

LAVANT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Lavant Parish Council
TUESDAY 9th November 2021 AT 7.00pm,
Lavant Memorial Hall Green Room

In attendance:

Councillors Ings, Kuchanny, Goldsmith, Newman, Quest, Reynolds, Tucker.
Clerk Dawn Salter, County Councillor Hunt, District Councillor David Palmer
Public Present – none

Agenda Item 1: Apologies from Members. – Cllr Aldridge

Agenda Item 2: Public Sessions - none

Agenda Item 3: To receive and approve the Minutes of Meeting 12th October 2021.

On a **proposal** by Councillor Newman and **seconded** by Councillor Ings

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of Meeting 12th October 2021 be accepted as a true record of proceedings. The papers were signed accordingly.

Agenda Item 4: Update on matters carried forward from previous meeting:

a) Footpath Village Green

Councillor Aldridge sent in a short progress update regarding consent for the new bridge. To summarise: -

The Church Commissioners are yet to provide a draft legal agreement and he will follow up on that.

There will be a meeting with Councillors, and the bridge builder on Thursday afternoon in order to discuss the design and engineering.

Action: Councillor Aldridge

Agenda Item 5: -Report from County Councillor Jeremy Hunt

County Councillor Jeremy Hunt reported

- Centurion Way. – The tree felling is complete, but unfortunately the installation of the ramp has been delayed due to the need to divert the highways team to emergency works on the A285. The road has collapsed and is currently undergoing major repairs.the new ramp is installed.
- Flooding - West Sussex Operation Watershed Team and others are arranging to investigate the culverts in Chalkpit Lane and Lower Lavant. Using the Operation watershed grant application process the aim is to clean the gullies out. A culvert at the bottom of chalkpit Lane has already been cleared out by WSCC Highways, which has already improved the situation.
- Tree Planting – Request to identify areas for Tree replacement around the Village.

Agenda Item 6: District Councillors Report

Report received with thanks

See Appendix C

Questions: -

Councillor Newman would like clarification if District can demonstrate there was a 5yr land supply which would prevent developers building further.

Councillor Pickford would like the Local Plan team to revitalise the Jacobs Road Survey Report .pg 22 looking at rat running through East - West Lavant based on a housing growth of 440 a year. The projection is currently 659 per year a 50% uplift. It needs further work to see if the plan would work without A27 mitigation. A statement regarding the northern route is the traffic is to be separate North – South / East – West- the local traffic to the through traffic.

County Councillor Jeremy Hunt clarified that, although he hadn't supported the decision, the stated preference put forward to Highways England by the County Council, following the BaBa27 meetings, was for a mitigated northern

route, but as an alternative a mitigated southern route should be fully investigated. Highways England chose neither due to cost and other factors. A full explanation of why if any solution is going to be left out is required.

Agenda Item 7: Chairman's Report

- Speedwatch Team

A report to Lavant Parish Council October 2021

The Lavant Speedwatch group started in March 2019. For a number of months we were not operational due to the pandemic.

Since its inception the group has identified over 800 vehicles travelling at speeds in excess of 35mph on village roads with 30mph speed limits. 13 of these have been recorded twice during the period.

The group has four members currently. To provide adequate cover for holidays and illness, we need more volunteers. With more volunteers we could do more.

As you know, PC Jason Lemm loaned David Priscott and the other Lavant CSW volunteers some speed calming equipment that they have been using for the last six months. We need to find funding for David and the others and get them their own kit for Lavant that they will own and keep as a CSW group.

The cost of a new Bushnell speed device starter kit is £446.50 plus vat which comes to a total of £535.80. PC Lemm can apply for upto £500 from the Police property act fund to pay for this. As this does not quite cover the required amount, a request for Lavant parish council be willing to pay the shortfall.

All councillors agreed and a budget payment of £150 was to given.

The clerk will advise PC Jason Lemm who will continue his efforts to complete the funding application. The grant will come direct to the Parish Council. Speedwatch can then order the new kit and Parish Council will be invoiced.

