



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Milford, Bishopdown Farm, Old Sarum & Longhedge

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held at The Ray McEnhill Football Stadium
on Monday 20th May 2024

DRAFT MINUTES

Chair of the Annual Parish Meeting: Cllr Nick Baker, Chair of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council
The following Parish Councillors were also present: Cllr James Harris, Cllr Laura Jones, Cllr Kevin Lynn, Cllr Ian McDonald, Cllr Laura Rigiani, Cllr Patrick Schneider (from 6.45pm), Cllr Lesley Waller, Cllr Estelle Williams
The following Wiltshire Councillors were present: WCllr Ian McLennan, WCllr Andrew Oliver

31 members of the public were present, including representatives from the Neighbourhood Watch, Boscombe Down Aviation Collection, Salisbury Medical Practice, Land Trust and Parish Council staff and volunteers.

1. There was an opportunity for all to view stands from local organisations and talk to representatives ahead of the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 6.20pm.

2. Election of Chair and welcome.

Cllr Baker offered to chair the meeting, which was agreed by all present. The Chair welcomed all present and explained the format of the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 15th May 2023

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2023.

4. Salisbury Police Team

Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Ross Walker presented an update on behalf of the local police team, who had been unable to attend at the last minute and answered questions from the public. Ross expressed his thanks for the passion and commitment of our local police team and encouraged all present to ensure that any incidents were properly reported on either 999, 101 or the website. This ensures appropriate resource is allocated to the area. Anyone can get involved with Neighbourhood Watch with schemes ranging from immediate neighbours, single streets to an entire neighbourhood.

5. Salisbury Medical Practice

Representatives from Salisbury Medical Practice gave an insightful presentation on the challenges faced by NHS providers, answered questions from the public and spoke about their plans for the local offering in Bishopdown Farm. The practice now has over twenty four thousand registered patients and are served by a team of GPs, Nurses, Paramedics, Physios and Healthcare Assistants. Some of these services, as well as specialist clinics, will be provided on limited hours at Bishopdown Farm.

6. Boscombe Down Aviation Collection

BDAC gave an update on their plans to mark DDay in collaboration with the Parish Council and Dark Revolution Brewery, and spoke about the significant part played by Old Sarum Airfield.

7. Community Emergency Volunteers

The co-ordinator gave a presentation on the progress establishing a team of volunteers to assist the community in responding to emergency events. The group are building relationships with relevant

organisations, working on an Emergency Plan, identifying training requirements and establishing what equipment will be required and how this will be stored.

8. Chairs Report

The Chair of the Parish Council provided an update on the Parish Councils Parish Strategic Plan.

Community Resilience – the Chair thanked the Community Emergency volunteers and reported on the councils support of youth clubs, the community pantry and community buildings throughout the parish.

Planning and Development – the Chair reported on the Parish Councils work considering planning applications and the response to Wiltshires Draft Local Plan.

Sustainable Transport – the Chair reported on progress with traffic management outside the Laverstock schools.

Climate Change and Environment – the Chair noted the contribution of biodiversity net gain funds towards significant projects at Castle Hill Country Park.

Public Amenity – the Chair reported on the completion of 3 major refurbishments of play areas in Bishopdown Farm and the adoption of further play areas in Longhedge.

Accountability – the Chair encouraged residents to engage with the Parish Council and feedback on their experiences.

The Chair thanked the staff team of the council and his fellow councillors for their work throughout the year.

There were no further questions from residents and the meeting closed at 7.46pm.