

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



**02/07/2026 at 1900
VILLAGE HALL, SANDFIELD.**

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West Lavington and
Littleton Panell

MINUTES

Present:	Councillors: Mr P. West (Chair), Mrs L. Gough, Mr R Oglesby, Mr S. Pattisson, Mr A Koval-Radley, Mrs J. Ford, Mr D Muns, Mr M Swarder, Mr P Blundell, Mr T. Robson	
26/27/039	Also present: Mr J Skillman (clerk), 1 member of the public.	
26/27/040	Apologies for absence. Mrs A. Spencer	
26/27/041	Declaration of interests Cllr Ford, Church Street.	
26/27/042	The minutes of the parish council meeting held 04/06/2026 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.	Clerk
26/27/043	Chair's announcements Cllr West reported: Cllr Koval-Radley has resigned as a parish councillor as of 03/07/2026. Clerk to notify Wiltshire Council. Cllr West had a meeting with the new Head of Estates at Dauntsey's. They have appointed a new Head of Grounds. They had a conversation about the redirection of the footpath from the sunken lane. (WLAV 2/45/46) There was a Parish Council Chair's meeting with Market Lavington and Easterton about items that are of a mutual interest, predominantly traffic, planning, housing, and a proposal to remove the 40mph limits and make the stretch between the West Lavington crossroads and the far side of Easterton 30mph, so it was suggested that we submit an LHFIC application from all three parishes at the same time on one application. All agreed. The Local Plan Consultation says we don't have enough housing, and they will be asking parishes to allocate sections of land and tell us how many houses can be built. Councillors will consider that over next new couple of weeks and then we can formulate a response. We have received one allotment request. We haven't been asked for one recently. We don't have any allotment space currently. Clerk and Chair to formulate a reply.	Clerk PW All Clerk/PW
26/27/044	Wiltshire Councillors report Cllr Muns reported: 1/ White Street planning application: Cllr Muns spoke to the planning officer. Although this is still in the early stages she quoted back to Cllr Muns the Landscape Officer's comments and Highways comments. The applicant is trying to get around the Highways issue but there would be no way around this because they don't own the corners of the junction at White Street. This is the weak point. The strongest thing in favour of a planning refusal is the Highways safety issue.	

	2/ National Planning Policy Framework: This will be changing soon. Now that the Local Plan has been retracted and we'll be working towards higher housing targets nationally, which will filter down. Housing would be pushed deeper into smaller communities to spread the burden. 3/ Speed limit request. Cllr Muns put together a document for Great Cheverell and Little Cheverell as he has tried to tackle several highways issues. This would be a plan of attack, i.e. how they approach that with Wiltshire Council, as he is keen for them to do more strategic thinking towards their approaches rather than sending emails. Cllr Muns will share this with West Lavington Parish Council as well. 4/ Kebab shop: Cllr Muns has received some correspondences regarding the complaint about the smell; he has asked householders to identify the total number of neighbours who wish to complain in order to move this forward with Wiltshire Council.	DM DM
26/27/045	Public Participation One resident attended to hear the discussion about White Street. No comments to add. Cllr West requested the word is spread to respond to the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan.	All
26/27/046	Planning - to receive those decisions notified, and to consider PL/2026/02544: 49 White Street, SN10 4LP Amended plans/additional information/change to proposal description Log cabin in rear of garden to be used as an annexe https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000L2z3J Consultation deadline 02/07/2026. Extended to 3/7/2026 Information missing from the application is: 1. There is no design and access statement 2. There is no information on the use of the residence 3. There is no information on how the residence will be accessed by vehicles or on foot nor any driveway or paths As this information has not been made available the proposal is to object to the application. Proposed: Cllr West Seconded: Cllr Oglesby. Votes: 7 in favour of objecting, 3 against objecting. Cllr West will send Clerk suitable wording for the objection and clerk will add the objection to the Wiltshire Council planning portal. PL/2026/03390 - Gore Cross Farm, Gore Cross, SN10 4NA Erection of new livestock shed https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000LtEKn Consultation deadline 08/07/2026 No objection PL/2026/03606 - Dauntsey House, 9 Church Street. SN10 4LB. Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. T1 - Magnolia Grand Flora tree – fell https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000M7owH Consultation deadline 30/06/2026 No objection.	Clerk Clerk PW/Clerk Clerk Clerk

26/27/047	Planning decisions confirmed PL/2026/01895 - Dauntseys School, High Street, SN10 4HE Relocation of existing timber building to form cricket pavilion Decision Date: 27/05/2026. Decision: Approve with Conditions 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. Decision Date: 04/06/2026. Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2026/01402 - 5 Lavington Lane, LP, 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. Decision Date: 04/06/2026. Decision: Approve with Conditions PL/2026/02679 - Home Farm, 61 High Street, SN10 4JB Installation of stud walls to form new bathroom Decision Date 19/06/2026. Decision: Refuse	
26/27/048	Planning monitoring updates <i>Village takeaway extractor planning PL/2025/07738 (Kebab shop)</i> Covered in Wiltshire Councillor report above. <i>Tree works PL/2025/07208 - 1 Cheverell Road</i> No updates	
26/27/049	Finance matters: <i>Budget Monitoring – information.</i> Budget information and draft budget were sent to councillors prior to the meeting. No queries. <i>Disbursements</i> Ground Condition Consultants inv 2177 - Infiltration and CBR testing £2,850.00 (paid 25 June) Andrew Waring Associates (AWA) inv 11039 Village Hall Car Park - Technical Design phase £594.00 Clear Sky IT inv 29957 - Email system to MS365 - £1,056.00 SJ Aplin inv 4758 Play area - groundworks £8,652.00 Invoice on hold, work not started. Village Hall CIO Room hire (PC and projector) £22.00 John Skillman Clerk salary June £466.90 HMRC Employers NI Employers NI - June £25.00 HMRC -Income Tax PAYE June £116.80 Annual audits – External Documentation was sent to the External auditor before the 01/07/2026 deadline. We await their report.	Clerk
26/27/050	Highways Issues and updates <i>Three applications to LHFIG - updates</i> 1/ Church Street: 2/ H Bar in LP: 3/ Speed limit change in LP: No updates. <i>Village Signs</i> Replacement West Lavington sign on the Mercers' railings. Cllr Ford has reported this on the My Wilts app.	

