

MARKET LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 7.15pm in the Old School, Market Lavington

Present:

Councillors: Di Fraser; Peter Joly; Duncan Poole; Lesley Quigley; Chloe Stevens (Chair); Laura Turner-Scott.

Officers: Tanya West – Parish Clerk & RFO

Wiltshire Ward Councillor: Dominic Muns

Public: Fourteen members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was recorded by the Parish Clerk for administrative purposes only, in accordance with Standing Orders and the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014; this recording will be deleted once these minutes are approved. Councillors were reminded of the Council's commitment to the NALC Civility & Respect Pledge.

26/27-077-FC2107 Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Fred Davis [work commitments], Cllr Ian Macqueen [away], and Cllr Suzanne Morrison [family commitments]. These were duly noted.

26/27-078-FC2107 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations to Participate

- a) Cllr Fraser declared an interest in item 26/27-085.b as she has a payment for approval for Council expenses, consequently, she took no part in the voting of this item.
- b) No dispensation requests had been received.

26/27-079-FC2107 Adjournment for Public Participation

7.16pm – The meeting was adjourned at for public participation. Members of the public raised the following points relating to items on the agenda:

- A resident reported that the stile at the Kings Road end of footpath 1A is broken; the Clerk confirmed she had received this report, however, Wiltshire Council is keen to make the network more accessible so broken stiles are no longer replaced like-for-like but with accessible alternatives, meaning repair will take longer than usual.
- A resident asked that sufficient time be allowed at Minute 082 to discuss the postponed Extraordinary Meeting and the associated papers, in particular the apparent increase in the site area proposed behind Spin Hill (reported as approximately six hectares rather than the two hectares previously discussed), the proposed new site access/junction referred to in connection with Parsonage Lane, and the implications for environmental impact assessment.
- A further resident registered general interest in, and concern about, the impact of proposed development in the same location.

The Chair thanked members of the public for their comments and confirmed these points would be addressed under the relevant substantive agenda items.

7.19pm – The meeting reconvened.

26/27-080-FC2107 Minutes of Council Meetings

The draft minutes of the Full Council meetings held on 17th March 2026, 19th May 2026 and 16th June 2026 were considered. Due to administrative issues affecting the draft minutes, Council agreed that these could not be approved and signed as a correct record at this meeting.

It was reported that a separate meeting be convened to review and agree how best to progress the approval of the outstanding minutes, and that this item be brought back in due course.

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26/27-081-FC2107 Monthly Reports

a) **Wiltshire Councillor Report** – Cllr Dominic Muns gave a verbal report covering the following matters:

- Planning delegation changes: Central Government changes to the planning delegation framework will take effect in Wiltshire from 31st October 2026. Householder applications, minor developments of up to nine dwellings, and commercial schemes below 1,000 sq m / one hectare will no longer be capable of being called in to Planning Committee by a Unitary Councillor. Larger applications will be subject to a new “gateway test” requiring agreement between the nominated Planning Committee Councillor and the Senior Planning Officer that the application raises significant planning, economic, social or environmental issues before it can go to Committee. Cllr Muns advised that, because of an expected backlog, Wiltshire Council has asked that any call-in requests on live applications be made by 1st August 2026, and asked Councillors to flag any relevant live applications to him as a matter of urgency.
- Household Recycling Centres (HRCs): Cllr Muns reported that a trial booking system for HRCs is due to be introduced, which he and his predecessor as portfolio holder had previously resisted on the basis that there is no evidence of need, and that the change may be a precursor to reduced opening hours. He noted that the local MP has publicly called for a review of the proposal and residents are encouraged to raise any concerns they have on this matter to Cllr Muns.
- Vote of No Confidence: Cllr Muns reported that Wiltshire Council's Full Council had that day debated and rejected (by 48 votes to 44) a motion of no confidence in the Leader of Wiltshire Council, brought in relation to a challenged conflict of interest between his role overseeing strategic planning and a private planning consultancy business. Cllr Muns noted this was a Wiltshire Council matter, and no decision was required of the Parish Council but felt it prudent to raise awareness of the situation.

Following the report, Council discussed the proposal that the Parish Council formally object to the introduction of the HRC booking system trial, on the grounds that no evidence of need has been demonstrated locally and that the change is likely to inconvenience residents and could increase fly-tipping. It was agreed that this would be picked up under Correspondence Received (Minute 089).

b) **Youth Council** – The Group Leader's written report was received and summarised below:

- Meeting: A Youth Council meeting was held on 9th July 2026.
- Picnic bench: Approval had been received from Wiltshire Council to site the picnic bench on grassland in Southcliffe Road. Wiltshire Council had also agreed to add a nearby bin to the licence. The Clerk had prepared a letter for the Youth Councillors to deliver to residents backing onto the site. Youth Councillors to confirm their availability during the school holidays to assist with assembly of the bench which has been delivered. A fixing spike had been offered by one of the Youth Councillors' parents, and a small plaque acknowledging the Youth Council's purchase of the bench would be commissioned. The siting and assembly of the bench would be publicised in due course. The licence also includes for the provision of a litter bin if one is considered necessary at this site in due course. The Youth Council thanked the Clerk for securing the licence and the Parish Council for their approvals and support.
- Combined Youth Council: An update was given on progress towards a combined Youth Council with West Lavington Parish Council (WLPC). Terms of Reference had been circulated to Youth Councillors and WLPC for approval. The Youth Councillors had agreed the name "Youth Council for The Lavingtons." With WLPC's support, a meeting with Dauntsey Academy Primary School (DAPS) was planned for September, along with a further visit to St Barnabas.
- Urchfont Scouts: Contact had been made with Urchfont Scouts to promote the Youth Council. A combined presentation was being prepared for delivery to the Scouts in September.

