

**WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

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



Serving the communities of  
West Lavington and  
Littleton Panell

**MINUTES**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors: Mrs J Ford (Chairman), Mr P Blundell, Ms L Gough, Mr P. West, Mr R Oglesby, Mr D. Muns, Mr R Gamble and Mr S. Laister	
<b>Also present</b>	Mr J Skillman (clerk)	
<b>22/23/120</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr R. Scott, Mrs L. Bengier</li> </ul>	
<b>22/23/121</b>	<b>Declaration of interests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr. Laister, Cllr. West, Cllr Gamble regarding Duck Street.</li> </ul>	
<b>22/23/122</b>	<b>The minutes of the parish council meeting held 02.02.2023 and Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of the last meeting – these were agreed to be a true and accurate record. All agreed They were signed by the Chair.</li> </ul> Matters arising: None.	
<b>22/23/123</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> None.	
<b>22/23/124</b>	<b>Chair's announcements</b> Area board meeting on 6/3/2023. Cllrs Ford and West will be attending. The theme is Sustainable Devizes/Transport and Active Travel in the Devizes Area. Sustainable Devizes would like the issue to be discussed in public at this meeting and to have a continuing debate. Ideas and comments from parishes will be encouraged.  Cllr Gamble highlighted bus routes to Stonehenge, Avebury, and Devizes, and also the desire for cycle routes to link the village to Devizes safely.  The £2 bus fare promotion is extended to 30/6/2023.  Cllr Ford reported that Wiltshire Council are encouraging householders to put the correct items in recycling bins. What goes where has been advertised.  News & Views item regarding parish news received good feedback from councillors.	
<b>22/23/125</b>	<b>Wiltshire Councillor's Report</b> Cllr. Muns reported that everything that he wanted to report was already on the agenda.	



22/23/126	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Planning applications</b>  <b>PL/2023/01264 – Dauntseys School, SN10 4HE.</b> Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. T1 - Beech tree - fell - heavily decayed with dead limbs over road and sparse bud development. Close to road, building and oil tank. Consultation deadline 14/03/2023.  <a href="https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019qblU">https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019qblU</a></p> <p>No objection but continued replanting encouraged and appreciated.</p> <p>(b) <b>Planning decisions</b>  <b>PL/2023/00397 – West Lavington Manor, Church Street. SN10 4LA.</b> Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Proposal: Sycamore (T1) - Fell - Due to direct damage by incremental growth being inflicted on adjacent listed wall.  Decision Date: 14-02-2023 Decision: No Objection.  <a href="https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019p0Mj">https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019p0Mj</a></p> <p><b>PL/2022/08590 – 49 High Street, Littleton Panell, SN10 4ES.</b> Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Proposal: T1 beech - reduce by 4m in height and prune in laterals by 2-3m to balance the canopy. Reason - roots lifting the patio underneath, to retain the tree, the tree is to be kept managed at a smaller size adequate for a small back garden area. Decision Date: 17-02-2023 Decision: No Objection.  <a href="https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z0000199Jev">https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z0000199Jev</a></p> <p><b>PL/2022/09651 – Dauntseys School. SN10 4HE.</b> Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Proposal: T1: Scots Pine - Fell. T2: Beech - Crown lift 6m over tennis court and deadwood. T3: Pine - Crown lift 6m over tennis court and deadwood. T4: Pine - Fell. T5: Beech - Crown lift 6m over tennis court and deadwood. T6: Lime – Fell.  Decision Date: 17-02-2023 Decision: No Objection.  <a href="https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019BXDd">https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019BXDd</a></p> <p><b>PL/2022/09859 – The Old House, 11 Duck Street, SN10 4LG.</b> Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Proposal: Sycamore tree – fell. Decision Date: 17-02-2023 Decision: No Objection.  <a href="https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019o1JZ">https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000019o1JZ</a></p> <p>Cllr Gough requested a letter to be written by Cllr Ford to landowner re: trees opposite Black Dog Farm, which are overhanging A360/cables.</p>	JF
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	<p><b>(c) Planning monitoring</b></p> <p><b>Lavington Lane site</b> – No update but building is progressing quickly.</p> <p><b>Hedges House planning appeal PL/2021/11543</b> – update</p> <p>Cllr Gamble will ask our Neighbourhood Planning consultant for his views on this appeal before deadline for comments, which is 28/03/2023.</p> <p><b>Hedgerow replanting on A360 at the Railway Bridge</b> – update. Deadline is end of March.</p>	RG
22/23/127	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>(a) Budget Monitoring – information. A report was emailed to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr West requested some further information on cost categories so the clerk will produce a breakdown of costs.</p> <p>(b) Audit update – no update</p> <p>(c) Disbursements</p> <p>1917 John Skillman expenses £10.00</p> <p>1918 Peter Blundell £107.53</p> <p>1919 Rowan Tree Surgery Ltd £636.00</p> <p>1920 Anthony Northcote Planning £3,772.00</p> <p>1921 John Skillman – clerk salary £368.43</p> <p>(d) Grants discussion and decisions - The Village Hall has requested a grant to fund the feasibility study for the development of the hall, which the PC have agreed to in principle but Parish Council would need to see costs first, but Village Hall cannot provide these until the CIO is completed.</p> <p>(e) Duck Street and Sandfield yellow lines (to be done in the Spring)</p> <p>(f) Defibrillator cabinet placement in telephone box, at crossroads Lavington Lane and proposal to proceed with purchase. Clerk to check with electrician as to whether there is power supply at defibrillator by the crossroads.</p> <p>(g) Defibrillator training date to be requested from SWASFT. Clerk to check with Village Hall for availability.</p>	JS
22/23/128	<p><b>Date of Annual Parish Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 18 May 2023 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Speakers will be invited. Cllr Ford to contact the Great Bustard society for a speaker.</p>	JF
22/23/129	<p><b>Coronation event</b></p> <p>As the pub has events planned the Parish Council have decided not to arrange anything, which might conflict with this enterprise.</p>	
22/23/130	<p><b>Receipt of Working Groups and project reports:</b></p> <p>(a) Risk Committee and Community Resilience – Cllr. West provided an update. Councillors thanked Cllr West for his good work on this.</p> <p>(b) West Lavington Village Hall update. Cllr Gough reported that there</p>	JF



