

Appendix 9a

Beating of Bounds Article

LAVANT THEN August 2014

This month Andrew Berriman, local historian, prepares to **'beat the bounds'**

So what's this all about? 'The bounds' were the parish boundaries, obviously. As for the 'beating', well, this mainly involved teenage boys, either done by them or to them. On the long procession around the boundary, the boys were given stout branches or large sticks with which to beat the boundary. Or alternatively the boys were upended and their heads 'beaten' against the boundary at special points along the route, so that it would be imprinted for ever on their skulls, hopefully thick. If the boundary was a low wall, it was thought no bad thing to throw the boys over it. That would surely do the trick.

So, that's it explained. Sorted. Next topic, please. Actually, the 'Beating of the Bounds' custom was profoundly important in medieval times. No one back then had maps of any sort. The only way to pass on to succeeding generations exactly where was the parish boundary, was by walking around it, particularly with youngsters in attendance, so that they in their turn could later pass on this important knowledge. It was important for so many reasons to know in which parish each cottage, and its inhabitants, was located. If locals wanted to claim parish poor relief, they needed to be able to prove that they did indeed live in that parish. And when they died, they wanted to confirm their right to be buried in their parish churchyard. Above all, each parish wanted to assert its territorial boundary against the claims of any other parish or Lord of the Manor. In earlier times this had been done by digging physical boundaries such as the extensive late Iron Age Chichester Entrenchments, which are still visible today in the Lavant area.

So every year, but more likely at irregular intervals, the parishioners spent a whole day walking the boundaries. It usually happened on Ascension Day or Ascension Sunday (the fifth Sunday after Easter, so in mid to late May), or on the three Rogation Days that preceded Ascension Day. The procession would be led by the vicar/priest/Rector, and followed by the churchwardens and other church officials, and finally the congregation, the villagers, and those boys..... Making it a fun day out was important if those boys were to be persuaded to come along, and forsake whatever was the medieval equivalent of their X-Box and MP3 player!

Rogation, what was that? A fair question, as it's not a word often used these days twice before breakfast. It comes from the Latin 'rogare', 'to ask'. The priest, on the walk, would ask for God's blessing on the parish, its residents, and especially on the crops which had been planted a few weeks earlier, and were just beginning to sprout. The names of all the saints would be chanted. The priest would also call on laymen to read out various Lessons from the Gospels. This would often be under an oak tree on the parish boundary; hence the Gospel Oak, now often used as a pub name, not to mention an area of Camden near Hampstead Heath, with its railway station also bearing that name. Hymns would also be sung, particularly psalm 103 ('Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits').

As with many Christian practices, the roots of this custom probably predate the coming of Christianity. And it must not be thought that the day was simply religious. In one sense it was a 'day out', a day off from the remorseless grind of farm work, and excuse for feasting, drinking and general merrymaking. Ale was in plentiful supply. The excellent 'Tudor Monastery Farm' series on TV has recently shown us with what gusto our ancestors could enjoy those rare 'high days and holy days'.

I've 'beaten the bounds' once, 1993 in Anglesey, North Wales. The parish was that of St. Mary's, Beaumaris, 'the beautiful marsh', with its amazing castle overlooking the

Menai Straits. We were holidaying there, as we always did during Whit week, with my wife's cousin Gwen, who was the local doctor. Just as well she was, as near the end of the ritual perambulation, my wife Mari fell down a hedge bank and badly twisted her knee. We had begun the day with a short church service, then went down to the foreshore overlooking Bangor, then inland up steep hills, across fields and along leafy lanes. At one point a fairly modern farmhouse was found to straddle the parish boundary; presumably its occupants move from parish to parish depending on whether they are in their kitchen or their lounge! As the fire brigade was on hand with two long ladders, we were soon able to climb up and over, and down the other side. I've still got the photos to prove it. It was a memorable day.

There is a local parallel for this story. St Pancras parish boundary in Chichester passes over the City Walls. Fortunately, there was a house attached to the Wall at this spot. So the procession used to walk in the front door, climb the stairs, then exit the house via the upstairs bedroom window, out onto the East Walls. Not sure what the occupants made of all this, but maybe as parishioners they were quite happy to be involved in all the fun.

As for Lavant parish, I have come across at least three occasions when the 'bounds' were 'beaten'. Two of these were during World War Two, in 1943 and 1944. This was during the long rectorship of the Rev. Selwyn L. Buckwell (1925-1960). He writes in the May 1944 edition of the parish magazine that Rogation Sunday in that year was to be re-named 'Farm Sunday'. Parishes had been asked to use the procession to bless each farm in its quest for maximum food production; all part of the campaign to 'Dig for Victory'. Arrangements were that the event would start at 6.30pm, and they would only visit those farms *'that are most convenient for our procession'*, but *'in blessing this or that field we will be blessing them all'*. What is really interesting is that the Rector mentions that in the previous year, 1943, the parish had also beaten the bounds, *'when we were very fortunate in having our Bishop and Mrs. Bell with us'*. That Bishop was of course Bishop George Bell, undoubtedly the most famous Ciceronian and arguably the most impressive churchman, of the 20th century. He was Bishop from 1929 to 1958, and would undoubtedly have become the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1944, on the death of Archbishop Temple, had it not been for his outspoken opposition to the night-time 'carpet bombing' of Germany during the War; he felt it was *'a degradation of the human spirit for all who take part in it'*.

The most recent occasion for the bounds, presumably of St. Mary's, East Lavant, being beaten was in 1972, at the start of the Rectorship of Keith Catchpole. Geoffrey and Jill Claridge have clear memories of that day, when a selection of farms were visited, but not the whole parish as this would have taken too long.

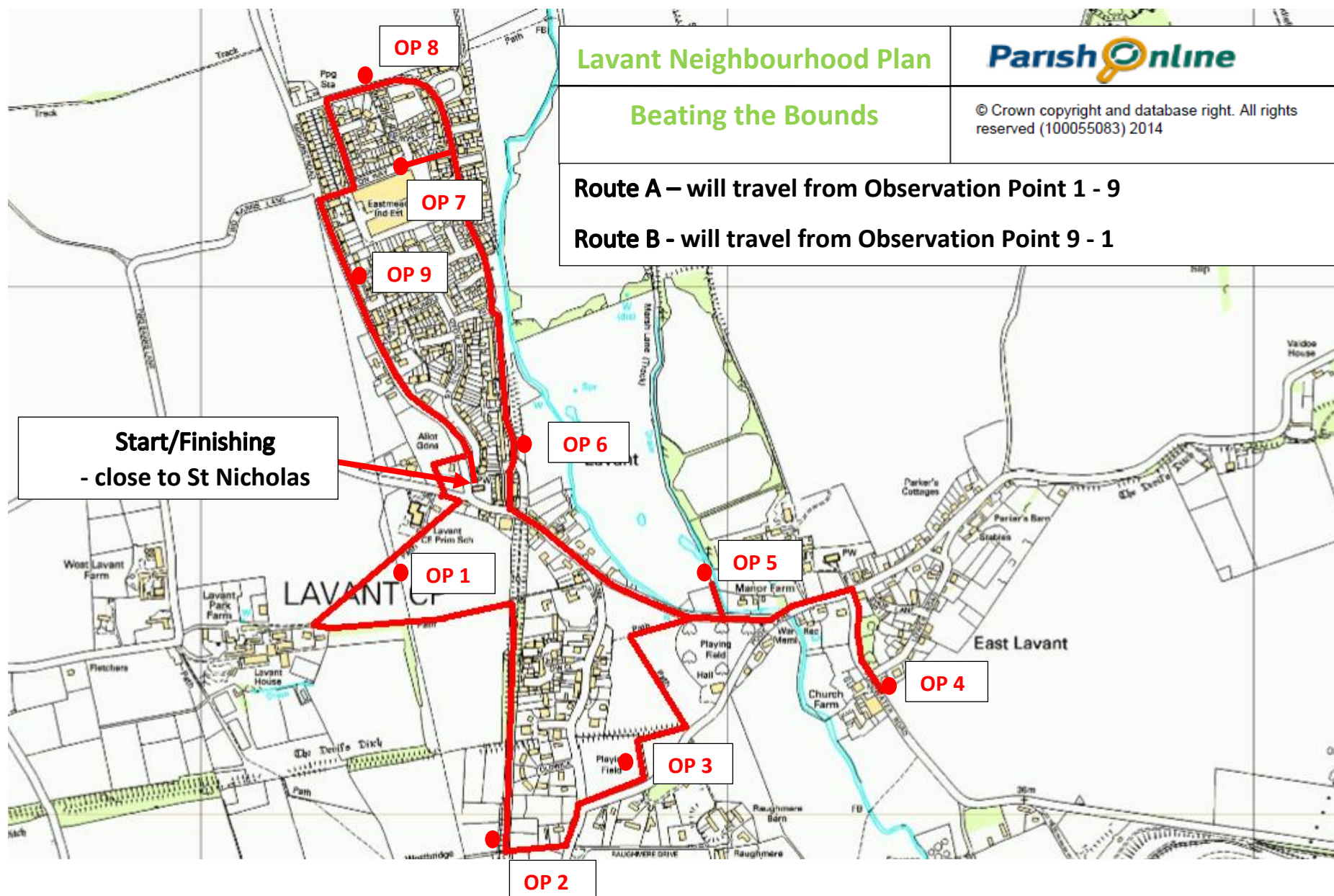
The extent of a parish boundary is indeed an issue. For example the boundary of St. George's, Whyke, is over 13 miles in length. Anyone walking it today would twice have to cross the Canal, and then row across Mundham Lakes, the old disused gravel pit. And even more fraught with danger would be the half mile stretch of parish boundary that it shares with Westhampnett parish, running as it does along the central reservation of the A27 dual carriageway!

