



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council
Incorporating Milford, Bishopdown Farm, Old Sarum & Longhedge

**Extraordinary Meeting
held at the River Bourne Community Farm
at 7.00pm on Monday 14 January 2019.**

MINUTES

Councillors present: Beard, Birkett (Chairman), Brown, Burton, Bussereau, Buttigieg, Davis, Dean, Hayes, Hilliard, Waller.

In attendance: Prince (Clerk). Stay (Assistant).

The meeting started at 7.09pm.

19.001 APOLOGIES. There were no apologies.

19.002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were no declarations of interest.

19.003 FINANCE. Approval of supplementary payment to Wilsons Solicitors.

The Clerk explained the payment which was made to enable the Council's solicitor to give an undertaking to the solicitors representing the liquidators of the Carillion group. This would enable the half acre of land south of Norton Drive to be transferred to the Council from a subsidiary of Carillion.

Resolved: To approve the payment of £500 to Wilsons Solicitors LLP.

19.004 RESOLUTION TO SIGN – Transfer of Land South of Norton Drive.

Resolved: That the Council approve the signing of the Transfer Deed and the attached Plan for the Land to the South of Norton Drive from Marchwiel Properties Limited, held under title WT93392 being part of land on the East and West side of Green Lane, in accordance with Standing Order 26.

19.005 APPROVE BUDGET FOR 2019-2020.

The Chairman introduced this item and referred to the Spreadsheet and Notes that had been circulated prior to the meeting. Copies were provided at the meeting. He also referred to the informal and un-minuted meeting held on Friday 11th January by the Business Management – Parish Council Organisation and Development Subgroup. This was attended by three other Councillors. The recommendation to Council was that the budget be increased by £30,000 to allow for the employment of a consultant and increased staffing costs. The detailed Development Plan is on the Agenda for the next Council meeting on 21st January.

For clarification Cllr Bussereau said that the £5000 allocation for Speed Indicator Devices would include both the current Area Board installations and the provision of a new shared device.

The Chairman also raised the issue of the Clerk's rate of pay. Cllr Waller had provided him with documents relating to current pay scales and to the method of evaluation of the Clerk's pay. He asked that these should be circulated to the whole Council.

Action Cllr Waller.

The Chairman proposed that the Salaries budget should be increased by £1000 to allow for future adjustment of the Clerk's rate of pay.

The Clerk reported on the effect that these two adjustments would have on the Budget and Precept. The current figures would result in a Precept of £146,963 and a Band D of £39.86. This includes a provision of £4,054 maintenance contribution to the Salisbury City Cemetery. The total increase of £31,000 would result in a Precept requirement of £176,963 and a Band D of £48.00.

Discussion followed on the cost of bringing the six Wiltshire Council owned play areas up to an acceptable standard. The Clerk argued that the £40,000 allocation for the current year should be repeated for 2019-2020 and this was accepted.

Resolved: To approve a Budget of £388,229.

19.006 APPROVE PRECEPT FOR 2019-2020.

Resolved: To approve a Precept of £176,963. This will give a Band D of £48.00 which is an increase of £12.91 per year or £1.08 per month.

19.007 EXEMPT BUSINESS. There being no exempt business this item was cancelled.

The meeting concluded at 7.42pm.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7pm on Monday 21st January 2019 at Greentrees Junior School.