



Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection, Old Sarum, SP4 6DZ.

Members Present: Councillors N Baker (Chair), L Barker, I McDonald, L Waller

Officers Present: G Pettifer (Clerk), A Prince (RFO)

FGP25.011 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Schnieder.

FGP25.012 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

FGP25.013 Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

FGP25.014 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 January 2025 be confirmed as correct and were signed by the Chair.

FGP25.015 Matters arising from the previous meeting

Cllr Waller enquired about the progress of the recruitment of a Community Venues Officer and was informed that applications had been received and the interview panel would be making selections imminently.

FGP25.016 Direct Debit/broadband

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council monthly direct debit payments for the provision of office broadband with BT Essential 900, in line with Financial Regulations 7.9.

FGP25.017 Laverstock Village Hall drains

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council agreement to commence with drain repairs and authorise Wessex Drainage Solutions Ltd to complete emergency repairs carried out last year (Full Council, 15.04.24, Minute no. 24.051), as per their quote for £7,446.00 dated 04.03.25. The cost will come from 2025/26 Community Facilities budget, which will be split 50/50 with the Parochial Church Council.

FGP25.018 Grant Application spending powers

RESOLVED to approve amendments to the spending powers of previous grant applications in 2024/25.

FGP25.019 Officer's Budget Report and Correspondence

The RFO gave a verbal report about the current budget situation and predicted a small overspend at the end of the year. The RFO announced that the Internal Auditor would be reviewing Council finances (07.03.25) and the Chair offered to make himself available should the need arise.

FGP25.020 Exempt Business – Matters in Confidence

River Bourne Community Farm Lease

The committee received a confidential report from the Clerk and Chair, and RFO, regarding financial and operational matters.

RESOLVED that a confidential report be presented to the next Full Council for consideration.

Meeting closed: 20.50.

Date of next meeting:

The date of the next Finance & General Purposes meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3 June 2025** at 7.00pm, and held at the Parish Council Meeting Room, River Bourne Community Farm, Cow Lane, Salisbury SP1 2SR.

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