	<p>had been some vandalism. There has been a complaint that the alarm has been sounding regularly but this seemed unfounded. Smart visited to check the alarm system. Cllr Scott and Mrs Gamble will progress the CIO. Hiring is doing well. Cllr Ford discussed the design for the Youth Club mural. Cllr Ford to ask Dave Brown to consult with neighbours.</p> <p>To enable better security coverage against vandalism four stand-alone cameras required at £40 each. Parish Council will provide a small grant to the Village Hall to enable them to pay for these.</p> <p>Cllr Muns stated that the driver performing 'donuts' in the Village Hall car park had been reported. The driver denied it despite being seen on camera. Wiltshire Police asked if we wanted to proceed with a prosecution and the PC decided, yes. Cllr Muns has since gone back and informed Wiltshire Police and now it will be down to them and the CPS to decide whether they will proceed.</p> <p>(c) Footpaths Report – Cllr Laister reported on a complaint about an overhanging tree on WL11. Cllr Ford to contact Dauntseys School and attended a WALC meeting re. rights of way.</p> <p>(d) Playgrounds Group including request for a new memorial bench. This has been agreed by the councillors. The cost of the bench, its installation and upkeep will be undertaken by the requestors. The annual tree survey has now been done. Cllr Blundell reported that additional posts could be installed at the edge of the car park to stop any parking on the grass. They would follow the tarmac line and installed in the summer. The cost would be approx. £1,500 for the posts and their installation. All agreed.</p> <p>(e) NHP are undertaking a Review of the Neighbourhood Plan and Cllr Gamble provided a timetable of the next steps including public consultation. Clerk will circulate consultant's report to councillors. Cllr Gamble provided an update and summarised the next stages. Next meeting 13/03/2023 on Teams.</p> <p>(f) Speedwatch report. Cllr Gough – reported that no replies have yet been received from Speedwatch (CSW) team.</p>	JF
22/23/131	<p><b>Highways Update</b></p> <p>(a) Flooding issues in the villages – drains map and maintenance: Cllr West is in the process of producing a map of gullies and would like some help from Councillors with locating some of the affected areas. Some gullies are blocked and once all of those have been identified the parish Steward can be informed so that gullies can be cleared by him or passed up to the Wiltshire Council Gully Team.</p> <p>(b) Sewerage (overload / raw sewage into Semington Brook) update: CCTV has been used to investigate. No report of anything spotted yet. Wessex Water should be reporting back to us in two weeks. Clerk will check for an update.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JS</p>



	<p>(c) Crossing posts High Street and crossroads: Cllr Ford will request an update from officer.</p> <p>(d) Parish Steward visits: No update</p> <p>(e) Replacement bus shelter at the crossroads - proposal to request replacement in current site, ¾ of the current roof size, same location. Clerk will request this in writing.</p> <p>(f) Black Dog crossroads. Email from member of public re: proposal to realign the geometry of the Black Dog junction and reduce the speed limit to 40mph: Cllr Muns will investigate this to see if there any updates.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>JS</p> <p>DM</p>
22/23/132	Additional item: Cllr Gamble commented on the lack of signage for advanced warning of road closures on the A360 for tree felling. Cllr Muns will investigate this.	DM
22/23/133	Date of next parish council meeting – in the Giles Room <b>Thursday 06 April 2023 at 1900</b>	

Meeting closed at 21:25

Signed..........06 April 2023