

**The Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of Lavant Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 7:00pm in the Green Room, Lavant Memorial Hall.**

**In attendance:** Cllrs. Aldridge, Turner, Tucker, Quest, Mayhead, Goldsmith and Whincop.

**Also present:** Clerk, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Brookes-Harmer

**Public present:** 2

**17. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Finley.

**18. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests.**

a) None.

b) None.

c) None.

**19. Public Session.**

A member of the public questioned the outcome of the tree application the Council made at the end of last year- CLLR Aldridge explained that a walkabout of the village had taken place, and we are awaiting a response.

**20. To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were unanimously APPROVED.

**21. Update on outstanding actions brought forward from previous meeting.**

a) River Bridge project update – to be covered in Chairman’s Report.

**22. Brief Q&A from County Councillor on his report affecting this Parish.**

CLLR Hunt shared his report, as attached at Appendix A.

It was mentioned that an email had been received from the residents of the cul-de-sac off Pook Lane (just up from Lavant Memorial Hall)- historically they had complained about people walking across the fields to get to the main road and there were issues with broken fences- the complaint has resurfaced and there are multiple households requesting a pathway be made. It has been reported to highways, however CLLR Hunt expressed that the chances of WSCC finding funding to build a pathway are slim.

It was questioned whether the Lavant Volunteers would be able to help clear a pathway- although concern was expressed around the team working so close to the highways.

**23. Brief Q&A from District Councillor on his report affecting this Parish.**

CLLR Brookes-Harmer shared his report, as attached at Appendix B.

It was suggested that the Council would benefit from an explanation of the five-year housing plan following the training session attended by CLLR Turner. Cllr Brookes-Harmer advised that he has an upcoming training session himself and would be happy to provide a report, following this.

**24. Chairman’s Report.**

Bridge Project - Archibald Shaw has submitted its report. This has not yet been reviewed in detail; however, it does raise potential safety concerns. The report will be reviewed and Drew Miller will be consulted to determine whether the proposed alterations are necessary.

School Car Park - No further progress to report.

TRO B2141 – CLLR Hunt mentioned that this is not currently a priority for West Dean Parish Council, as they are focusing on an application to improve road safety around the school. Cllr Aldridge will discuss this further with West Dean PC.

Operation Watershed Applications - The works have now been approved and the contractor 'Landbuild' has been appointed. Liaison will now take place with Landbuild to obtain a schedule of works and a predicted timeframe.

St Nicholas Road Bus Shelter - Drew Millar (ASM Carpentry) has investigated alternative roof coverings and considers slate to be the most suitable and durable option, particularly when compared with wooden shingles. The start date for this is likely to be around May.

Football Pitch - No update.

Raughmere Development - No formal planning application has been submitted to date. Discussions with Squire's Planning are ongoing. Cllr Aldridge noted that the SDNPA has issued a strong initial rebuttal.

Reserves Allocation - A meeting took place between the Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chair to allocate reserves, and the Council agreed the proposal. However, following the recent traffic management meeting with Mr Reynolds and Mr Taylor, it was agreed that the allocation needs to be reviewed; with the Council determining exactly what their priorities are. CLLR Aldridge also highlighted that the Council needs to ensure any CIL monies allocated follow the rules governing CIL spending. An additional meeting will be arranged within the next two weeks to discuss this matter further.

Trees - Follow-up is required with Chichester Trees regarding works around the Green, as some elements may require planning consent.

LMH Car Park - The Lavant Horticultural Society have asked if there are any plans to improve the lighting in the car park. The Council is constrained by SDNPA's 'dark skies' policy, but it may be possible to install more (and brighter) motion sensitive lighting that projects further than the existing lights, giving a longer period of illumination. It was agreed that CLLR Tucker will take this to the Lavant Memorial Hall committee, with the Council happy to offer support and potentially contribute towards the costs.

Trees – it was raised that tree warden Jack Quest has offered to plant some trees on Churchmead, at no cost to the Council. The Council has approved him applying for the licenses and planting the trees.

