

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

02 FEBRUARY 2023 at 1900
GILES ROOM, VILLAGE HALL, SANDFIELD,
WEST LAVINGTON



The Parish Council of
West Lavington

Serving the communities of
West Lavington and
Littleton Panell

MINUTES

Present:	Councillors: Mrs J Ford (Chairman), Mr P Blundell, Ms L Gough, Mr P. West, Mr R. Scott, Mr R Oglesby, Mr D. Muns, Mr R Gamble, Mrs L Bengier and Mr S. Laister	
Also present	Mr J Skillman (clerk)	
22/23/106	Apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
22/23/107	Declaration of interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr. Laister, Cllr. West, Cllr Gamble regarding Duck Street. Cllr. Scott regarding Russell Mill Lane Cllr West regarding planning application PL/2023/00397 	
22/23/108	The minutes of the parish council meeting held 05.01.2023 and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.	
22/23/109	Public Participation None	
22/23/110	Chair's announcements SWALC training – clerk to email available training courses to councillors	JS
22/23/111	Wiltshire Councillor's Report Cllr. Muns reported that there are changes with LHFIG, and how Devizes area compares to other Wiltshire areas. Due to the full uptake from parishes and limited funding pot, new criteria have been put in place for example if requesting a speed related project, a Community Speedwatch should be in place. Duck Street yellow lines: Soon to be painted now that the weather is improving. Devizes Area Board: There are plans to have a main theme for each meeting, e.g., traffic calming Lavington School: The relationship with Devizes School regarding post 16 further education has broken down, thus jeopardising those pupils' further education. There is work being undertaken behind the scenes to remedy the situation. Lavington School could set up its own 6 th form if there is enough demand and approved by Dept of Further Education. Cllr Gamble has contacted Danny Kruger MP about it.	
22/23/112	Planning (a) Planning applications	

	<p>PL/2023/00395 Copse behind 3 Old Yard, Littleton Panell, SN10 4EZ. Consent under Tree Preservation Orders: 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. Consultation deadline 20/02/2023. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019p0MZ No comments, no objections.</p> <p>PL/2023/00397 West Lavington Manor, Church Street, SN10 4LA Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Sycamore (T1) - Fell - Due to direct damage by incremental growth being inflicted on adjacent listed wall. Consultation deadline 20/02/2023. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019p0Mj</p> <p>Cllr West acknowledged the problem. There were no objections, although we would encourage replanting elsewhere.</p> <p>(b) Planning decisions PL/2022/09483 – Withy House, Duck Street. SN10 4LG. Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Proposal: T1 T2 Ash trees - Fell. No Objection. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019BA2K</p> <p>(c) Planning monitoring</p> <p>Lavington Lane site – update on flooding from Hayfield. Problem with the breakdown of the pump. Very muddy currently. Site team are working hard to remedy the situation to enable access to open. Hedges House planning application 2021/11543 – no update Hedgerow replanting on A360 at the Railway Bridge – update. Replanting by end March.</p>	JS
22/23/113	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a) Budget Monitoring – information and CIL receipts; A report was emailed to councillors prior to the meeting. (b) Budgeting for the 2023/24 financial year precept. Precept amount agreed at last meeting and request sent to Wiltshire Council. (c) Audit update – no update (d) Disbursements 1914 – Mark Goddard £970.00 1915 – Clerk salary £368.43 1915 – Information Commissioner £40.00 (e) Grants discussion and decisions – none received. Dave</p>	

