

WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL



Serving the communities of
West Lavington and
Littleton Panell

07/05/2026 at 1900
VILLAGE HALL, SANDFIELD.

MINUTES

Present:	Councillors: Mr P. West (Chair), Mrs L. Gough, Mr R Oglesby, Mr S. Pattison, Mr A Koval-Radley, Mrs J. Ford, Mr D Muns, Mr P Blundell, Mr M Sworder, Mr T. Robson.	
26/27/001	Also present: Mr J Skillman (clerk), 30 members of the public.	
26/27/002	Apologies for absence. Mrs A. Spencer	
26/27/003	Declaration of interests None	
26/27/004	The minutes of the parish council meeting held 02/04/2026 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.	
26/27/005	Re-election of Chair and Vice Chair <i>Re-election of Cllr West as Chair</i> Proposed: Cllr Oglesby. Seconded: Cllr Ford. All agreed. <i>Re-election of Cllr Gough as Vice chair</i> Proposed: Cllr Koval-Radley. Seconded: Cllr Ford. All agreed.	
26/27/006	Annual re-signing of the 'Declaration of acceptance of office' forms and GDPR forms. All councillors re-signed the forms.	Clerk
26/27/007	Chair's announcements No updates	
26/27/008	Wiltshire Councillors report No updates	
26/27/009	Public Participation Focussed discussion for one hour as requested by the public, on planning application PL/2026/02443. Construction firm C.G. Fry & Son gave a presentation regarding planning application (PL/2026/02443) for the proposed development of 47 dwellings on land at White Street for 20 minutes. There followed 40+ minutes of public participation which involved questioning the construction firm about the plans and the potential consequences/outcomes. The public questions challenged the validity of the proposals; there were no views expressed in favour of the plan. After the presentation 7 members of the public stayed for parish council discussion about the plans.	

