

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

06 APRIL 2023 at 1900
GILES ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, SANDFIELD,
WEST LAVINGTON



MINUTES

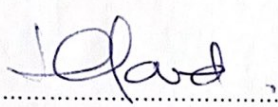
Present:	Councillors: Mrs J Ford (Chairman), Mr P Blundell, Mr P. West, Mr R Oglesby, Mr D. Muns, Mr R Gamble, and Mrs L Benger	
Also present	Mr J Skillman (clerk)	
22/23/134	Apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr R. Scott, Mr S Laister, Ms L. Gough 	
22/23/135	Declaration of interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr. West, Cllr Gamble regarding Duck Street. Cllr Benger regarding Russell Mill Lane. 	
22/23/136	The minutes of the parish council meeting held 02.03.2023 and Matters Arising Minutes of the last meeting – these were agreed to be a true and accurate record. All agreed. They were signed by the Chair. Matters arising: None.	
22/23/137	Public Participation None.	
22/23/138	Chair's announcements Nothing to report.	
22/23/139	Wiltshire Councillor's Report Cllr. Muns reported on the police investigation regarding the car driver damaging the surface of the football pitch. Following police investigations and even though the CCTV attained a picture of his face he does not admit guilt. Parish Council agreed to proceed with criminal damage route with the police. There is also possible drug dealing in the car park, which has been reported to the police. Black Dog Improvements: Atkins, WC's consultants and the police have said that a reduction in the speed limit is not required, but the Parish Council support the plans to improve and re-align the junction and hope this will have a positive effect on safety. However, the councillors all agreed to that a speed reduction may still be required depending on the success of the junction improvements. Cllr Gamble reported on proposal for a train station at Devizes Gateway. However, the costs don't yet stack up and Westbury station would need improving first. Network Rail use an 'optimism bias' system, which increases proposed cost. The overall aim is to attract tourism and allow residents better connectivity to the rail network.	