In recent times, the tradition has largely died out. Yet its use, today, should not be underestimated. How many Lavant residents know whether your house is within the new South Downs National Park? That might be well worth knowing.

So do come along on the walk next month. **[Please contact Caroline Reynolds for the actual date / details]**. And bring a ladder!

Appendix 9b

Beating of Bounds Route



Appendix 9c

Beating of Bounds Promotion and Awareness

You are living near a development site

- Do you want houses built near to you?
- Do you want more traffic along the A286?

Development is going to take place in Lavant

- if you do nothing, the developers will build exactly what they want

Concerned?
Tell us what you want!



**Time is running out, but on 6th Sept you have a chance to
HAVE YOUR SAY about what and where you want to see
development in Lavant.**

Join other villagers in a pleasant walk through the village, looking at and identifying potential development sites and areas that need protecting. By taking part, Lavant's Neighbourhood Plan will reflect what villagers want for the village.

Walk with us on 6th Sept

Starting Point: the green space next to the bus stop on the 286; opposite the Allotments.

Time: Start any time between 10 and 11 30 am ... the whole route, at walking pace, will take between 2 and 3 hours.

The Event: the route will be signposted with Marshalls at each Viewpoint. AT EACH POINT HAVE YOUR SAY about the future of Lavant. Walk as much or a little as you want. Bring the family.

Can't make the date? HAVE YOUR SAY in your own time. Route maps and opinion sheets are available via <http://www.lavantpc.org.uk/> or phone 07503 637472.

Joining in: most of the Viewpoints can be reached by car with a short walk; the route is suitable for children. Please bring along a pen and wear clothing suitable for the conditions.

Participation is FREE and VITAL

Please visit <http://www.lavantpc.org.uk/> for further information or phone 07503 637472.

Young and old can help shape Lavant's future

AN AGE-OLD tradition is being resurrected in Lavant to give residents the chance to have their say about potential development sites and the areas that need protecting in their village.

A 'Beating of the Bounds' will take place on September 6, and see local councillors and residents walk the perimeter of the village and help make decisions which will shape the future of where they live.

The event is being organised as part of the Lavant neighbourhood plan and comes in the wake of the release of the Joint West Sussex Minerals Local Plan, which identifies Lavant as a potential site for a gravel pit.

Caroline Reynolds from Lavant neighbourhood Pplan steering group said: "Given that so many areas around Chichester are being put under unsustainable, and in many cases almost intolerable, pressure, neighbourhood plans are becoming more and more valuable.

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neighbourhood plans and it is really important that the communities know the plans are not just boring bits of administration, but are real opportunities to have some control over the unavoidable future development of this green and pleasant bit of Sussex."

The 'Beating' will take the form of a guided walk through the village to identify and record comments which will be gathered to help form the recommendations that will go into the referendum, which is the basis of the final neighbourhood plan.

An ancient tradition, the beating of the bounds began as a way of asserting the parameters of a parish when maps were rare and would see young and old, usually led by the parish priest and church officials, share the knowledge and bless their land.

Young and old are again being invited to take part in Lavant's 21st-century beating,

which takes place on Saturday September 6 at 10am.

Describing the event, historian and Lavant resident Andrew Berriman said: "Tempting as it is to climb over fences and trample over fields in order to re-trace the parish boundaries, in 2014 we have to be sensible and September's 'Beating' will follow the perimeter of the main Lavant settlement area.

"Along with the rest of the Chichester area, there is pressure on Lavant's green and pleasant places; having a neighbourhood plan means the residents of Lavant can have some say and control over the future development of Lavant.

"This Beating of the Bounds is a circular route along footpaths between nine waypoints.

"The starting point is next to St Nicholas' between 10am and 11.30am; the finish is at the allotments – a total distance of about 3.5 miles. At each viewpoint there will be a short description of the area and comments about the present use."

BEATING OF BOUNDS PRESS RELEASE

Dear Stephen,

Further to our telephone conversation today, I attach Andrew Berriman's article about the history of Lavant's *Beating the Bounds* and information about the event being organised as part of Lavant's Neighbourhood Plan.

This event is taking place on 6th Sept and will give villagers a critical chance to make their views known about what and where they want to see development in Lavant.

It takes the form of a pleasant walk through the village, looking at, identifying and recording comments about potential development sites and areas that need protecting; with the release of the Joint West Sussex Minerals Local Plan comes the knowledge that a gravel pit could still be developed in Lavant.

The information gathered will be used to help form the recommendations that will go into the Referendum, which is the basis of the final Neighbourhood Plan. That these plans have some legal weight is demonstrated in the fact that Loxwood's Plan is currently the subject of a challenge thorough judicial review by a developer. (I also attach the Sussex Minerals Plan and press release about Loxwood) Given that so many areas around Chichester are being put under unsustainable, and in many cases almost intolerable, pressure Neighbourhood Plans are becoming more and more valuable. Many villages are in the process of putting together Neighbourhood Plans and it is really important that the communities know that the Plans are NOT just boring bits of administration but are real opportunities to have some control over the unavoidable future development of this green and pleasant bit of Sussex.

Thank you for your interest, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01234 771641 or 077123813284 if you require any more information.

Caroline Reynolds

For the Lavant Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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An invitation to young and old, mobile and not so mobile

Saturday 6th September at 10.00

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This *Beating of the Bounds* is a circular route along footpaths between 9 Waypoints. The starting point is next to St Nicholas' **between 10 am and 11.30** ; the finish is at the Allotments - a total distance of approximately 3.5 miles.