## **25. Traffic management**

### **a) To provide updates on progress made:**

- Clerk/Chair/Vice-Chair met to allocate all earmarked reserves to various ongoing projects.
- Full Council has approved allocation of funds.

- Members of the Council met with residents Alan Taylor and Nick Reynolds to further discuss the most beneficial use of some of the remaining funds to enhance the sense of a rural village and to reduce traffic speed.
- Further meetings are planned.

**b) To REVIEW Traffic Management**

- It was discussed that, while the replacement of the St Nicholas bus stop is a priority, the Council needs to hold a separate meeting to discuss the overall funding priorities for the village.
- It was mentioned that the Community Highways Scheme (CHS) application will be reviewed to remind members of what has already been included. This will then be compared with the priorities identified by Mr Reynolds and Mr Taylor.
- Mr Reynolds raised a number of questions around CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding: 1) what conditions are there on how it can be spent? 2) Is there a time-frame in which it needs to be spent? 3) On CIL amounts given after the adoption of the LNDP (Lavant Neighbourhood Development Plan), did the council receive the full 25% expected? The Clerk is to investigate his questions and will report back.
- Cllr Aldridge mentioned an upcoming training session for parishes searching for other means of funding, past the precept, which members are unable to attend due to the short notice. Mr Taylor asked if he could attend in their place. The Clerk is to investigate the rules around non-council members attending NALC (National Association of Local Council) training and report back.
- Concern was raised regarding the potential cost of spending £10,000–£15,000 to challenge the Raughmere development, particularly if the same issue may arise again in the future. However, it was noted that the LNDP being updated with Squires will form part of a defence.
- Mr Taylor reported that a worklog has been created to identify, monitor and record progress of ongoing projects. He shared the worklog with the Clerk after the meeting, for future adoption by the council.
- Cllr Aldridge raised concerns around fly-tipping on Chalkpit Lane. It was recommended that this matter be formally reported; it was suggested Goodwood be alerted, too.

**26. Finance.**

- a) CLLR Aldridge signed the bank statement (of the previous month) and bank reconciliation from the online accounting package.
- b) The listed payments (as attached at Appendix C) were APPROVED.
- c) It was AGREED that the amount of £1440.38 (currently assigned to Youth projects in the budget) be reallocated to the Lavant Parish Recreational Trust's reserves. The amount of £1338.03 (currently assigned to LetsWalk) was originally intended to be towards the bridge project and therefore has already been spent, so should be removed.

**27. Planning**

**a) Planning Authority decisions received**

SDNP/25/01900/HRA

Habitats Regulations Assessment

Proposal: Regulation 77 of the Habitats and Species Regulations (HRA) in relation to SDNP/25/01367/DINPP (Installation of solar panels to the south elevation and inverter) - Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment.

Location: 8 St Nicholas Road, Mid Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0BS

*Decision: Raise no objection*

SDNP/25/04667/TCA

Notification of intention to: fell 6 conifer trees forming a hedge (T1). Reduce height by 50% of 1 holly tree (T2). Reduce height of 1 privet hedge in the front driveway by 50% (T3).

Location: Norton House, Lower Road, East Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0AQ

*Decision: Raise no objection*

SDNP/25/04767/TCA

Notification of intention to fell 1 no. Acacia tree (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) (T1).

Location: White Cottage , Pook Lane, Lavant, West Sussex, PO18 0AX

*Decision: Raise no objection*

LV/25/02948/FUL

*InPost UK InPost UK*

*Unit 2 Summersdale Retail Park Lavant Road Chichester West Sussex PO19 5RD*

*Siting of an InPost parcel locker*

*PERMIT*

SDNP/25/01900/HRA

*Location: 8 St Nicholas Road, Mid Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0BS*

*Regulation 77 of the Habitats and Species Regulations (HRA) in relation to*

*SDNP/25/01367/DINPP (Installation of solar panels to the south elevation and inverter) -*

*Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment*

*Decision: Raise no objection*

## **b. Planning Applications for confirmation or consideration**

SDNP/26/00126/TCA

Location: Harpers, Lower Road, East Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0AQ

Application: to reduce crown by up to 1.5m on 1 no. Strawberry tree (T1) and reduce crown by 1m and re-prune previously snapped out branches on East and West sectors by up to 0.5m (back to suitable growth points) on 1 no. Black walnut (T2).