Action: CLERK

- Raughmere

Working towards the appeal, briefing documents are being sent out to all councillors and a note of Thanks to Councillor Tim Aldridge for responding with his Nitrates and Agriculture reports although nothing significant that would be used for the appeal.

Speedwatch surveys show that the data is difficult to challenge. The evidence does not consider Hunters Race or East-West traffic. Comment will be made further.

A landscape consultant – Terra firma is being used by CDC. A request will be put forward for Lavant to have direct access to them.

Chairman explained to the council to retain the option to have legal professional representation in the Public Inquiry is a Rule 6. Lavant would become a party who can be heard to set out the case why planning permission should be refused. A rule 6 letter to be drawn up by a solicitor or junior barrister of Landmark Chambers immediately costs approx. £600.00 +VAT.

The proposal was to put the Rule 6 letter forward to the Planning inspectorate on behalf of Lavant Parish Council. The council **Resolved** to spend £600 +VAT from the legal budget.

Questions From: -

DC David Palmer was concerned about engaging too many barristers. Would it better to use the quality CDC barrister? Request advice from CDC.

Councillor Reynolds – To the Clerk -Is the Parish Council allowed to spend on legal costs?

What budget does it come from? What is the Parish Council held responsible for?

Councillor Newman – Can we present Lavant Parish Council using a Parish Councillor?

Going forward the council representatives will meet with CDC and further discussions and fact finding can then be considered to whom will fund the junior barrister - 19 houses adjacent to the site, Summersdale Residents Association may wish to assist with the cost of a junior barrister £40-45k and defend their position (a fighting fund) and Chairman asked how much the council would look to contribute a sum for example of £10,000.00 from Parish Council reserves. No decision on this was made at this point.

Agenda Item 8: La Volunteers Report

Councillor Newman would like the council to defer this report until next meeting when he will have more interesting information on equipment to purchase in the next budget.

County Councillor a thought to request the Volunteers that every six months to clear the culvert at the bottom of Chalkpit Lane.

Agenda Item 9 Playground Update.

Councillor Quest gave an update of the progression of the project. The Playground companies have been sending in quotes and a preferred company has been chosen to look at repair and upgrade which is much less costly than the previous quote.

Agenda Item 10 -Clerk Report / Summary of any correspondence received

Council acknowledged the receipt of the correspondences as sent by the Clerk: -

Consultations - None

Village Green User Agreements. – None

a) Mulberry Training August - December 2021 –

Cllr Kuchanny requested to attend Future of Planning Thurs 11th November 7pm-9pm

Action: Clerk

b) Gambling Act 2005 to pay Annual Fee to CDC due December for Fete Committee

Annual Fee for Gambling Act 2005 registration £20 due for payment December 2021. Council agreed that a Raffle for the next years Fete is necessary to hold this license through CDC.

The council agreed to spend £20 to payable by Barclaycard via CDC licensing payments website.

Action: Clerk

Agenda Item 11: FINANCE Accounts

The accounts for the period ending 26th October 2021 were presented to the council and ratified by the councillors. It was **Resolved** to approve the accounts for this period.

I. To note receipts and recommend approve monthly payments – Appendix A

It was **Resolved** to approve unanimously that the attached copy of the payment report including payments to be ratified and agreed on 9th November amounting to £2899.80 (of which £ 172.95 VAT)

II. To Approval of October 2021 Bank reconciliation – Appendix B

A copy of the bank statements and bank reconciliation 26th October 2021 was made available to council members at the meeting for monitoring and reconciliation purposes.

It was **Resolved** to approve the accounts.

III. To record the Clerk and the Chairman of Council has verified the Bank Reconciliations in line with the financial regulations to satisfy the new RFO/Clerk records are balanced.
In line with good practice, the NatWest Bank Statements were inspected and the corresponding balance initialled.

IV. Request Spend for Local Contractor engage for Pest Control at Churchmead Playarea
The council had been informed that there has been sighting of Mole Hill in the Playarea.
It was agreed council would engage the local contractor for Pest Control at £140.00.