At each Viewpoint there will be:

1. A short description of the area
2. Comments about the **PRESENT** use; asking what is valuable about the surrounding landscape and environment
3. Questions about the **FUTURE** use

THE OUTCOME

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- Record what residents **value about the distinctive landscape qualities** observed at the key Viewpoints in the Village; THE PAST AND THE PRESENT
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Appendix 9d

Beating of Bounds Observation Point 1 Response Form



Beating the Bounds (BtB)

OBSERVATION SHEET

Observation Point 1

NAME.....LAVANT ADDRESS.....OTHER PARTY (eg SDNPA).....

LOCATION

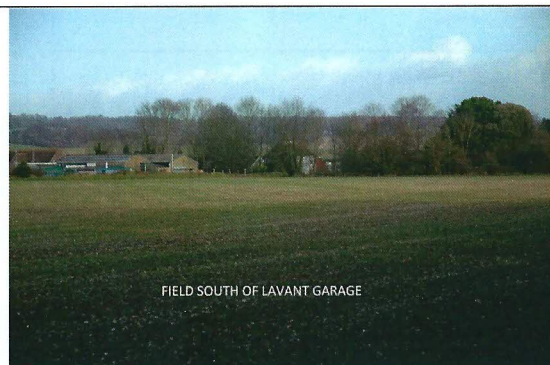
SOUTH BOUNDARY OF PRIMARY SCHOOL (by hedge) ON PUBLIC FOOTPATH TO WEST LAVANT

AREA

Land between Primary School, Centurion Way and West Lavant Footpath

REASON FOR SELECTION

- Included in CDC's 2010 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for future housing development
- At previous Neighbourhood Plan consultations some residents identified this area as appropriate for future housing development, community facilities and/ or additional school facilities (incl off road parking)



View looking NE from OP1



View looking NW towards OP1 (left side)

Refer to separate map for location of Observation Points and Route

Before writing your comments overleaf about the advantages and disadvantages of developing /improving this area in the future, please think carefully about the list of environmental + other considerations.

Remember that it is likely that Lavant will have to accommodate a minimum of 75 additional dwellings over the next 10 years. This could require an area, at low density, equivalent to the size of 3x the Village Green.

Please add other areas not included in the BtB route that you would like to be considered for development/ environmental improvements.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Access for Vehicles and pedestrians (Existing and future possibility)
- Closeness to existing local facilities (bus stop, school, etc)
- Closeness to existing cycle and pedestrian routes
- Views into and out of this area
- Fit with rest of the village (ie does not encourage sprawl)
- Character of landscape
- Impact on existing buildings
- Sustainability – impact on community
- Impact on historic features
- Impact on woodland and trees
- Impact on wildlife

YOUR OPINIONS MATTER *information provided including names and addresses will be treated in absolute confidence*

	PLEASE TICK ONE	YOUR COMMENTS – <i>Looking Ahead, please be as specific and creative as you can.</i>
BUILDINGS: Do you want to see building development here if land is available?	Yes Maybe No	
AMENITY: Do you want to see some additional/ improved village amenity here (such as paths/ recreation/ community hub / shop,etc)?	Yes Maybe No	
ENVIRONMENT Do you want to see some environmental improvement here (such as traffic calming, landscape)?	Yes Maybe No	

OVERALL RATING: How suitable/ appropriate would this area be for future development (✓ tick one only)

(inappropriate) 1 2 3 4 5 (very appropriate)

PLEASE RETURN THIS SHEET WITH YOUR COMMENTS TO THE NEAREST AVAILABLE MARSHALL. You will be given another one at the next Observation Point

Appendix 9e

Beating of Bounds Marshalls Briefing Note

Marshalls Briefing

Please emphasise to residents that the housing **MUST AND WILL** go somewhere!!!!

Either **we decide** and our views go into the Neighbourhood Plan or the **developers decide**

Purpose of the walk is to CHOOSE and SAY WHY

Any and ALL observations are valuable, and DON'T have to be restricted to the observational points

Names and addresses ... We MUST demonstrate that the choices / comments are made by LAVANT residents ... IF PEOPLE ARE RELUCTANT... then Post code , house number and initials are okay ..

All opinions comments will be treated with the **STRICTEST CONFIDENCE**

Observations can be about

- Types of houses / households
- Numbers of houses/ households
- Density of houses / households
- Roads / footpaths /connections
- Improvements
- Recreational areas
- Anything about the environment

Marshalls MUST be impartial.

Marshalls Role is to

- Hand out Observation Sheets
- Talk and engage ...
- Help people fill in
- Be impartial
- Collect in Observation Sheets
- People can start /finish at any Viewpoint...
- They can complete the route at a later date, up to end of September, completed sheets can be posted/ left at the Memorial Hall... attention Tony Bleach

Copies of the Observation Sheets for all Viewpoints available:-

- .. back at the start
- via <http://www.lavantpc.org.uk/>
- or leave e mail address and we will e mail them to you
- phone 07503 637472 for paper copies

If you can't answer a question

- the question could be written on the observation sheets (preferably with e mail address)
- Ask someone from the Steering Group (back at the start/finish.. and/or a various Viewpoints)
- Housing expert is at Viewpoint 7

Helping participants...phone 07503 637472

- if any EMERGENCY that doesn't need a 999 call
- if participants need a lift back to the starting point (though use sparingly as availability is limited.. is not really for general transport)
- if any questions about the route/ View point/ Observation Sheet
- Toilet stops... the Memorial Hall... St Mary's (if desperate) St Nicholas

TO NOTE

Viewpoint 2... Please warn people about the road crossing, dogs and children in particular need to be supervised.

Viewpoint 3... There is a Bulldog event on the Village Green... people should walk round the green and keep their dogs on a lead

The END

One of the people at the start, probably Elaine/ Alan/ Nick will ring to tell you when the last people leave .Working out *exactly* when the last people have ***finished the route*** may prove to be an inexact science, so we will have to play this a bit by ear.

But please bring all the Observation Sheets back to St Nicholas' and (if you can get them down), any arrows / notices associated with the B of B .

Finally..... Thank you VERY MUCH >>
WITHOUT YOUR HELP THIS EVENT COULD
NOT HAPPEN

Background information

- The route follows the perimeter of the Settlement Area as defined by Chichester District Council/ South Downs National Park. Settlement Area = area currently built up
- route doesn't follow the Parish Boundary because;-

It is too big... would take two days to walk round

Comments made at previous NP meetings and Planning Policy of the various Authorities (SDNP/CDC) indicate residents want development close to the existing area

The Viewpoints

- These sites have been identified through residents suggestions made at previous NP meetings.
- Sites are subject to availability... no discussion has been had with landowners or their agents

HOUSING

- Current estimate of housing needed over next 10 years is **75 minimum**, this has been calculated from the information supplied by local resident's responses to the Housing Needs Survey. It is being proposed that these new dwellings will be for local people in perpetuity, some for rent, and some as starter homes, some for sale; BUT the land they sit on will remain in a Community Trust to ensure future owners are local
- Over last 10 years 2002 – 2012 ...110 new houses have been built
- At low density = 75 houses would take up approximately 3 village greens
- Meadow Close...is Medium Density

The Value of NP

The following;-

Developer challenges Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan

A developer is seeking a judicial review to challenge the Loxwood Neighbourhood Plan in the High Court. The developer, Crown Hall Estates, is challenging Chichester District Council's decision to hold a referendum on the plan, after accepting the independent examiner's recommendations and proposed modifications. "We are incredibly disappointed with this action because we know how hard Loxwood has worked on this plan," says Cllr Carol Purnell, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning at Chichester District Council. "We are taking legal advice on the grounds of this challenge and we will then decide on the appropriate action to take. We are unsure what impact this may have at the moment.