	<p>Brown (Youth Club Manager) and management trustees are seeking new trustees and the parish council has received a very useful 3-year financial projection with a view to seeking financial support from the parish council in the future.</p> <p>(f) Duck Street and Sandfield yellow lines – To commence in the Spring when the weather improves.</p> <p>(g) Defibrillator cabinet replacement Littleton Panell - ongoing</p> <p>(h) The proposed fourth defibrillator could be housed in the telephone box at the crossroads, like the one at Rutts Lane.</p> <p>(i) Electrician reports no power at the defibrillator in Rutts Lane (in the telephone box/kiosk). Cllr Ford has contacted Scottish and Southern, who say it is an "unmetered supply" and they will need to raise a work docket to come out to check if there is a supply nearby. This can take 4-6 weeks once we complete and send their form. Electrician will also check the box at the High Street/Lavington Lane junction for supply. BT Openreach also contacted to seek to clarify who has ownership of power supply to both telephone boxes.</p> <p>(j) SWAST are offering defibrillator training courses, WLPC to suggest dates.</p>	JS
22/23/114	<p>Date of Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 18 May 2023 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>	
22/23/115	<p>Coronation event</p> <p>Various options discussed, e.g., Bar, 4pm – 9pm on Sunday 7 May 2023. Majestic Wine offer a 'sale or return'. Parish Council would need a licence. Cllr Oglesby mentioned a potential VAT issue re: alcohol sales. Cllr West to contact Churchill Arms to discuss a possible venture.</p>	
22/23/116	<p>Receipt of Working Groups and project reports:</p> <p>(a) Risk Committee and Community Resilience Plan (renamed from Emergency Plan) – Teams meeting via Teams has been arranged for 06/02/2023.</p> <p>(b) West Lavington Village Hall update. A treasurer is now in place. £5k in bank. CIO is progressing. Artisan car boot sale being resurrected, possibly on a Saturday. The feasibility study will progress, in two phases, costing £8k therefore £7k grant from the parish council will be requested and £1K from the Village Hall. One or two further quotes required for the study. In principle WLPC agrees to providing the grant. This will be on next month's agenda.</p> <p>(c) Footpaths Report Cllr Laister reported that WLAV15 is now open.</p> <p>(d) Playgrounds Group. The DAPS school community is requesting a location for a new memorial bench, bought from their own fund raising. Upkeep should be the responsibility of the DAPS school community. Cllr Blundell provided quotes for replacing some of the aging playground equipment, for £39,900 and £5,695. CIL monies would be used. Councillors agreed to postpone this for 6-8 months to enable the Village Hall works to be clarified.</p> <p>(e) NHP Group. Met on 16/01/2023. All character areas and photos now completed and given to consultant. The grant application of £8,589 has been agreed by Locality. The next meeting will be online on 20/02/2023, or more likely on 27/02/2023.</p> <p>(f) Speedwatch report and Auto Speedwatch feedback from LHFIG. This will be in next month's agenda. Cllr Gough reported that the Speedwatch team is on hold in undertaking shifts due to a procedure problem at police HQ.</p>	

22/23/117	Highways Update (a) Flooding issues in the villages. Spring by Newgate Farm has slowed. Cllr Muns will contact Highways to try and obtain a digital drainage map. (b) Sewerage (overload / raw sewage into Semington Brook). This is being investigated by Wessex Water using CCTV technology. (c) Crossing posts, High Street and crossroads. This is being considered by our local Highways engineer. A Facebook survey found that approx. 75% of respondents found them to be useful rather than a hindrance. (d) Parish Steward visits and update – no visit in January due to sickness. (e) Replacement bus shelter at the crossroads. Landowners of the area have been consulted regarding its exact location, how the tree and the telegraph cable are to be dealt with, how the remaining area is to be left (grass cutting etc.) and what the proposal would be regarding recognition of their ownership of the patch of land (peppercorn rent, legal document etc). After discussion, Councillors agreed to progress request to WC Passenger Transport to replace with narrower roofed shelter on the current site Letter of thanks to landowners for considering our request.	DM
22/23/118	Not on agenda: Cllr Oglesby mentioned the road closure at Cheverell Bridge by Network Rail. Cllr Gamble mentioned that sufficient advanced signage would be required. Cllrs Ford and Muns to write to Highways re HGV diversion.	DM/JF
22/23/119	Date of next parish council meeting – in the Giles Room Thursday 02 March 2023 at 1900	

Meeting closed at 20:55

Signed..........02 March 2023