V. Request Spend for Maintenance Equipment to be Annually Serviced
4 x Stihl strimmers
0 x Stihl hedge trimmer
1 x Stihl multitool with hedge trimmer and pruning saw
2 x Stihl blowers
1 Lawn Mower

It was agreed by council a representative of Lavvoles would take the equipment to be annually services with local contractors.

VI. Request to purchase x2 Green Glasdon bins for Playground.
It was agreed that Clerk will order x2 Green Glasdon bins £270 each bin in colour green and concrete fixing bolts with VAT inc to be delivered to Cllr Newman.

Action:Clerk

VII. Request to purchase Flagpole for Queen Jubilee Tea Party Ceremony
It was agreed by council to hold further discussions with Sunley / Crayfern developers as an offer to purchase and install a Flagppole 8mtr(detailed x3 options were circulated previously).

VIII Request For First Aid Training To The Volunteers Group Members
At present the Lavant Volunteers have dropped to only one First Aiders as a volunteer has moved away. Quotes were sort from local First Aid Safety Awareness Training Courses.
The Council agreed to engage the Trainers for a formal 2 day course £110.00 & £20 per morning to Hire the Lavant Room 7th & 14th December 9am – 1pm.Each attendee will receive a certificate of attendance.

Agenda Item 12 Governance

1) To consider dates for Council Meeting in Calendar For 2022

The clerk had previously circulated a calendar of dates for council to consider meetings to be held in 2022. The dates will be entered into the website. Council approved the dates for the new year council meetings.

Agenda Item 13: -Planning Applications and Delegated Decisions.

Councillors Ings and Tucker informed the Council of planning applications and / or decisions received since the last meeting.

13.1 Outstanding Planning applications Update-

Eastmeads Application Ref SDNP/18/03162/FUL: APPEAL: APP/Y9507/W/20/3257831 –
DECISION – PLANNING APPEAL ALLOWED

Raughmere Application Ref:Impact Assessment SDNP/20/02675/OUTEIA/
APPEAL APP/L3815/W/21/3284653

Pook Lane (Sunley/Crayfern) SDNP /20/04550/NMA: SDNP/21/02414/DCOND | Discharge of Conditions
Sunley has drawn our attention to the possible danger the current proposal may have in respect of access, especially by children, from the development onto the extremely busy roundabout at Pook Lane. They offered a timber stile arrangement as a possible solution.

The Parish Council discussed this offer and came to the conclusion that we believe it would be preferable to plant thick hedging and trees on this part of the site to avoid direct access onto the busy roundabout.

13.2 SDNP

Application: SDNP/21/04940 / HOUS

Location: Barn House 69 Midhurst Road Lavant Chichester West Sussex PO18 ODA

Proposal: **Proposal:** Single storey rear extension including internal/external alterations, front veranda and drive entrance gate.

Decision: SUPPORT

Application: SDNP/21/05022/TCA

Location: Burches Barn A286 Sheepwash Lane to West Stoke Road Mid Lavant Chichester West Sussex PO18 0BH

Proposal: Notification of intention to prune by up to 3m back to old pruning points on 1 no. Loral tree (T1). Prune by 2m back to previous pruning points on 2 no. Pear trees (T2 and T3).

Decision: SUPPORT

Agenda Item 14: Any requests for items for the agenda next meeting.

Lavvoles

Memorial Hall Sewage report back from Southern Water Capital Development.

Agenda Item 13: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th December 2021 Green Room Lavant Memorial Hall 7pm
Lavant Volunteer Allotments Association.6.30pm

Meeting Finished at 20.37pm

Signed.....Dated.....