Suggests that Developers ARE taking NP's seriously

The Joint West Sussex Minerals Local Plan: Mineral Sites Study

West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park have published a Study, The new Plan, being prepared jointly by West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority, will set a strategy for mineral development to 2031... **Hunters Race is still being considered for GRAVEL EXTRACTION in this plan**

Appendix 9f

Beating of Bounds Display Boards



Beating the Bounds 06 Sept 2014

The Purpose.....

NP.BtBdisplayboards06sept

Lavant is a gateway to the South Downs National Park.

The *Lavant Neighbourhood Plan* must recognise and respect the qualities of the Park and include the special and distinctive local landscape qualities valued by local residents.

Understanding these qualities through this walk will give the opportunity to:

- Identify **appropriate** sites for development
- Ensure future land use changes and development proposals fit into the village
- Maintain and improve the character of the village for future generations -to sustain what we have got
- Lessen the impact of vehicles and improve footpath links

This Local Landscape Character Assessment will help:-

- **manage the changes which must and will happen to the village over the next 15 years**
- prevent development of roads and housing which has a negative impact on the village
- provide opportunities for improvement of areas which are valued by the residents .

Potential Development Sites – Housing as a core issue

In 2010 Chichester DC produced a *Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment* however as much of Lavant is now within the SDNP, the SDNPA will be producing its own assessment. **The Neighbourhood Plan recent *Housing Needs Survey* indicated a requirement for 75 houses. Today we have the opportunity to identify appropriate sites within the village.**



Beating the Bounds 06 Sept 2014

What you can do.....be part of improving the place in which we all live.

1. Walk the route indicated on the map
2. Stop for a short time at each of the **9 Viewpoints** (you will be given a sheet to complete)
3. Record your impressions of the area , its suitability for future development
4. Make suggestions about the kind of development and improvement.
5. You can complete the walk **at a later date**
 - the Marshals have copies of all the Viewpoint sheets ; just ask

Issues highlighted by Lavant residents

- ❖ **Housing will be required** although numbers and type have yet to be confirmed. **Some Development is acceptable** – small scale and phased is best
- ❖ **Re-use of brownfield (industrial) sites** and existing developed areas
- ❖ **Maintenance of strategic gaps/ Preservation of green space** and enhancement of these spaces
- ❖ **Retention of character Integration of landscape** with new development
- ❖ **Increased land-use for allotments**, community orchard etc. for localising food production
- ❖ **Enhancement of recreational facilities**
- ❖ **Mitigation of traffic nuisance and danger** including traffic calming, access and parking
- ❖ **Improvements to Centurion Way** as a link to both the separate parts of Lavant and to other cycle routes
- ❖ **Changes to footpaths** to provide better and safer connections
- ❖ **Retaining the setting of historic landmarks** (e.g. Iron Age entrenchments of Devil's Duke and Listed Buildings)
- ❖ **Maintenance and improvement of areas for wildlife and of Biodiversity** (e.g. village pond, restoration of wetlands and pasture)

Appendix 9g

Beating of Bounds Leaflet Another Chance

Lavant's Neighbourhood Plan

Development will take place in Lavant over the next 10 years.

Don't miss out Make sure your opinion is included

It's not too late to make the walk through the village, identifying development sites and areas that need protecting.

Closing date is 30th September.

Route maps and opinion sheets are available via <http://www.lavantpc.org.uk> or phone 07503 637472

The route is designed to be walked with some sections on tarmac paths and others along footpaths. Most of the Viewpoints can also be reached by car with a short walk; the route is suitable for children.



Escorted walk or car guided

Start at Allotments 9 30a.m

Tuesday 23rd September

Thursday 25th September

Tuesday 30th September

Completed sheets can be left at the Memorial Hall

Appendix 9h

Articles in Lavant News and Chichester Observer

Lavant's Neighbourhood Plan



**Thank you to everyone for taking part and making sure
your opinions were included.**

Nearly **1,000** Observation Sheets were returned and a merry band of volunteers gathered together to work on the analysis. It quickly became apparent that there are strong feelings about development sites and areas that need protecting - A challenge lies ahead and **the next stage is to start to make some difficult choices.**

There will be an opportunity to find out more about and to ask questions during the

OPEN DAY

6th December

10 am to 3 pm St Nicholas' Church

- Feedback talk on the hour
10.a.m, 11.a.m, 12.a.m, 1.p.m and 2.p.m
- Each brief talk followed by
an informal opportunity for questions.

Results will be posted on the LPC website at www.lavantpc.org.uk . Contact
Steering Group directly via lavantneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com or phone 07503
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www.chichester.co.uk



Lavant residents are shown plans for the village during Saturday's 'Beating of the Bounds'

Lavant folk enjoy a good 'beating'

A TRADITIONAL 'Beating of the Bounds' took place in Lavant on Saturday and attracted a 'fantastic number of villagers'.

The warm sunshine helped bring out 141 local people, including 21 children, who took part in a host of activities and had the chance to voice their opinions about potential development sites and the areas that need protecting in their village.

John Slipper from the Lavant Valley Allotment Association, ably aided by Claire Rose, organised an inventive children's quiz.

Caroline Reynolds, from Lavant neighbourhood plan steering group, said: "One parent remarked that the quiz helped encourage his children around the route in order to discover the secret of the Lavant Stone, which is two 80,000,000-year-old shark's teeth. Meanwhile, the walk up and down the pathways, byways and highways of Lavant took some villagers into previously uncharted but now more appreciated areas."

"For some, the discovery of all the different aspects of the village made the hard choices that need to be made

about the village's future all the more difficult. Not least because so many of us began to understand more about Lavant's history.

"It was fascinating hearing from someone who had lived in the village since the 1950s. Not only was the walk and whole event busy and buzzy, but it was welcoming."

There is still an opportunity for Lavant residents to voice their opinions throughout September with some escorted walks planned.

For more details, visit www.lavantpc.org.uk or phone 07503 637472.

Appendix 9i

Responses and Analysis

Observation Point 1

A
B
C
D
E

supportive of partial development of site and developing central part of the village	54%
no further sprawl / development / protect environment	10%
opportunity to locate a community shop/hub	5%
development ok because access already works or could be made to work	17%
proximity to school regarded as positive, subject in some instances to site improvements (eg parking and access)	13%

	URN	Building											
		Yes	Maybe	No	Comment	A	B	C	D	E	Yes	Maybe	No
1	1001	1			near the school					1			1
2	1002	1			suitable for housing in line with the vision vision statement	1						1	
3	1003	1			this would be my preferred site of the available options	1					1		
4	1004	1			development could occur without impinging too much on existing residential area but using brick and flint to fit in with local landscape	1						1	
5	1005	1			this area is on high ground and suitable for housing since does not spoil neighbour's outlook	1						1	
6	1006	1			At the 'core' of the village	1					1		
7	1007	1			helps to connect west lavant with rest of the village	1					1		
8	1008			1	potentially large encroachment to rural aspect of West Lavant and facilitating ongoing development in this 'corner'		1						
9	1009			1									1
10	1010	1			needs to have green spaces and not too crowded						1		
11	1011	1									1		
12	1012	1			perfect for 'filling out' the village, rather than pushing it lengthways. Large enough for enough houses to meet village needs, buit not too large to enclourage sprawl	1					1		
13	1013	1			Houses would be close to primary school and within short distance of A286/bus stop. Above flood level and ground is level. Medium density would be possible.				1	1	1		
14	1014	1			Relatively sheltered site, close to school, access to roads could be OK, seems best site of all.				1	1	1		
15	1015	1			Good area for building, does not affect other houses, easy road access, public footpaths already hetre and easy acess from Centurion Way by foot and bike	1			1			1	
16	1016	1			Road access would have to be thought about carefully				1			1	
17	1017	1			But only in conjunction with a bypass						1		
18	1018			1	It's a lovely site for low density rural properties. I'm concerened aboutmthe impact on existing residents and I'd like to see a rural gap between them and any new properties	1	1				1		
19	1019			1	a small development of sheltered housing would provide homes for the elderly- something the village lacks at present	1					1		
20	1020			1	Adverse impact on wildlife, existing buildings,character of landscape,views into and out of, fit with rest of village (ie lavant sprawl), loss of farmland		1						1