26/27/051	Village Hall Car Park resurfacing – Drainage design update Cllr West reported that we have received the preliminary designs, and he asked councillors if they wanted to make changes before we go to final designs. Cllr Ford replied that we should put a dropped kerb at the back, and that an extension is needed because the back section of grass is useful for extra car parking when there are big events occurring. Cllr Sworder add that it was also a good place to put bins. Cllr West proposed: We go to tender with the designs that we have currently. We appoint somebody to do the work We ask them to price in an amendment to the contract i.e. we need to get the tender out then modify it one we have a contractor. Cllr Sworder agreed with Cllr West's proposal on the understanding that we will try and negotiate some amendments with the approved supplier. Cllr Muns suggested trying to acquire the amendment before we have appointed somebody. So, if we had three quotes from suppliers, we can say that we are planning small amendments, e.g. a dropped kerb, we are going back out to each of the three suppliers asking them if they can absorb that in their project costs. Cllr Blundell added that if the Village Hall keeps getting busier, and DAPS parents are also using the car park there would not be enough space, and the cars would spill out on to Eastfield. Clerk to chase Planning to see if planning permission is required. Cllr West to suggest extra wording, and to provide an email for the Northern Highways team as it might be worth asking them too.	Clerk/PW
26/27/052	Receipt of Working Groups and project reports Risk committee This would now need to be re-allocated to another councillor now that Cllr Koval-Radley has resigned. Risk Meeting is due in the Autumn so Risk Committee membership can be decided then. Communication update No updates. IT Update on new provider Cllr West checked that everybody is now online with the new email system that Clear Sky IT have arranged. Cllr Muns has been testing the website to see if emails are going out. They are not. Cllr West reported that that we had received 3 responses from the WLCR email that we sent out, i.e. from statutory bodies such as Canal & River Trust, National Highways and the Gas board. Community resilience plan This would also need to be re-allocated to another councillor now that Cllr Koval-Radley has resigned. Cllr Sworder had received a question regarding the resilience plan, which is related to the Village Hall, asking what the role of the Village Hall in the resilience plan is. Cllrs West and Gough suggested that this information had been supplied to them previously, i.e. fundamentally the village hall is a place of safety.	PW Clerk PW

	West Lavington Village Hall Cllr Swarder reported that there is still some concern about the lease and the title. Cllr West replied that it is in his inbox to be done. Cllr Swarder had a question about the survey of the roof because a roofer had visited and said that there is a hole in the flat roof in the area over the ladies' toilet. Cllr Swarder said that we would need to see the original survey before we go on to the roof. Members directed him to Mr Scott or Mr Bryant as they were involved in the survey Cllr Swarder discussed co-ordinating the Village Hall with the Youth Club and having a walk around with an architect to discuss the option. Cllr Gough offered to suggest a low-cost architect who could do this. Cllr Swarder commented that the Village Hall barely breaks even monthly and it is slightly in the red this year, so more hirers are required and/or increased hiring prices could be required. Rights of Way Cllr Pattisson reported that he cancelled the last path clearing exercise because of the heat. To be rearranged. Cllr Swarder reported that WLAV34, which is the byway to the perimeter road, runs out of its closure license at the end of July, and nothing has been done. The notice has been reprinted. Cllr Ford commented that WLAV34 has an extension closure notice until 01/02/2027. Playgrounds Group Cllr Blundell reported that bins have been emptied regularly. Grass has been cut. The dog poo situation has improved. Equipment replacement: The new item of equipment has been ordered to replace the Tropicana unit. Repairs & Renewals: WLAV14 is much improved although some work is still required on the top half. Remembrance Avenue: Cllr Blundell thanked Cllr Swarder for his grass cuttings. Village Hall Entrance Curtilage: There are some cracked paving outside the Village Hall. Cllr Blundell will obtain quotes for repairs and grouting. Remembrance Avenue -Addition of 12 names to the war memorial Cllr Swarder has spoken to the British Legion in Devizes, and he needs more details about the 12 names, e.g. which regiments. Clerk to add to September agenda. NHP Review Group - Neighbourhood Plan: Update Covered earlier, but Cllr Pattisson also reported that the consultation period is continuing until 12/07/2026 when it ends. A few responses have come into the website from residents and a few of the organisations who were emailed on 01/06/2026. The consultation has been publicised as widely as possible including posters on village noticeboards and Facebook posts and reminders, along with the hard copy which is available in The Churchill Arms. Once the end of the consultation has passed the responses will be reviewed and analysed and the findings reported back at the next meeting. Funding for playground equipment: The sponsors will give the donation to the clerk.	PW MS LG SP PB Clerk Clerk
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