Appendices and Attachments

Monthly Income and Expenditure Report

Appendix A

Orders For Payment

DATE	REF	PAYER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT
28th OCT'21	CR011	SDNP	cil oct '21	£ 25,154.92	
PAYMENTS:	Nov-21				
DATE APPROVED	INVOICE NUMBER	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	VAT
09/11/21	FO088	D A SALTER	CLERK EXPENSES	£ 16.00	
09/11/21	FO089	HITACHI - DD	HP TRACTOR	£ 229.00	
09/11/21	FO090	Allstar Fuel Card - DD	Tractor Fuel	£ 38.58	6.43
09/11/21	FO091	Barclaycard - DD	Statement hp ink & ernest Doe	£ 755.37	125.91
09/11/21	FO092	ScanStation-DD	365 microsoft license	£ 43.68	7.28
09/11/21	FO093	NEST - DD	Clerks Pension	£ 79.80	
09/11/21	FO094	WSCC	Clerks Salary	£ 758.37	
09/11/21	FO095	South Coast Pestforce	playground moles control	£ 140.00	
09/11/21	FO096	Parish Online	Subscription 21-22	£ 84.00	14.00
09/11/21	FO097	GOODROWES	Bulk Square Line Strimmer	£ 32.00	5.33
09/11/21	FO098	Mulberry & CO	Training x2	£ 84.00	14.00
09/11/21	FO099	St Marys	Hire of St Nic's Church	£ 39.00	
09/11/21	FO100	St Marys	Lavant News	£ 500.00	
09/11/21	FO101	CQ 2744 R MCGlone	Gravel For Footpath	£ 100.00	
			TOTAL	£ 2,899.80	£ 172.95

APPENDIX B
Bank Reconciliation

Lavant Parish Council					
Bank Reconciliation as of 26/10/2021					
Current Account	26th October				88,194.78
				total	88,194.78
opening balance 1st April 20				£	67,813.23
Add Receipts in the year				£	33,599.30
Less Payments in the year				£	13,217.75
	as of 26 OCT21			Balance £	88,194.78
Less					
Reserve @ 33% of Annual Precept of £29637				£	9,780.00
				Total	£ 9,780.00
Ring-fenced funds					
Lavvoles					£729.45
Let's walk (Footpaths)				£	1,338.03
Youth project				£	1,440.38
watershed grant				£	48.22
CIL SDNP	Allocated 45,000.00	-£ 45,000.00			51362.88
				Total	£ 54,918.96
Total available funds (less ring fenced and reserve)					£ 23,495.82

Report from District Councillor to Lavant Parish Council,
Tuesday November 9, 2021

1. Introduction:

Two issues affecting the Parish have come up in the last month:

- Some small progress on the Local Plan
- National Highways is taking a serious look at the A27

2. Local Plan:

The two issues standing in the way of a valid Local Plan are the state of the A27, and water and sewage issues.

A meeting of all Councillors ten days ago revealed that dialogue between CDC and National Highways (the new name for Highways England) have been pretty constant.

CDC's divisional manager for Planning Policy, said he was pleased with the "level of engagement of National Highways". He also revealed that further investigative work by CDC had produced a figure of 5.1 years of land supply for our housing requirement. This is a significant improvement on the March 2020 figure of 4.3 years supply.

For a Local Plan to be valid, it has to show a minimum of five years land supply.

Hopes are now that a valid Local Plan can be delivered by July next year, a four-month delay from the original date of March 2022.

My instinct tells me that at last progress is being made; but don't hold your breath on the deadline of July 2022.

3. The A27:

For the time being, CDC is "not promoting the Stockbridge Link Road." But it could come back into the reckoning at a future date. CDC is trying to move things forward with an "adopted mitigation package" for the A27. This includes works to the Fishbourne, Bognor and Portfield roundabouts costing £26m.

National Highways has booked a meeting with all County and District Councillor at 0930 on Friday Nov. 12. They are also approaching Parish Councils for similar consultation,

It feels to me as if the future of the A27, and whether we go for a Northern bypass or enhancements to the existing southern bypass, are about to take centre stage again.

I shall report regularly to you on progress.

As you probably know, I am personally fiercely opposed to a new Northern Bypass

David Palmer, November 3, 2021