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103	1104		1	offer properties to people with local connections altho' there would be issues with access	1							1	
104	1105		1	Quite good location!	1						1		
105	1106	1		Good safe location close to school	1					1	1		
106	1107	1		Good area for young families very close to the primary school and bus stop. Could fit a shop community centre in quite well	1		1			1	1		
107	1108												
108	1109	1		Development limited to western boundary enclosing eastern corner of field as playing fields sports facility + leisure space	1						1		
109	1110		1	Thes fileds provide a green barrier separating Mid Lavant from West Lavant. Traffic access couldonly be indirect and intrusive			1						1
110	1001A		1	this is good agricultural land and should be used as such			1				1		
Total													
					54	25	29						
					49%	23%	26%						
								59	11	6	19	14	57
								0%	54%	10%	5%	17%	13%
												52%	21%
													23%
	1099		1	From where we live Midhurst Rd this site would be the most intrusive so inevitably it is difficult for us to support as regular walkers / runners it would be a shame to change the current vista									1

* URN 1108

Observation Sheet Comments

Land between Primary School, Centurion Way and West Lavant Footpath

This is the only site capable of providing sufficient development to meet projected local housing need for the period to 2025 (estimated 75 dwellings) and capable of securing community facilities as an integral requirement of the development.

It would be sensible to recognise the longer term need for further housing on a similar scale certain to arise post 2025 and to plan accordingly. The land to the South of the West Lavant footpath might be brought forward to meet the demand then arising.

With the longer term in mind, the first phase of development should feature provision of an access road enclosing the development on it's western side. Access to a southern phase of development might be from the Midhurst Road in the vicinity of the Pook Lane mini roundabout or opposite Roughmere Drive further to the South. It should also enclose the development on it's western side so as to be capable of linking to the northern first phase. The northern and southern access roads should be built to a standard and configuration allowing for their extension to join the two phases enabling achievement of the long term goal of a short bypass to Mid Lavant.

The development as described above would have **advantages** as follows:

- Longer term housing provision meeting local needs;
- Capable of meeting housing need arising over a wider area;
- Land release of sufficient size to enable suitable lower density development and provision of a wide range of community benefits met as a cost of development;
- Excellent safe pedestrian connections into the village via footpaths to Centurion Way;
- Generous landscape screening to the western edge of the development including mounding adjoining the peripheral access road;
- Opportunity to establish screen planting years in advance of development;
- The ancient and historically important Devils Dike hedgerow would be retained most likely as the southern limit of development ;
- Much needed landscape management of the Centurion Way;
- Removal of the ever increasing volume and scale heavy traffic from the existing narrow and poorly configured A road through the southern section of Mid Lavant;
- No adverse visual impact on SDNP.

The development as described above would have **disadvantages** as follows:

Disruption to existing land uses;

Proximity to existing residential property;

Southern access road/ short bypass would cross the Centurion Way* (see comment below).

*The access road could be lowered at the point where it would cross the Centurion Way and the Centurion Way ramped up from some way back on either side of the crossing to permit pedestrian and cycle separation from the road.

possible location for a shop / community hub	35%
adequate parking needs to be provided	9%
additional /improved footpaths	11%
Expansion of school/improved access to schools	15%
provision of recreational space (eg football)	12%

Amenity								
Comment	A	B	C	D	E	Yes	Maybe	No
We need a shop but this is not an ideal solution						1		
improved access to school via a new roadway and parking. Good location for a community hub and new playing field for football	1	1				1		
						1		
accessibility might be an issue								1
							1	
utilise Centurion Way for access north-south. Community Hub as part of any development	1					1		
								1
						1		
								1
please bare in mind housing for young couples and also elderly - smaller units						1		
hiousing for the elderly and young couples. Possibly a shop but there would be little passing customers	1					1		
Any amenities would be good						1		
Widen school road and lay footpath. Possible R/B (roundabout) at junction with A286 for safer access			1			1		
Community Hub/shop would make good sense here	1					1		
							1	
						1		
if the land was developed and a bypass built this could help fund community projects						1		
Parking for the school is a good idea and therefore improving safety around the school		1		1				1
Proximity to Junior School would suggest this land would be good as a recreational area, football pitches and possibly the site of the village shop. Access is a litle problemmatical for vehicles.	1			1	1			
								1

Could also have a football pitch which could be used by the school too. Possibly use some land for a nursery. Good access on to Centurion Way for cycling into town and also the school. In centre of village. Could also have a village community shop. Must not join up west and mid lavant.	1			1	1			1
If appropriate should development occur here.							1	
with increase having more village amenities would improve the village community and better bus services really would be a necessity							1	
This could be used as alternative site for school playing field or football pitch but only if other sites do not become available. Further thought should be made for using the allotments site for housing shops etc. This is a natural infill between existing buildings. Adds centre to village school, church and possible shop. Community Hub	1				1			1
Site would benefit surroundings by creating school parking increase size of school (to cope with new residents?) providing village amenity shop.	1	1		1				1
						1		
						1		
								1
Please retain existing paths across fields.			1					
next to Primary School (ie on West Stoke Road) which would need to be widened. School may need to be extended - could include other facilities eg community hub, car parking. Preferably along West Stoke Road not behind school which is open space with public footpaths.	1	1		1				1
As the Church, and school are here, a community hub/shop would possibly develop a village Heart.	1					1		
improve the paths to west lavant and across to sheepwash lane. Add a shop here. Also add to school amenities	1		1			1		
could be site of shop although shop would be better on A286 alongside Earlof March car park to get passing trade in centre of village and near Centurion Way	1							
close to school and ok for shop	1			1		1		
expansion of school to cope with greater demand. Adequate parking for school to avoid dangerous parking near west stoke road/A286 junction. Good site for village shop which could share this parking and would attract parents going to/from school.			1	1		1		
								1
								1

									1
site suitable for a development that could include community amenities	1								
Football field could be relocated and used by school. Could St Nic's become community hub and shop?	1				1	1			
Ideal for cmmunity centre/ shop	1					1			
						1			
									1
									1
						1			
Likewise development here could include a shop.	1								1
								1	
I'd like a community hall for the elderly residents and their families and friends (within reason of course) I'd like cooking facilities run by volunteers on certain days too!	1							1	
A good site for shop and sub post office.	1								
see above. More parking for school		1							
								1	
								1	
								1	
This area could become the heart of the village because of the location and would bring all parts of the village together but must provide social space for all age groups. Having dogs in the village hall makes it smell horrible and feel dirty to go to dance classes, etc	1					1			
it would be a good site for a community site, shop, Doctor's surgery because it is strategic to the whole village. Green space would be good for sport recreation and socialising	1				1	1			
This area already sits adjacent to Centurion Way so footpath links are good. Possible a satellite Doctor's surgery would be useful and a community centre, recreational space, tennis court, football pitch, swings/ play area.	1		1		1	1			
extra school car park with access off st Nicholas users. Potential site for community centre	1	1		1					
						1			
ancient footpaths should be preserved			1						
it could provide space for a central village pool and other facilities including a shop	1				1			1	
a shop should be built for the 1hole community and would be very handy for elderly local people who cant get to the local shops and garage in summersdale	1					1			
Path= good place for shop as near to Primary School, Centurion Way etc. Path to link to ll areas. MOVE FOOTBALL FIELD HERE	1			1	1	1			