The council APPROVED this application.

## **28. Clerk's Correspondence**

- a) The Council APPROVED a request to use the Green from Lavant Horticultural Society for their two annual events (second Sunday in May and first Saturday in August), for 2026, 2027 and 2028.
- b) The Council considered a request to use the Green to erect a 3x3m gazebo for a wedding on 2nd May 2026, but felt they needed more context around why the gazebo needed to remain erected from Friday through to Sunday, sharing concerns over the likelihood of vandalism. The Clerk is to go back to the applicant.
- c) The Council APPROVED a request to use the Green for a sponsored run/bounce, with two bouncy castles near the village hall (bouncy castles to be manned by 2 adults at all times; restricted to 5 children bouncing at any one time and a first aider will be present) on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 9am-2pm. As this is a charity event fundraising for a local

school for children with special educational needs, the Council agreed to waive the suggested donation of £25.

**29. Accessibility Statement**

The Accessibility Statement for the Lavant Parish Council website was APPROVED- the Clerk will arrange for it to be uploaded to the website.

**30. Heritage issues**

Cllr Goldsmith shared her report before the meeting, as attached at appendix D.

**a) Listed telephone box (A286 outside the Earl of March)** - It was agreed that the school should be given a deadline (the next LPC meeting) to confirm whether they wish to take on the telephone box.

**b) the fallen Milestone (outside the Earl of March)** – this is on the agenda of the Lavant Volunteers, to be reached in due course.

**31. Lavant Memorial Hall correspondence** – none.

**32. Items for inclusion on next agenda** – none.

**33. Date of next Lavant Parish Council meeting** – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

## APPENDIX A

WSSC Update  
CLLR Jeremy Hunt

**Devolution and Budget update** - At a meeting of the WSSC Cabinet on Tuesday 3rd February the proposed balanced budget, which includes significant capital investment and increased net investment in key services for communities, was approved. The Cabinet also reaffirmed its commitment to the devolution process, which will see the creation of a new combined authority for the whole of Sussex. The decision was made following confirmation from Government that the Sussex & Brighton Combined County Authority will be created this May, with the first mayoral election due to take place in May 2028. Once established, powers and funding will be transferred from national government to the local Combined County Authority, who will provide strategic leadership on issues such as economic growth, highways and transport, housing, and public safety.

The new combined authority will bring additional investment into the region whilst also meaning that the authority will have a voice at national level. Sussex delivers huge economic benefit to the country, and the creation of this new combined authority will only strengthen this. The county council will continue to work with East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council on the devolution process, ahead of the anticipated legal creation of the new authority in the spring.

The Cabinet also agreed the next steps for its balanced budget for the year ahead. The proposed budget will now go before Full Council on Friday 20 February for final approval. The county council delivers over **300 essential services**, to around **915,000 residents**, across 769 square miles. The gross amount we spend on delivering these services for our residents is expected to be just over **£2.3bn in 2026/27**. For example:

- £1,346.7m** Managing schools and education, children's social care and support
- £577.2m** Caring for adults and keeping people healthy
- £90.1m** Protecting the environment, recycling and waste disposal
- £84.6m** Maintaining our roads and providing transport
- £83.8m** Running our organisation
- £72.8m** Fire and Rescue services and supporting communities
- £5.8m** Supporting the local economy
- £61.9m** Financing our capital programme and other corporate items

