document but was drafted in a hurry and, we believe, from a position of weakness as WC sought to get the best deal possible. In fairness, a draft S106 Agreement had never been submitted by the developers with their planning application but perhaps the application should not have been accepted until one was forthcoming. The developers had held out, offering very little in term of planning gains so any gains made during the Appeal might seem better than they really are! We will publish the financial contributions to be made when the legal S106 Agreement is complete. By 12.20 the end of the appeal was drawing near and each side was asked to make its concluding remarks. By now just two of the ten original reasons for refusing the Appeal were still being offered by Wiltshire Council; the retention of the Strategic Gap between the proposed development and Ford and Highways issues. WiC's lawyer was now at his best during the whole Appeal as he reasoned his case. The response of the Appellant's lawyer was for the 'acute pressing need for new housing' and a refutation of all the arguments given by the other side. He even suggested that the objectors (us!) had 'closed their minds' to the notion of the Country Park. Due to a technicality, the Inspector adjourned, not closed, the proceedings, with a view to reconvening on June 2nd should circumstances require.

We now play the waiting game and hope that the Inspector, for whom we all developed a healthy respect, will find in our favour and refuse the Appeal or, at least, await the outcome of the Core Strategy Inspection where the PC will argue for this location to be removed as a potential development site.

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River Bourne Community Farm News

As ever, it's been a busy time down on the farm. A programme of new buildings to improve the farm facilities for both livestock and visitors is underway.

School visits

We continue to host school visits. By the end of July over 1,500 children from local schools will have visited the farm this year. These almost daily visits fulfil one of the main visions of the farm, as a place where children can learn about the countryside, engage with livestock and understand where their food originates. Many schools are near enough to be able to walk their classes to the farm, hence the number of 'crocodiles' of youngsters to be seen making their way to Cow Lane.



Pigs

Built by volunteers, we now have two purpose built pig sties which incorporate safe areas where the piglets can avoid being squashed by their mother. This is in addition to the existing calf barn. Situated in the farm yard, they will enable visitors to see a range of animals.

Until recently, we bought in eight week-old piglets but we decided that it was the right time to have piglets born on the farm. Elsie, our Oxford Sandy & Black sow and her five piglets are resident in the new building. The Oxford Sandy & Black Pig sometimes referred to as the "Plum Pudding or Oxford Forest Pig" is one of the oldest British pig breeds; it has existed for 200-300 years.

Swallows

When we first took over the large barn it was overgrown with brambles but there were a number of families of swallows nesting under the roof beams inside the barn. The dilapidated state of the barn allowed easy access for them, they had obviously nested there for many years. When we replaced the front cladding with rustic timber, we ensured that openings were provided to allow the swallows to continue nesting there. The swallows returned early this year, there are at least four families. It's worth looking out for them when you're at the farm, their aerobatics are amazing.



Shop

We have been using the foyer in our office as a mini-shop but with so many customers for our free-range eggs and other local produce, we've installed a portacabin to use as our shop until we are able to develop a permanent location.

The shop is open from 9am – 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 12pm on Saturdays and has a ramp for disabled access.

At present we have eggs, honey, fudge, local chutneys, gift cards and delightful wooden turned goods and will be introducing other local produce soon.

Birds and Barley

We've enjoyed the flocks of Linnets, Skylarks and Yellowhammers on our arable field thanks to the winter stubble and strip of un-harvested corn. We've now sown two crops for the coming year, Barley and Long Straw Wheat. The Barley will provide feed and soft bedding for our animals next year while we look forward to finally getting some thatching done with this year's crop of Long Straw Wheat. We are also busy installing stock netting, kissing gates and field gates to help manage the field and prepare for our wildflower meadow to host Ewen's cattle as they move from down to water meadow.

Cream Teas

Always very popular this is a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon, see the animals, have a stroll by the river and enjoy homemade scones. This is an important fund raising event for the farm and is produced by Laverstock & Ford WI, for whose support we are very grateful. The dates of the next four Cream Tea Sundays are 26th June, 10th July, 24th July and 7th Aug.

MP's visit

Salisbury MP John Glen spent a morning as a volunteer at the farm recently. He also spent time learning about the "1000 Sheep" art project which is based at the farm and the support that the farm receives from local residents and the Parish Council.

For more info visit <http://www.riverbournecommunityfarm.org.uk>

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