Good for shop and path near to Primary School and new houses.	1			1				
Existing footpaths would need to be tarmac/ weather proof. A shop would be a good addition here.	1		1			1		
Again - good central location. Would be great to improve parking and access for school		1		1				1
If OP9 is used there would be room for community hub/shop etc	1						1	
Improve maintenace of existing footpaths			1					1
Shop - access road improvements , pathway improvements linked to Kingley Vale. Football pitch if relocated?	1		1		1	1		
								1
shop next to school. Footpaths maintained			1	1		1		
I would like to maintain a gap between West Lavant and Mid Lavant								1
Village shop	1							
plauing fields for community and school recreational activities football, cricket pavilion, scout hut					1	1		
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						1		
								1
								1
can include these facilities							1	
Thought about this for shop and café	1						1	
								1
A shop /PO would be brilliant. Paths recreation area/ conservation/ water capture schemes	1		1		1			
							1	
								1
school car park		1		1			1	
								1
access schoolcar park		1		1			1	
improve maintain path			1			1		
								1
Existing path is fine. A shop would be a possibility but access might be an issue and crossing the road would have to be addressed	1					1		
Shop	1						1	
								1
						1		
						1		
								1
								1
								1
Community Centre	1						1	
School is not big enough, if you must develop please consider extending the school				1				1

possibly a shop. If expansion is going to go ahead in Lavant then this wpuld be the logical place to expand the school on	1			1				1
						1		
Shop. Community centre	1							1
Partly shop community centre. Play ground skate park type activities. Good road in and out to make safe	1				1		1	
On assumption playing fields and leisure area/ park footpath behind school assimilated into park and access made to school for use for sports etc. Would allow school to expand with growing local population				1	1	1		
No: see below								1
paths need to be cut and cleaned			1				1	
	39	10	12	17	13	39	20	37
	0%	35%	##	##	##	35%	18%	34%
								1

			1						
Appropriate landscaping should development occur here			1		1				
			1						
20mph restictions	1								
Exposed location to west/north, but minimal local impact. Access to main road may require improvement but decision must be ofset against likely increase in speeds as a result.			1				1		
		1							
				1					
			1						
Traffic calming. Make Lavant a village not a motor circuit please.			1				1		
careful development and buildings which are sympathetic to the location and a 'village look' Could extend to west lavant and to the west of the school to the west stoke road. Could extend to the south along west side of Centurion Way.				1		1			
if building here, provide landscape screening for present houses alongside			1		1				
TRAFFIC CALMING is necessary now so any development in the area around the school should help				1			1		
restrictions on parking so close to west stoke road/A286 junction				1			1		
		1							
	1								

	1								
if access can be sorted a good site			1						
				1					
				1					
			1						
Building here would encroach upon and diminish the Green Buffer zone between Lavant and Summersdale which has already been diminished by the development at Summersdale Garage and opposite The Earl of March Pub, affecting the wildlife corridor. Building in this area of SDNP would spoil the whole nature of this rural area currently enjoyed by dog walkers and ramblers en route from Centurion Way to Kingley Vale.	1							1	
	1								
				1					
				1					
Not really necessary				1					
Landscaping to suit the housing.				1	1				
More area for parking. Road very congested with traffic from school.	1						1		
The Downs are the Landscape however I would like to see trees planted within the site if building were to happen here				1	1				
			1						
access to A286 to be considered				1			1		
Junction onbend by church may be required				1			1		
The vehicle access would need to be safe and a proper pedestrian crosing would need to be put in so that people living both sides of the A286 could feel safer. Wr need a pavement on the A286 to the left of Sheepwash going towards Chichester				1			1	1	
The state of the road would need to be looked at. Maybe install another road to go in at the garage and go over Centurion Way and come out with a roundabout by Raughmere				1			1		
Access is an issue. I am assuming that the garage would go and the road would be accessedthere or looking foreard could another road not be incorporated althogether from OP2??				1			1		
shouldbe landscaped on western boundary			1		1				
		1							
	1								
taken together it could provide some traffic relief for the A286				1			1		
a lollypop lady would be good for the school and the proposed site for building				1			1		
Low impact on other houses. Neaten hedges but keep country look. Road link to West Stoke neds sorting anyway!				1	1				

Hide parked vehicles with landscaping shrubs, hedges etc.					1	1			
As the main nroad and Lavant corner are bussy a mini roundabout would be an improvement if this land was built on.				1				1	
					1				
	1								
	1								
Traffic calming around school/ church. Landscaping with houses.					1	1		1	
		1							
Road bumps. Landscaping			1			1		1	
Not necessary atthis location				1					
Road bumps through village				1				1	
traffic calming and improved pedestrian access		1						1	1
			1						
		1							
			1						
is already a perfect environment	1								
			1						
Landscaping					1				
Not sure					1				
		1							
Traffic calming					1				
school parking			1						
	1								
		1							
					1				
				1					
improve maintain path	1								
	1								
traffic calming a necessity			1						
If required for school and certainly enhanced speed restriction on appraoch to school entrance on Downs Road				1					
	1								
			1						
Traffic calming	1								
	1								
					1				
			1						
Community garden. Access would habve to be a careful consideration				1					
Traffic would be too busy	1								

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Very much more appropriate to develop on and opposite Industrial Estate. Could introduce roundabout where Two Barns Lane meets A286 and build up that end of the village with community facilities (hub, shop etc) that would be accessible to those living around Industrial Estate ie Lavant Down, Northside etc						
open spaces within the existing village need to be respected						
80% of the survey voted for 2 or more areas for building and NOT one for 75 houses. 75 houses would not provide the infrastructure required in village eg shop and GP surgery. OP1 would have MAJOR access problems at a busy corner to A road or close to primary school. OP1 destroys the strategic gap between lavant and west lavant, with no natural boundary allowing "sprawl". Consideration for another option 10 as shown on map, on left leaving Lavant on Midhurst road between last house and Three Barns Lane						

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MISMATCH changed post contact						
if buidling must occur this is a good place						

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* See attached sheet to observation sheet					
Warner developed housing in London included open spac/ parks. These houses are largely terraced vary in frontage but all look like individual housers yet some are whole houses whilst others are top and bottom floor flats with front doors beside each other and a garden each – some end of terrace ones are double frontage. This style of mixed size building accommodates one/two bedroom flats, 2/3 bedroom houses and occasional 4/5 bedroom houses.					
e-mailed in responce from local resident					

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	1%	#	#	#	#

No Name or Address					
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Appendix 9j

Supplementary Comments

	BEATING THE BOUNDS Supplementary Comments (additional to those recorded on the Observation Sheets)
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NP.BtBsupplementarycomments

REF	COMMENTS	RELEVANT OP
1	Open Space	
1.1	Linking OPs	1 2 5 6
1.2	Linking areas of village	
1.3	Examples in other owns and abroad	
1.4	Beneficial to psychological and social wellbeing	
1.5	Leave playing field and area between EoM and Village Green	3
1.6	Leave Lavant as a <u>village</u> ; do not over develop	
2	Community Shop/ Centre/ Hub	
2.1	Preference near village hall	
2.2	Community Centre to include medical drop in	
2.3	Community Centre to include drop in for elderly	
2.4	Community Centre to include drop min for young mums	
2.5	In front of St Mary's	
2.6	Industrial Estate good place for a shop	7
2.7	Village Hall not suitable for purpose	3 4
3	Enterprise/ Business/ Employment	
3.1	Community initiative to grow food for shop	4 7
3.2	Local businesses = local employment	7
4	Amenities (Generally and for youth/social need)	
4.1	Place to hang out	
4.2	Place to Skate Park	
4.3	Another Play park for infants	
4.4	River Area	
4.5	Improve/ Develop Fete to a festival (encourage the young)	
5	Allotments	
5.1	Social need	
5.2	At heart of village location wise – huge asset	
6	Style of Houses	
6.1	House insulation	
6.2	2-3 storey buildings. skyline helped by garage ubnder/ town house style, mansard roof	Ref 7005
6.3	Not mock era frontages	
6.4	Gardens big enough for family needs	
6.5	Other ideas Ref 7005	
6.6	Don't allow battery hen style as Graylingwell	
6.7	Rural Style	
7	Development Finance	
7.1	Money to go to Parish Infrastructure	
7.2	Goodwood (RR) sponsor more!	