This expenditure includes a gross revenue increase of **£65.1m** to meet increasing demand pressures and costs, particularly in social care, home to school transport, and special educational needs and disabilities. After taking account of grants, fees and charges, and other contributions, our proposed net revenue budget for **2026/27**, is just under **£883m**. The most important aspect of the council's budget for the year is that we have been able to balance it without any cuts to frontline services or a reliance on reserves. This is something that is getting increasingly challenging, as can be seen by the increasing number of local authorities who are turning to government for additional assistance. There is no doubt that, without a massive

injection of additional government funding which is very unlikely, the current model of two tier local government is unviable in the long term. This is why it is key to ensure that the upcoming local government reorganisation does deliver on the predicted savings. Far from any additional government funding, under the terms of the governments recent Fair Funding Review, the County Council's funding will actually be reduced by an additional **£30m** over the next 3 years. This is through a new process introduced in the FFR, called Council Tax Equalisation. This where the government effectively takes funding from counties it *perceives* to be reasonably wealthy - mainly shire counties in the south east such as West Sussex — and distributes it to counties it *perceives* to be poorer - mainly in the midlands and the north. Finally, despite finding in-year savings of around £30m in order to balance our books, we have no choice other than to increase council tax. Our government funding is calculated on the assumption that we will raise our council tax by the full amount. If we don't we will lose even more funding, making balancing our budget almost impossible. Regretfully therefore we are proposing to increase the WSCC share of council tax by **2.99% for core services, plus 2% for ASC, giving a total increase of 4.99%. For 2026/27 this means an increase to the band D tax rate of £7.49 per month.**

The council meeting can be viewed online via a [webcast](#) and you can read more about the budget setting process at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/budget](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/budget) . Also, you can learn more about devolution and the creation of the new strategic combined authority at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/future-of-local-government-in-sussex](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/future-of-local-government-in-sussex).

**Highways Update** - The West Sussex County Council Highways team have been working hard to respond to issues on the county's road network that have occurred as a result of the recent extreme weather including flooding, fallen trees and potholes.

This winter has seen a return to freezing temperatures and heavy rain with recent storms causing significant disruption across the county's roads. Since September we have experienced above average rainfall levels, with January providing double the monthly average in some areas of the county. During storm events our teams are deployed around the clock to manage safety risks and keep the roads clear and moving. The most recent storm brought 81 emergency callouts with incidents ranging from fallen trees and debris hazards to damaged infrastructure and impassable routes. 31 of these callouts were directly related to flooding.

When we receive reports of significant flooding, our teams work hard to assess and manage risks at each affected site. Our safety response service and reactive drainage jetting crews will clear flooding where they are able to do so. If there are underlying issues that need to be investigated, we prioritise key roads that are being impacted or where there is an immediate risk to property. We also have proactive crews who are focussed on checking for drainage grid obstructions, replacing or resetting damaged drainage grids and clearing channels for water to flow from the carriageway to ditches or water courses to remove flooding. Since the start of April 2025, we have cleared over 75,000 drainage channels as part of our proactive maintenance programme.

It's important to note that when we've had prolonged periods of heavy rain, the sheer volume of water means that no highway drainage can work effectively, as the outlet for highway water is over capacity and the water in our system simply can't go

anywhere. There are also some instances where it is not possible for us to clear the flood water as it has been caused by run-off from neighbouring land or overflow from flooded water courses such as rivers. Where it is safe to do so, roads will be kept open with appropriate flood warning signage in place. However, where there is a risk to safety, full closures will be put in place with signposted diversions. Residents are urged to:

- Avoid driving through floodwater
- Report significant hazards via the usual emergency channels
- Follow updates issued through official communication channels

Flooding isn't the only issue being caused by the weather. The pro-longed period of cold then wet weather has meant we are seeing a spike in the number of potholes on the network. So far in January we have logged 3,725 pothole repair jobs with our contractor. This is around 1,000 more than this time in 2025, when we had a mild winter, but is still significantly less than the previous two years. January 2023 saw us raise over 7,000 pothole repair jobs with our contractor. We repair potholes based on their severity. Our target for the least severe defects is to complete repairs within 28 days, however we always work to deliver them sooner where possible. For example, in December these repairs were completed in an average of just 12 days. This month we have increased the number of crews we have operating to respond to the uptick in defects. We are also running 'twilight crews' to extend the working day and have crews working on Saturdays to keep on top of the work. Despite the increased volume of work in January, this additional resource means we are still completing these repairs in an average of 15 days.

