

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON
03 NOVEMBER 2022 at 1900
GILES ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, SANDFIELD, WEST LAVINGTON



MINUTES

Present:	Councillors: Mrs J Ford (Chairman), Mr P Blundell, Mr R Gamble, Ms L Gough, Mr D Muns, Mr P. West, Mr R. Scott, Mr R Oglesby and Mrs L. Benger	
Also present	Mr J Skillman (clerk), 1 member of the community/public, Chris Saunders, (Easterton Parish Council), Dave Brown (Youth Club leader)	
22/23/069	Apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr. Laister. 	
22/23/070	Declaration of interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr. Gamble, Cllr. West regarding Duck Street. Cllr. Gamble's wife is a trustee of the Village Hall 	
22/23/071	The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and parish council meeting held 06.10.2022 and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the last meeting – these were agreed to be a true and accurate record. They were signed by the Chair. All agreed. Matters arising: None 	
22/23/072	Public Participation Old Saw Bench application. Covered in 22/23/076	
22/23/073	Chair's announcements Wiltshire Warm Spaces – Wiltshire Council are setting up an interactive map of Warm Spaces to enable residents to easily identify warm spaces which will be welcoming, inclusive and open to the public with no criteria for entry. Wiltshire Community Food Providers are encouraged to add information about projects and service to direct the public to essential community food support.	

22/23/074	<p>Youth Club grant funding - Update from Dave Brown.</p> <p>The club reopened after June half term with no existing staff members. It offers a wide range of positive activities.</p> <p>Cllr Gamble complimented Dave's running of the Youth Club, and suggested a name change to Lavington Youth Club as attendees come from several of the local villages.</p> <p>Cllr West commended the growth in club member numbers. It now has 57, with approx. 2/5ths from Market Lavington, 2/5ths from West Lavington and 1/5th from Easterton and so it was suggested that the overall grant funding should be derived from each parish council in those proportions.</p> <p>The Youth Club has sufficient finance for salaries following successful bids for grants until March 2023 but will need financial support thereafter.</p> <p>Cllr Muns requested a signed off version of the accounts and a figure for the required grant. Councillors requested sight of a Balance Sheet and a Cash flow forecast for their next financial year showing existing grants, a breakdown of funding requirements, and the resulting shortfall.</p>	
22/23/075	<p>Wiltshire Councillor's Report</p> <p>1/ Drains – Cllr Muns will produce maps of different areas of the villages to enable councillors to locate drain & flooding problem areas for the Parish Steward to address, or if not, forward to Wiltshire Council officers. Parish Steward to see if he can address them, if not take it to Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>2/ Black Dog crossroads – accident blackspot update Cllr Muns read the report from consultants Atkins regarding the reduction of the speed limit which said that a speed reduction from 50 to 40 mph was not considered suitable for this stretch of road. Highways asking Police to comment.</p> <p>3/ Easterton Tree application Cllr Muns quoted this case as it was approved by WC despite application form not fully completed and there was no tree specified.</p> <p>4/ Strategic Planning – update on committee meeting held 3/11/2022. The Wiltshire Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework provide Planning direction in Wiltshire. These documents cover aspects of development and dictate what should and should not be allowed and help protect every important element of local countryside, infrastructure, economy, environment and communities from poor development. Many parishes Including West Lavington have gone to significant lengths to create a Neighbourhood Plan which provides a local voice to Planning decision making suggesting where developments should be sited and what they should provide.</p>	DM

	<p>WC are often overruled at appeal because of the failure in Wiltshire to be able to demonstrate a 5 Year Housing Land Supply. Currently WC shows adequate levels of housing development for 4.72 years, just short of the target but is under constant threat from developers, who are using Wiltshire's 5 Year Housing Land Supply figure to gain approval for developments that are contrary to Neighbourhood Plans and the Wiltshire Core Strategy.</p>	
22/23/076	<p>Planning (a) Planning applications</p> <p>PL/2022/07314 - The Old Estate Yard, High Street. SN10 4JB. Conversion of existing saw shed with existing lean to, to a single bedroom bungalow. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000017cf8i</p> <p>The Councillors were very impressed with the quality of this application and gave it their full support and hope the proposal would be approved.</p> <p>PL/2022/07666 - 1 Orchard Place. SN10 4JD. Proposed loft conversion with rear extension. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000017dIDE</p> <p>This application was discussed at considerable length and detail. Apart from the seemingly unavoidable loss of another small unit there was concern over the loss of privacy and potential overlooking of adjacent properties. In particular, the Councillors could find little to recommend the elevational design and treatment resulting from the proposal but were unable to find a reason for objection.</p> <p>PL/2022/07453 Woodbridge Farm, Littleton Panell. SN10 5RW: Creation of an Equestrian Facility at Woodbridge Farm to include the existing agricultural building change of use to equestrian, erection of a new storage building for fodder and horse lorry, creation of an outdoor arena and the creation of an all-weather cross-country course and associated landscaping surrounding the yard. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000017cyc4</p> <p>The Councillors were unable to approve the application due to the potential and probable increased use of the site access on to the A360 at a dangerous double bend. Otherwise, the Councillors were supportive and encouraging of the proposal.</p> <p>(b) Planning decisions</p> <p>PL/2022/06969 - 78 High St, Littleton Panell. SN10 4ES. Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Dismantle</p>	