8	Primary School	
8.1	Room to expand x 11 comments	
9	Road Improvements	
9.1	Where necessary	9
9.2	Better crossing points at Bus stops	
9.3	Access using existing roads – see map attached to 9041 – Roundabout at Yarbrook towards W Lavant	9
9.4	20mph limit on A286 thro' Lavant to School and towards OP1	9
10	Parking	
10.1	Need plenty	
10.2	Lavant Down Rd NOT suitable for extra parking	8
10.3	In front of St Mary's – well landscaped	4
10.4	Field by village hall	
11	Pavements/ Footpaths	
11.1	Where necessary	
11.2	Good pavements by new houses	
11.3	Footpath up Pook lane from roundabout	
11.4	Connect Primary School and Centurion Way	
11.5	To Link with Churchmead	5
11.6	Improve Centurion Way	6
12	Nr of Sites for Building Development	
12.1	Several sites less burdening to village	
12.2	Several sites + access for future expansion	
12.3	Only on suitable sites	
12.4	Small infilling East Lavant would be good. North of Sheepwash La and allotments in East lavant	4
12.5	No infilling between EoM and Village Green otherwise Mid Lavant Sprawl x2	3
12.6	Land available opp OP 4 East Lavant	
12.7	For local people <u>not</u> luxury	
12.8	Industrial good for housing. Brownfields	
12.9	On west side of A286 between houses and 2 Barns Lane	
12.10	Use Industrial site	
12.11	See various maps with suggested sites	
12.12	Shock at state of East Lavant barns. Use	
12.13	The best site for development is OP1 close to school.	
12.14	OP 6 not suitable at all	
13	History of Building in Lavant	

Appendix 9k

Beating of Bounds Feed Back for Residents



SUMMARY FEEDBACK FROM *BEATING the BOUNDS* SURVEY + THE WAY FORWARD

06 December 2014

NP.06dec.takeaway

Many residents of Lavant took up the opportunity to participate the **Beating of the Bounds** exercise and expressed their views for the future development of Lavant on Saturday 06/October. Residents were also encouraged to complete the course independently and three escorted walks were offered.

Analysis of Comments.

There was an encouraging response with 937 Observation Sheets returned. During October and early November these many comments were entered onto spreadsheets and quantitative and qualitative assessment has been made.

Where people did not record, perhaps by mistake, that they lived in Lavant, efforts were made to track them down. Where this was not possible in a few cases the Observation Sheets had to be discarded. Where residents contributed further and more detailed suggestions or comments these too were been recorded and included in the feedback.

Clarification (There are opportunities for residents to comment on these clarifications)

There were some problems with the questions asked about OP5 (Marsh Lane) as residents were being asked about a potential Footpath linking the Village Green to Churchmead Close and not built development.

Many OP6 (next to Old Station) responses assumed that the whole site flooded. Flood mapping shows that this is not the case next to Churchmead Close.

The football field at OP3 is seen as a vital Lavant facility and many responses indicated that this facility should be retained – not necessarily at this site. If relocated this site is potentially available for development.

WHAT NEXT?

Thanks to the significant response to the **Housing Needs Survey** and the **BtB** exercise the Neighbourhood Plan will now-

- Review WHAT is being proposed by the Community, WHERE it is being proposed and WHY it is being proposed
- Where appropriate present **Draft Neighbourhood Plan options** for further comment by the residents...these options will include the vision for combining housing, community facilities, footpaths and roads.
- Check with SDNPA and CDC that the draft proposals fit with the National Planning Policy Framework as well as Local Plans to
- Undertake an appropriate environmental assessment, traffic study and other supporting studies.

Programme:

The Steering Group remain fully committed to completing a **pre-submission Plan** by the end of March 2015 in readiness for Third Party review and subsequent amendments and **Village Referendum**.

This is a challenging timeframe but until the **Neighbourhood Plan** is in place the village will remain vulnerable to development proposals that are outside our control.

Summary Feedback by Observation Point

OP1 (Behind the School)

60% for 28% against – partial development of the site – i.e. east of old Roman Road only. Shop/community hub, shared car park with school, extra classrooms for the school, community recreational facilities e. g Football pitch. Landscaping important – screening of new development from the Downs. Footpaths to link into Centurion Way. Traffic – safe access onto A286, plus traffic calming. Design to be in keeping with Downland village, plus adequate individual residents parking provision.

OP2 (Alongside Centurion Way at South end of village)

26% for 48% against. Limited scope, small site, not central for community facilities. Village sprawl, fear of gap erosion with Chichester. Traffic issues, site access onto A286 etc. Potential Allotment *overspill* site. Footpath maintenance and improved signage.

OP 3 (Football Pitch)

19% for 61% against. Rejection driven by communities' strong desire for quality recreational facilities to be available somewhere in Lavant. Traffic issues particularly along Pook Lane. Extension of Footpath from A286 down to Memorial Hall, maybe inside the current hedge boundary, not narrowing Pook Lane.

OP 4 (Barns – East Lavant)

48% for 23% against. Re-development of existing brick barns, not flatten and start again, existing footprint only. Footpath, inside field boundary, to link up footpath network to the east of site. Traffic issues, site lines, and junction with Fordwater Road and Pook Lane.

OP5 (Marsh Lane)

58% support for footpath link to Churchmead. "Re-claim" village pond area. Restore the water meadow.

OP6 (Near Old Railway Station)

30% for 49% against; because of risk of flooding. Only suitable for small development (flooding & traffic) along east side of road. Footpath to Marsh Lane, protect the water Meadows. Extend the play area. Potential site for shop / community centre but traffic and parking issues would need to be resolved. 20mph speed restrictions.

OP7 (Eastmead Industrial Estate)

72% for 6% against. Majority in favour of mixed development of Industrial / Business Park / Start Up quality premises and community housing including elderly and disabled. Community centre inc. village shop. Site must be properly landscape to fit in to overall environment. Traffic issues of great concern; proper roundabout at entrance to site on A286 to slow traffic down; Car parking must be adequate.

OP8 (Lavant Down Road)

23% for 58% against. Northerly sprawl into green space, extending village, and remote from and for village facilities. Traffic calming required.

OP9 (West of A286)

25% for 53% against. Village sprawl, westward extension into green space. Great concern about traffic issues along A286, traffic calming. Traffic alleviation would be needed.

Appendix 9I

Beating of Bounds SG Report



Beating the Bounds

The information contained in this document is market sensitive, and is for the LNP Steering Group only. It must not be copied or passed on.

This document has a single page report for each of the 9 Observation Points; each page follows the same format, containing the numerical scores expressed as a percentage of the overall usable responses from the individual Observation Point.

It should be noted that every effort has been made to contact responders whose input appeared in places contradictory to verify or correct ratings.

Responses were collected on the day (6th September) on (3) escorted walks, or via a post box placed in the village hall. Residents had until the end of September to post their comments about any or all the 9 Observation Points. The forms were made available on the day, or via the parish web site, and the event was advertised in the parish magazine, and by a leaflet dropped to every household in the parish.