Councillor Joy Dennis, cabinet member for Highways and Transport said: "We appreciate that disruption on the roads is never welcome. We are doing all we can to keep the roads open and repair any damage caused by the extreme weather.

"Please bear with us as, although we have crews operating in all weathers, there will be times where we can't rectify every situation straight away. As soon as the weather improves we will be working to resolve all issues caused as well as investigating longer term solutions where needed."

#### **Local Issues:**

**Community Highway Scheme** - the application is currently going through assessment and our area highways team are liaising directly with the Chairman. There are several steps to this process, so I don't expect any immediate response. In any case, the scheme won't be reviewed until the Autumn when, along with other applications, they are all assessed. Once the successful schemes are agreed they will then be programmed for delivery in 2027/28.

**Operation Watershed applications** - Currently being progressed by the Chairman. Some issue around land owners responsibilities, but I believe the Chairman has this in hand.

**Chilgrove Road** - flooding between the A286 and Binderton Lane. I have asked Highways to put out some warning signs.

**Bus Shelter** - I mentioned last month that there might be some funding through the CC for this. I suggested your clerk wrote to our team. Unfortunately the response was that we were not currently working along the No 60 route, but we would keep your request on file. Subsequently I have spoken to the officers to try and get a bit more information. I understand that they will be reviewing the programme in a couple

of months time - all being well - once the current works are completed. At that time the No 60 corridor will be looked at as we will be supporting that route with BSIP funding. In the meantime they suggested that it might be worth looking to see if there was any CIL funding available.

Finally, please don't forget to keep an eye on our website, especially our news and campaigns page where you can keep up to date with all our latest news.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/news-and-campaigns/>

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## APPENDIX B

Lavant Parish Council ward report  
February 2026

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Welcome to the February edition of my ward report. The year has started busy with many different projects happening across the council and district.

### Local Government reorganisation:

As a reminder, the Government's formal consultation on Local Government Reorganisation in Sussex can be accessed through the links below.

Link to overview:

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/east-sussex-brighton-and-hove-west-sussex>

Link with summary and documents:

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-east-sussex-and-brighton-and-hove-and-west-sussex](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-east-sussex-and-brighton-and-hove-and-west-sussex)

Letter from government to West Sussex council leaders:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-reorganisation-letter-to-west-sussex-council-leaders>

The consultation closed on 11 January 2026, and invited feedback from residents, businesses, and stakeholders on the proposals put forward by councils across the region. Your input helped shape the Government's final decision on the best way forward for Sussex. Thank you to all of those who took part.

### Shaping the narrative for the Chichester area:

We have invited residents, businesses and stakeholders to take part in a short survey that will help shape an important project which aims to raise the profile of Chichester and the surrounding areas and attract further commercial investment.

The council and its partners are encouraging people to share their views, which will play a vital role in developing a shared story or 'place narrative' that reflects the area's identity,

ambition, and future potential. The survey is running until 6 February 2026 and can be accessed here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Chichesteronlinesurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Chichesteronlinesurvey)

#### Food waste:

A brand-new weekly food waste recycling service will start to be rolled out to residents across the district from this spring. We will start issuing direct communications to households during February, beginning with information placed on residents' bins explaining what they can expect to receive. This will be followed by the delivery of a kitchen caddy and outdoor food waste recycling bin, which will include clear instructions on how to use the bins and how to check collection dates. Distribution of the new bins is due to begin in March.

This project is a huge undertaking, and we are asking residents to bear with us as we deliver caddies and bins to every individual property across more than 300 square miles. The service will be introduced in stages, with different areas coming on board over several months. Implementing a new service like this requires meticulous planning, but we are really pleased with the progress made so far. From March, all councils in England that do not already offer a food waste collection service must have one in place. This will be a significant change and promises to bring substantial benefits to our district.

By collecting food waste separately, it can be recycled through Anaerobic Digestion – a process where food waste is broken down to produce biogas and bio-fertiliser and is a much more efficient and environmentally friendly way of processing. The new service is also expected to encourage residents to reduce their food waste, potentially saving around £20 per person per month. For tips on how to reduce your food waste please visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/fightagainstfoodwaste](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fightagainstfoodwaste).