	<p>and remove Scots Pine tree. Decision: No Objection https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000017bwAu</p> <p>(c) Planning monitoring</p> <p>Lavington Lane site – update. Cllr Ford to write to Mr Ben Marlowe, the site manager.</p> <p>Hedges House planning application 2021/11543 – no update.</p> <p>Hedgerow replanting on A360 at the Railway Bridge – update and monitor (autumn/winter)</p>	JF
22/23/077	<p>Finance</p> <p>Operational Budget Monitoring – information and CIL receipts was emailed to councillors prior to meeting. It included a new worksheet for budgeting for the 2023/24 financial year. Precept demands (which will be discussed in the December meeting) should be with Wiltshire Council by 18/1/23.</p> <p>McAfee subscription to protect clerk laptop. 3 devices for £24.99 for the first year's subscription. All agreed</p> <p>Zoom subscription for the NHP meeting. Annual cost £119.90 per annum. Agreed that this was not worth doing as Zoom meetings are now infrequent. Therefore, Cllr Gamble will discuss with NHP consultant regarding the setting up of the Zoom or Teams link for the NHP meeting.</p> <p>Audit update – nothing to report</p> <p>Disbursements: Cheque Number, Payee, amount:</p> <p>1895 West Lavington Village Hall – Grant £5,000.00 1896 West Lavington Friendship Club – Grant - £900.00 1897 Seb McLeod (Southern Tree Surveys) - Tree report £325.00 1898 Wicksteed - Playground report - £144.00 1899 Clerk salary - £368.43 1900 Dolman building surveyors or VH - roof survey, report, drawing £1,332.00 – see grants below 1902 Proludic (VAT for earlier invoice) - Playground equipment £112.55</p> <p>Grants discussion and decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Hall update and request for funding for Dolman invoice (survey, report and drawing, £1,332) agreed previously and shown in 22/23/077 • Youth Club – update & request for funding from Dave Brown, Youth Leader. Covered in 22/23/074 • Streetscene - £500 grant request for winter and spring planting of tubs. All agreed. • Citizens Advice Bureau - letter of thanks received for last month's grant <p>Telephone box in Rutts Lane – refurbishment update. Specialist paint has</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>RG</p> <p>JS</p>

	<p>been delivered to volunteers. Duck Street yellow lines – On Wiltshire Council's list. Defibrillator cabinet replacement Littleton Panell – Date of work to be delayed until 16/11/2022.</p>	
22/23/078	<p>Receipt of Working Groups and project reports:</p> <p>West Lavington Village Hall update from Cllr Gough, chair Village Hall Committee</p> <p>Footpaths Report – report from Cllr. Ford & Cllr Laister, previously circulated to councillors. WLAV15 to be closed to allow maintenance work to unsafe leaning wall to be completed.</p> <p>Playgrounds Group update from Cllr. Blundell. Quote requested by clerk on 14/10/22 regarding the remedial work required following the tree report. Clerk to follow up.</p> <p>NHP Group Feedback. Next meeting: Giles Room on Mon 21st November at 7pm with the consultant joining in on Zoom. All councillors and those in the NHP group encouraged to give feedback on the 3 target areas highlighted.</p> <p>Risk Committee Meeting due on 22/11/2022. Cllr West and clerk to liaise regarding invitation to it and whether on Zoom.</p> <p>Corporate Planning meeting 20/10/2022 update To be discussed in December meeting.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>PW/JS</p> <p>JS</p>
22/23/079	<p>Highways Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding issues in the villages. See Wiltshire Councillor's report above. • Crossing posts High Street and crossroads. Chair to email local Highways Engineer to ask advice about the safety of the crossing posts especially at night. • Sandfield parking problems at entrance update - yellow lines to be included in application with Duck St lines. 	
22/23/080	<p>Date of next parish council meeting – in the Giles Room Thursday 01 December 2022 at 1900</p>	

Meeting closed at 22.05

Signed..........01 December 2022