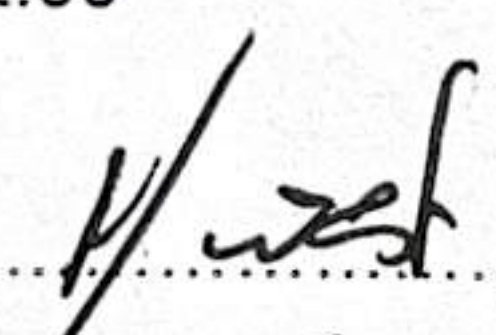
26/27/010	<p>Planning - to receive those decisions notified, and to consider PL/2026/02443 - Land at White Street, SN10 4HR Full planning permission: Erection of 47 dwellings with associated access, internal roads, parking, public open space, landscaping, drainage and associated infrastructure. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000Kutcb Consultation deadline 21/05/2026. Extension requested to 10/06/2026.</p> <p>The parish council voted unanimously (all 10 of the councillors present) against this application. The main reasons were highways access, flood risk, sewerage, density, Neighbourhood Plan, parking places and that it is on agricultural land.</p> <p>The parish council will formalise their objection. Cllr West will divide the work required between councillors as appropriate.</p> <p>Cllr West formally asked the Wiltshire Councillor, Cllr Muns to call this in to committee.</p> <p>PL/2026/02136 - Annexe, The Haven, 63-65 High Street, LP. SN10 4ES Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. T1 Cypress Conifer - Fell. T2 Cypress Conifer - Fell. G1 2 x Spruce - Fell. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000Kak0n Consultation deadline 22/04/2026. Parish Council has already objected. Cllr West has written to tree officer</p> <p>PL/2026/01895 - Dauntseys School, High Street, SN10 4HE Relocation of existing timber building to form cricket pavilion https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000KNmGX Consultation deadline 08/05/2026 No objection</p> <p>PL/2026/01759 - Gore Cross Farm, Gore Cross, SN10 4NA Demolition of various agricultural buildings. Erection of replacement agricultural shed and extension of existing agricultural shed. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000KGxev Consultation deadline 06/05/2026. Extension to 08/05/2026 agreed. No objection</p> <p>PL/2026/02603 - Gore Cross Farm, Gore Cross, SN10 4NA Erection of Agricultural Building (Cattle Shed) Plans are available to view at: https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000L5gnJ Prior Notifications are not open for public comment, as they are assessed against national criteria and do not follow the standard consultation process. No objection</p> <p>PL/2026/01402 - 5 Lavington Lane, Littleton Panell, Devizes, SN10 4EY Removal of storeroom with failed flat roof, replace remaining flat roof over side utility room area with sedum green roof, replace any affected render finish to front of bungalow and repaint in white finish, alterations and replacements of doors/windows. https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000JwUPN Consultation deadline 14/05/2026. No objection</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>DM</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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26/27/011	<p>Planning decisions confirmed</p> <p>PL/2026/01163 - The Rockery, 25 High Street, SN10 4HQ Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. T1 Birch tree - Reduce the branch on the north side of the canopy that is growing over the green house by up to 3 meters. Decision Date: 25/03/2026. Decision: No Objection</p> <p>PL/2026/00937 - Holly Cottage, 21 Stibb Hill, SN10 4LQ Replacement rear extension. Cladding to external elevations. Decision Date: 10/04/2026. Decision: Approve with Conditions</p> <p>PL/2026/02403 - The Old Vicarage, 11 Church Street. SN10 4LB 5 x dead/dying unspecified trees - fell. The trees are classified as Dead and Dangerous (DD). The trees can be removed under the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>PL/2026/01306 - Wyneshore House, 2 White Street, SN10 4LW Demolition of the existing conservatory, construction of front and rear extensions, landscaping works (including decking and outbuildings), and updates to the pond area Decision Date:23/04/2026. Decision: Approve with Conditions</p>	
26/27/012	<p>Planning monitoring updates 8 Russell Mill Lane As part of his response as Wiltshire Councillor, Cllr Muns reported that he is not satisfied that the development of that property into what it is now, and more importantly the use of it now, falls within permitted development. In his opinion it jumps up a use class and requires a full planning application. The Head of Planning has stated that it is permitted development, so Cllr Muns has advised residents there that they seek external legal advice and they challenge that. If that's the case, then it would mean that they would need to challenge planning enforcement and a fresh application would need to come into support it.</p> <p>Cllr Sworder suggested that this item should be removed from the agenda because there is nothing that the parish council can do, currently.</p> <p>Cllr West commented that the parish council also were calling on Wiltshire Council leaders to give voice to the resident, and the final meeting for that is due this month. So, once we've reported on that final meeting, and Wiltshire Council's decision, then potentially it should come off the agenda. Cllr Muns added that if third parties were to challenge Wiltshire Council's decision on the planning front, it would be right for them to speak to the parish council. Cllr Sworder replied that at that point the item would go back on to the agenda. Cllr West will report on the final meeting with residents at next month's meeting.</p> <p>Village takeaway extractor planning PL/2025/07738 Cllr West commented that this business owner has not built what he applied for, we should challenge this development. It is disappointing that Wiltshire Council Officers have visited the property and haven't noticed this difference.</p> <p>Cllr Muns added that once the application is approved, the owner will then be an automatic breach of planning, because what's on the roof doesn't match the plans. Further follow up is required</p> <p>Tree works PL/2025/07208 - 1 Cheverell Road Cllr West reported that he has written to the tree officer, who responded to say that he has visited the site and has referred the work to planning enforcement. Clerk to request an update from planning enforcement.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>We would need to pay a one-off fee of £880 to migrate all the emails from our current provider onto Microsoft 365, and he will also help us set that up on our machines, and the Microsoft 365 package has the ability to archive.</p> <p>As a comparison, with Microsoft or Google, the cost is similar.</p> <p>With Clearsky IT we get the support package as well.</p> <p>Cllr Sworder added that we hadn't budgeted for this so we could use the 'Unallocated/Contingency' budget amount of £3,538.18</p> <p>Cllr West added that the package is Business Basic, with an annual subscription of £607. There's one business premium, and there's one business premium annual subscription, and then we get 12 at £6.50. which are our emails. Then there's an annual fee for data that the Clerk needs in terms of One Drive and Share Point.</p> <p>Cllr West proposed ClearskyIT as the preferred solution. All councillors agreed.</p> <p>Community resilience plan Cllr Koval-Radley – no updates</p> <p>West Lavington Village Hall <i>3-way stakeholder meeting date (Youth Club/Village Hall/Parish Council) discussion</i> Cllr West reported that they had the Stakeholder Meeting, which went very well and was a constructive meeting.</p> <p>Everybody agreed that more space was needed but there was no funding available for extensions. The meeting agreed to explore is the potential of using the youth club together with the village hall and perhaps put some sort of partition in the village hall to give two spaces. There was by no means a decision, but just an agreement to talk together and keep going, which means an extension is not being considered.</p> <p>Rights of Way Cllr Pattison reported that he has scheduled next pathfinder clearing for Saturday morning of 23rd May, meet in the car park, bring your strimmer! The aim is to go from the Village Hall to the path back towards Mill Lane. There will be more to come.</p> <p>Cllr Ford added that paths need clearing that go through from Spinney to Lavington Lane, which is the hedge that belongs to Dauntseys School, and the one running along the back between White Street and Orchard Place, the hedges part is overgrown. Cllr. West will write to Dauntsey Estates to ask their help</p> <p>Playgrounds Group Cllr Blundell reported: The DAPS youngsters selected the Legendary Empire installation from Wicksteed at £10,787.00 last year. I went back to Wicksteed for 2026 prices & then haggled. The best he would do was £8920.85, which included delivery. This is nearly £1900 under 2025 prices, which I am delighted with. I have now contacted a local installer to see what he would charge to remove the old unit, add some new, attractive flecked wet pour and install the new piece.</p> <p>He will report the total cost at the June meeting when there will be further discussions on how to fund new equipment given the prohibitive high costs</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>PW</p> <p>PW</p>
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26/27/017	<p>Annual parish meeting – continued planning and speaker for May 13th: The speaker will be training officer for Salisbury Plain Training Area. Cllr West has statements from local groups. Councillors will also make presentations regarding their portfolios.</p>	
26/27/018	<p>Policy reviews No updates</p>	
26/27/019	<p>Date of next parish council meeting – in the Giles Room, Village Hall. Thursday 4th June 2026 at 7pm.</p>	

Meeting closed at 22.00

Signed..........04/06/2026

Public Notice: The confirmed minutes of this meeting may be inspected at any reasonable time, but by appointment, at the home of the Clerk after 04.06.2026. The Clerk can also provide an e-mail copy on request; alternatively, previous minutes are available on our website.