I will keep you fully informed as this important project progresses. In the meantime, I would greatly appreciate your support in spreading the word.

#### Energy-saving for homes:

Residents in the district who want to make their homes more energy efficient can now access a new website that allows them to develop a free personalised home improvement plan. Our free 'Energy Saving Plan Builder' website - <https://energysaving.planbuilder.co.uk> - enables residents to explore and customise the energy efficiency improvements that could be most appropriate for their home and budget. Please do encourage residents to take a look at this new tool.

The online tool is designed to support residents in taking the first step towards healthier, more comfortable homes that are cheaper to run and have a reduced carbon footprint. The personalised plan provides estimated costs and savings for each measure, which residents can use as a starting point before seeking professional advice. On the website, householders can type in their postcode and select their property. Once they've confirmed that their property information is correct, the Plan Builder tool will create a summary of energy improvement ideas for their home.

Citizen's advice bureau:

Please do not forget about the drop-in service that is available to anyone who may need help and advice, this is available from East Pallant House that operates Monday-Friday 10.00-4.30 (available for drop-ins 10am-1pm)

Reporting incidents:

**Reporting Incidents**

Reporting a crime to the Police

*Is it an emergency?*

**Call 999** in emergency situations like these:

- there is an immediate danger to life.
- someone is using violence or is threatening to be violent.
- a crime is happening right now, like a house burglary or a theft.
  - the suspect is still at the scene.

*If it's not an emergency*

Complete the online form. The report will be sent direct to the control room. [Report a crime | Sussex Police](#). Alternatively, you can call the non-emergency number: 101.

Noise, nuisance, and pollution incidents can be reported to Chichester District Council online at: [Noise, nuisance and pollution - Chichester District Council](#). This includes:

- air quality
- contaminated land
- pollution control
- bonfire problem,
- noise, nuisance and antisocial behaviour
  - water quality

Environment Agency – Environment incident hotline (24-hour service). Tel: 0800 80 70 60.

Website: Environment Agency - GOV.UK

**To note:** It is important to always report incidents to the appropriate organisation. Not every incident will be actioned at the time of reporting, but it will always be recorded. In some instances, there may be a need for numerous reports to be received to establish a better understanding of the situation and the impact on the individual/community. But without the reports it will not be possible to establish this.

Events this month:

Laser shows:

The shows will take place on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 February - providing an exciting finish to the half-term holidays. This year's events will feature lasers only, and there will be an additional show each night, so spectators will be able to enjoy three different themed shows each evening choreographed to music.

Shows will take place at 6pm, 7pm and 8pm, with each one lasting around 20 minutes. Those attending are being made aware that the shows contain strobe lighting. In addition, there will be plenty of food and drink options available around the Canal Basin, before and after the shows, along with illuminated entertainers and a children's carousel ride. We are also encouraging people to visit the city before and after the event.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Best wishes,  
Joseph

**APPENDIX C**
**PAYMENTS**
**03/02/2026**

Income since last meeting	Amount
DAC Beacraft recovered policy excess	£250.00
Lavant Horticultural Society donation to Green	£ 25.00
Inward payment - Bardays Bank	£ 0.20
Deposit + Donation for use of the Green (wedding - 2nd May)	£ 125.00
Payment from Lavant Allotments for 50% of pipework	£ 630.50

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	£ 1,030.70
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ACCOUNTS	Amount
Unity Current Account	£ 34,414.33
Unity Instant Access Account	£ -
Redwood Savings account	£ 85,000.00
<b>BANK TOTAL</b>	£ 119,414.33