22/23/140	<p>Planning</p> <p>Planning applications</p> <p>PL/2022/07666, Amended application for 1 Orchard Place. SN10 4JD. Proposed loft conversion with rear extension. Consultation deadline 05/04/2023. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000017dIDE No objections.</p> <p>Planning decisions</p> <p>PL/2023/00395 - Copse behind 3 Old Yard, Littleton Panel , SN10 4EZ. Works to a Protected Tree. T1 Oak. 5m crown reduction and deadwood. Tree in decline and has major deadwood. Reduce crown to reduce the risk of the tree failing- located next to a public footpath. T2 Oak. 4m crown reduction and deadwood. Tree in decline and has major deadwood. Reduce crown to reduce the risk of the tree failing, located next to a public footpath. Decision Date: 14/03/2023. Approve with Conditions https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019p0MZ</p> <p>Planning monitoring</p> <p>Lavington Lane site – Show house being finished in time for opening on 16th April and road tarmacking being completed. Removal lorries for show home furniture and tarmackers using Sandfield for access only to allow completion.</p> <p>Hedges House PL/2021/11543 – Planning appeal - Parish Council has submitted comments to the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Hedgerow replanting on A360 at Railway Bridge – clerk to request an update from Wiltshire Council's Planning Enforcement Officer.</p>	JS
22/23/141	<p>Finance</p> <p>Budget Monitoring – information. A report was emailed to councillors prior to the meeting. Clerk provided details of budget overspends.</p> <p>Audit update: PKF Littlejohn's instruction email received 20/03/2023. AGAR to be approval by 30/06/2023 and submitted by 03/07/2023. The documentation for submission will rely entirely on our income/expenditure level for year ending 31/03/2023. Clerk reviewed the decision tree to decide the relevant documentation applicable to us, and as our income and expenditure is between 25k and 200k then we need to follow list 3, which is a 'basic review'. Clerk will prepare audit. Parish Council may consider an internal auditor to check our audit submission, although this has not yet been agreed.</p> <p>Disbursements</p> <p>1922 Anthony Northcote (Neighbourhood Plan consultant) £1725.74 1923 John Skillman clerk salary £368.63 1924 HMRC PAYE NI £276.40 1925 John Skillman clerk expenses £18.80 1926 Dominic Muns CCTV expenses £106.34</p> <p>Barefoot Signs do not accept cheques so Cllr Blundell will pay their invoice and claim it back on expenses.</p>	JS
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	<p>Grants discussion and decisions – Amend to Village Hall feasibility study and costs. Discussion delayed until next month due to Cllr Gough absence.</p> <p>Duck Street and Sandfield yellow lines (spring)</p> <p>Councillors agreed on bright yellow paint rather than pale in order to stand out more.</p> <p>The new defibrillator in the telephone box, at crossroads, Lavington Lane. Requested from SWASFT on 14/03/2023. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>Defibrillator training dates with SWASFT. Saturday 3rd June 2023 in the Village Hall – 10.30am start. Clerk to get promotional advert approved.</p>	<p>LG</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
22/23/142	<p>Receipt of Working Groups and project reports:</p> <p>Receipt of Working Groups and project reports:</p> <p>a/ Risk Committee and Community Resilience. Cllr West discussed the contingency plan for a total power outage, i.e. loss of utilities affecting multiple households for more than eight hours. Cllr West requested a £100 spend (5 x £20) for sandbags / gel sacks. All agreed.</p> <p>b/ West Lavington Village Hall update – Cllr Gough... Including CCTV renewal of service contract and Fire Extinguisher service. To be discussed next month due to Cllr Gough absence.</p> <p>c/ Footpaths Report from Cllr Laister: No reports of problems with the Parish paths, although the more popular routes are muddy in parts due to rainfall. Cllr Bengier commented on the footpath at the bottom of Russell Mill Lane. Clerk will pass this on to Market Lavington Parish Council.</p> <p>d/ Playgrounds Group. Cllr Blundell provided a report prior to the meeting.</p> <p>e/ NHP Review Group including timetable for public consultation. Cllr Gamble reported on the character appraisals, regarding the various areas of the village. The proposal is to have a public consultation between 5 May to 16 June. A display is to be arranged at the annual parish meeting in the Village Hall on the 18th May.</p> <p>f/ Speedwatch report and Auto Speedwatch - feedback from LHFIG . Cllr Gough reported that community speedwatch will be operating again soon.</p>	<p>JS</p>
22/23/143	<p>Highways Update</p> <p>a/ Flooding issues in the villages – Cllr West provided an update on drains map and maintenance, and that Parish Online now has a map showing all locations and which drains are blocked.</p> <p>b/ Sewerage (overload / raw sewage into Semington Brook) update. Clerk to chase Wessex Water (copying in the Environment Agency and MP) regarding a timeframe to remove the obstructing tree roots.</p> <p>c/ Crossing posts High Street and crossroads – Cllr Ford has been asked by the Highways Engineer to ask the Parish Steward to add some reflective tape to improve their visibility.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JF</p>

	<p>d/ Parish Steward visits and update: February and March visits were cancelled; the next one is due 1/6/2023.</p> <p>e/ Replacement bus shelter at the crossroads requested from Wiltshire Council on 08/03/2023. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>f/ Black Dog crossroads. – See under 22/23/139</p>	JS
22/23/144	Coronation weekend (Monday): Wiltshire's grounds maintenance contractor, idverde, will be supporting "Wiltshire Fit for the King Litter Pick" initiative in conjunction with Wiltshire Council. Cllr Ford will contact idverde with a request to borrow litter picking equipment and arrange collection of filled bags. Publicity to be prepared.	JF
22/23/145	Date of next parish council meeting – in the Giles Room, Village Hall. Thursday 04 May 2023 at 1900	
22/23/146	Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 18 May 2023 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are invited. A speaker from the Bustard Group has been invited to give a talk (confirmed). Other groups that could participate/display could include Neighbourhood Plan, Youth Club, and the Village Hall committee.	

Meeting closed at 21:00

Signed..........04 May 2023