Summary of residents' responses

Response

	Total	Rejected*	Usable
OP 1	111	1	110
OP 2	107	2	105
OP 3	106	2	104
OP 4	102	0	102
OP 5	100	4	96
OP 6	106	5	101
Op 7	102	2	100
OP 8	109	2	107
OP 9	94	0	94

*** Rejected because no name and or address or illegible.**

OP 1 (Behind the School)

Building

Yes	Maybe	No
49%	23%	26%

supportive of partial development of site and developing central part of the village	54%
no further sprawl / development / protect environment	10%
opportunity to locate a community shop/hub	5%
development ok because access already works or could be made to work	17%
proximity to school regarded as positive, subject in some instances to site improvements (eg parking and access)	13%

Amenity

Yes	Maybe	No
52%	21%	23%

possible location for a shop / community hub	35%
adequate parking needs to be provided	9%
additional /improved footpaths	11%
Expansion of school/improved access to schools	15%
provision of recreational space (eg football)	12%

Environment

Yes	Maybe	No
35%	18%	34%

Landscape/Green space within any development	12%
Visual impact/Integration of design with village features/characteristics	4%
Traffic calming/management	19%
Improve / protect pedestrian access	3%

Overall Rating				
1	2	3	4	5
21%	7%	11%	22%	38%
28%			60%	

OP 2 (Alongside Centurion Way at South end of village)

Building

Yes	Maybe	No
25%	37%	37%

Small number, low density	32%
Chichester Gap, visual outlook, Spreading the village North South.	28%
Traffic / Access concern	7%
Retain existing recreational activity	7%
NEW SITE - Build west of Centurian Way access via Hunters Race	1%

Amenity

Yes	Maybe	No
11%	16%	63%

Not central enough for Village community facilities	7%
Footpaths	10%
Allotment overspill	2%
Other comments.	11%

Environment

Yes	Maybe	No
28%	17%	44%

Traffic handling issues	24%
Site landscaping	10%
Other comments	10%

Overall Rating				
1	2	3	4	5
31%	17%	24%	17%	9%
48%			26%	

OP 3 (Football Pitch)

Building

Yes	Maybe	No
13%	32%	56%

yes /maybe Housing and/or relocate football field	28%
NO. development Football field retained	30%
yes /maybe with road improvments	4%
no due to environmental damage and /or traffic problems	14%
Yes/maybe environmental mitigation possible	7%

Amenity

Yes	Maybe	No
38%	32%	22%

yes /maybe relocate football field	6%
NO. Football field retained /additional facilities	16%
Yes - Community centre/shop	12%
Footpath /cycleway would be a valuable addition	35%
yes - targeted at community /young or elderly	3%

Environment

Yes	Maybe	No
40%	15%	27%

no changes to current environment	3%
traffic calming/improvement needed/footpath	35%
history /devil's dyke	6%
wildlife/ planting needs improvement	6%

Overall Rating				
1	2	3	4	5
47%	14%	16%	13%	6%
61%			19%	

OP 4 (Barns – East Lavant)

Building

Yes	Maybe	No
47%	40%	13%

Small development on existing building plan	53%
Renovation rather than knock down and rebuild.	24%
Re develop for cottage industries	5%
Other comments	12%

Amenity

Yes	Maybe	No
40%	16%	27%

Footpath	46%
Road widening	4%

Environment

Yes	Maybe	No
49%	14%	20%

Flood risk?	7%
Traffic onto Fordwater d.	34%
Fordwater/Pook lane junction through village traffic calming 20mph	34%

Overall Rating				
1	2	3	4	5
13%	10%	29%	23%	25%
23%			48%	

OP 5 (Marsh Lane)

Building

Yes	Maybe	No
4%	13%	78%

Flooding / Watermeadow	34%
Footpath	5%
Traffic / parking issues	3%
Village Pond	4%
Other	9%

Amenity

Yes	Maybe	No
52%	22%	14%

Footpath to Churchmead plus other locations	58%
RE-calim the Village Pond	6%
Shop	2%
Restore Scott hut / recreational facilities	3%
Other	4%

Environment

Yes	Maybe	No
40%	16%	24%

Maintaine / re-instate / imoprove POND	21%
Re-instate Wet land to incourage Bio-diversaty	14%
Traffic issues / speed / rat run	9%
Other	6%

Overall Rating				
1	2	3	4	5
58%	16%	7%	5%	6%
74%			11%	

Warning! It appears that the overall rating (and the Building score) are heavily influenced by the respondents belief they were being asked to rate the site as a potential development site, rather than a site for a new footpath

OP 6 (Near old railway station)

Building

Yes	Maybe	No
21%	24%	50%

Risk of flooding	42%
Suitable only for small extension of existing housing stock	21%
Constrained access for extra traffic	10%
Biodiversity on the flood plain therefore more suitable for amenity use	11%
Close to centre of village with nearby facilities	2%

Amenity

Yes	Maybe	No
34%	34%	23%

Improved footpath/ cycleway links to village green	30%
Extension of play area for other recreational activities eg football, tennis and skatepark	12%
Nature Reserve	5%
Shop/ Community hub but access and parking would need improvement	7%

Environment

Yes	Maybe	No
25%	24%	32%

Maintain and enhance the watermeadows	6%
Improve the landscaping	7%
Improvements to Centurion Way including a river walk	4%
speed restrictions and road upgrade	6%

Overall Rating				
1	2	3	4	5
35%	14%	18%	9%	21%
49%			30%	

OP 7 (Industrial Estate)

Building

Yes	Maybe	No
67%	26%	6%

Mixed Development of residential incl housing for elderly/vulnerable integrated with employment (Industrial/ startup, tech and other Business) units.	41%
Some community/leisure facility / shop as part of redevelopment to enhance community	23%
Housing only . Good use of Brownfield site. Development should be High environmental/ green standards	30%
Refurbished Factory /Industrial provides employment	14%
Already highly populated; Traffic requires better access from A286 and parking would have to be dealt with	4%

Amenity

Yes	Maybe	No
61%	23%	7%

Potential for village shop	33%
Community Hub, sports Hall and Youth Club, fitness centre, doctors surgery,small craft units	19%
Potential vibrant busy heart of the village incl small business premises	4%
Adequate parking/ roundabout access to A286	4%

Environment

Yes	Maybe	No
58%	20%	8%

improved access, roundabout, on to A286 combined with traffic calming	25%
Ecofriendly development of high environmental standards	3%
landscaping as part of any development	26%
Drainage issue at eastern end of site	1%

Overall Rating				
1	2	3	4	5
3%	3%	14%	15%	57%
6%			72%	

OP 8 (Lavant Down Rd – North end of Village)

Building

Yes	Maybe	No
18%	22%	59%

Would create sprawl by extending village	29%
possible single line of small houses within existing building line	22%
significant development would lead to loss of farmland, green space, etc	10%
Remote from village facilities	3%
Flooding	9%

Amenity

Yes	Maybe	No
10%	21%	55%

Too remote for new facilities	7%
possible area for additional parking	5%
Community hub/ shop location contingent on new housing	4%

Environment

Yes	Maybe	No
23%	19%	39%

Traffic calming measures	16%
Landscape enhancement	9%
Recreational facilities	1%

Overall Rating				
1	2	3	4	5
47%	11%	16%	12%	11%
58%			23%	

OP 9 (West of A286)

Building

Yes	Maybe	No
24%	26%	48%

Concern about Sprawl, Extension Westward, protect Greenfield	17%
Traffic issues / speed / quantity / access / Bypass will need to be solved	21%
Views - spoilt	9%
One of a few small sites	16%
Other	15%

Amenity

Yes	Maybe	No
36%	21%	29%

Shop / Community Centre	11%
Footpath - access to rest of village	16%
Parking	16%

Environment

Yes	Maybe	No
63%	20%	10%

Traffic calming / 20mph / round about at entrance to industrial estate	52%
Landscaping / tree & hedges planting	7%
other	10%

Overall Rating				
1	2	3	4	5
37%	16%	19%	9%	16%
53%			25%	