EARMARKED RESERVES	Amount	Notes
EMR - LavVols	£ -	
EMR Lets Walk	£ 1,338.03	
EMR Youth Projects	£ 1,440.38	
EMR Watershed Grant	£ 57.22	
EMR Lavant Environment Team	£ 1,212.72	*minus £495.83 for purchase of new mower
EMR Sportsfield Maintenance	£ -	
EMR Bench maintenance	£ 600.00	
EMR LPRT	£ 3,304.46	*transferred from LPRT account
CIL UNALLOCATED	£ 2,331.59	
CIL Traffic Calming	£ 10,000.00	*for purchase of 2 SDs
CIL Memorial Hall	£ 31,000.00	*for replacement bus shelters
CIL river bridge project	£ 5,000.00	*Fencing and gates for the Bridge project
CIL Planning Consultancy	£ 20,000.00	*Neighbourhood Plan/Roughmere defence
<b>TOTAL EARMARKED</b>	<b>£ 76,284.40</b>	

PAID SINCE LAST MEETING TO BE APPROVED	Services	Type	Amount
Hugoblox	Monthly website fee	DD	£ 23.99
Unity service charge	Monthly bank fee	DD	£ 6.00
Scribe	Monthly accounting package fee	DD	£ 40.80
NEST	Monthly Pension contribution	DD	£ 115.20
Chichester Tree Services	1st installment of works following tree survey	BACS	£ 1,150.00

TO APPROVE AND PAY AFTER THIS MEETING	Services	Type	Amount
WSCC	Clerk salary	BACS	£ 1,521.43
Glasdon UK Limited	Replacement bin- UMH	BACS	£ 253.03
Arbotech Consultancy (Chichester Tree Services)	Tree survey at 4 sites across Lavant	BACS	£ 1,550.00
HM Land Registry fee (Clerk reimbursement)	Title plan for Lavant Memorial Hall (Village Green)	BACS	£ 7.00
Archibald Shaw	Lavant River Bridge Report	BACS	£ 1,500.00
<b>TOTAL TO PAY</b>			<b>£ 4,831.46</b>

Bank Balance	£ 119,414.33
Less Earmarked reserves	£ 76,284.40
Less to be approved payments	£ 6,167.45
<b>GENERAL RESERVE BALANCE</b>	<b>£ 36,962.48</b>

## APPENDIX D

### MID LAVANT 'PHONE BOX – A 286 END OF ORCHARD COTTAGES TERRACE

#### Present status

- Listed building
- Owned by BT, phone removed but box still lit at night
- Needs maintenance, BT did some maintenance last year but only after several years reminding them that work was needed.
- Parish councils were given the option of buying redundant phone boxes for £1 each, LPC has yet to decide whether to buy the box, it was also suggested that the school might like it.

Several years ago, LPC purchased the East Lavant phone box and, led by the Lavant History Project, had it restored and moved to the Memorial Hall area for use as a village history hub. On the 8th February the leader of the Lavant History Project wrote to Lavant Primary School setting out the procedures and likely cost involved in taking on the Mid Lavant phone box, a copy of that report is attached. As yet we do not know whether the School wish to pursue this project.

#### The future

Left in its present state the phone box will become increasingly shabby and BT are unlikely to carry out any maintenance on an empty phone box. We need to decide whether LPC wish to

a) Buy the box from BT and use it for a village project of some sort - likely cost based on earlier East Lavant phone box project - £4,500 +, although depending on the nature of the project some grant funds may be available.

People could be asked for project ideas.

Or b) If the School are serious in their desire to have the phone box whether we would wish to contribute to the project – suggested contribution £2000.

c) Inform BT that LPC does not wish to purchase the box and it should be removed.

Although it does not appear to be urgent the box is certainly deteriorating.

### MILESTONE – A286 NORTH OF EARL OF MARCH CAR PARK ENTRANCE

The Mid Lavant milestone would have been installed around 1767 when all turnpike roads were required to introduce milestones and fingerposts. Milestones were removed during WW2 when invasion threatened but were reinstated when the war ended.

About 4 years ago the milestone was knocked over and although WSCC Highways were asked to reinstate it this has not happened. At present the stone is hidden in the grass and brambles just north of the entrance to the Earl of March car park.

Proposal: the milestone be uncovered and reinstated or, as a heritage asset, moved to another location within the village.

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