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- c) **Rights of Way Working Group** – The Group Leader's written report was received and summarised below:
- Due to personal circumstances and the recent extreme heat, it had been difficult to organise working parties this month. Nonetheless, MLAV6 (Spin Hill to Dauntsey Drive) had been cleared. A broken stile on MLAV1A, reported by two members of the public, had been investigated; the new landowner had been identified and details passed to the Clerk, who would request repair, with a working group member available to carry out the repair if needed.
 - It was noted that no response had yet been received from the Wiltshire Rights of Way Warden regarding points raised in November 2025, which remained an ongoing frustration.
- d) **Community Hall Trust** – Cllr Poole had attended the Trustee meeting held on 13th July 2026. He advised there was nothing to report specifically concerning the Parish Council.
- e) **Friends of Canada Woods & Community Park Community Group** – The Group Chair's written report was received and summarised below:
- Meeting: No formal Group meeting had been held this month.
 - Tug of War Event, 31st August 2026: An invitation to take part had been publicised via the Parish Magazine, with interested parties asked to register by 1st August 2026. Further promotion had been delayed. Concerns were raised that, given the possible condemnation of the Elisha Field pavilion and the absence of alternative facilities, the event may not proceed in its originally intended form this year. As an alternative, the Chair intended to arrange a tug of war competition with a veterans' charity in another village to raise funds and awareness ahead of a proposed return match in Market Lavington on the August Bank Holiday Monday in 2027, subject to permissions and facilities.
 - Wessex Water Environment Fund grant: The Community Group had been awarded £1,600 from the Wessex Water Environment Fund to replace the collapsed outfall pipe under MLAV2, connected to the headwall pipe in the river (originally installed 2010/11). The grant panel had queried whether a Flood Risk Activity Permit (FRAP) would be required; research and contractor advice indicated this would not be necessary, but confirmation of an exemption was being sought from the Environment Agency, with Wessex Water offering to assist in this process. Two further quotations for the works were being obtained.
 - Anti-social behaviour, Community Park: Repeated damage to tree protection tubes and whips had occurred during the after-school period (3.15–3.45pm) on the route through to Grove Road, though not at weekends. A Facebook post highlighting the impact on volunteers had led to a temporary improvement, aided by having someone present in the park at the relevant time. Some damage had also occurred to the orchard following a pupils' post-exam gathering, with wire cage posts subsequently replaced. Most trees remained healthy and were fruiting well.
 - Tree condition on MLAV2: A tree upslope of the footpath was showing signs of "heave" and, if it fell, could take part of the footpath with it; tree surgeon advice would be sought and Wiltshire Council Rights of Way notified of any recommendations, with a further update to follow. Separately, a dead elm with a large bough overhanging the Beechwood entrance to Community Park and the upper pathway into Canada Woods (previously used by nesting birds) would also be assessed, with advice to be reported back in due course.
 - Wiltshire Lottery: The Community Group remained on course to raise over £300 this year through lottery ticket sales for good causes.
 - Nature Improvements: It was also noted that a duckling had, for the first time in some years, been successfully hatched along the river following the regeneration works.
- f) **Any other reports** – There were none.

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26/27-082-FC2107 Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2 (MLNP2)

- a) **Steering Group Update** – Cllr Poole, on behalf of the Steering Group, reported that the planned Extraordinary Meeting (25th June 2026), had been postponed and is now cancelled, rather than rescheduled. He explained that there had been a period of uncertainty following the draft Wiltshire Local Plan being formally retracted by Wiltshire Council, but that they had recently issued guidance confirming that parishes should continue to progress Neighbourhood Plans. A report from the Steering Group had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting along with an assessment of income generated from residential development associated with MLNP2. The Steering Group recommended re-engaging its consultant to review all evidence gathered to date before proceeding to the Regulation 14 consultation stage. Councillors and members of the public raised a number of questions on the Steering Group's reports (including those that had been publicly published in relation to the now cancelled Extraordinary Meeting. They included the reported change in the scale of the proposed site behind Spin Hill, the basis of the affordable housing and Section 106/CIL calculations in the report, and the process for further public consultation. Cllr Poole responded that the site information reflected evidence gathered through consultation with landowners and developers for the purpose of assessing deliverability, and that the intention is to hold a further community engagement event once the consultant's review is complete, ahead of any Regulation 14 consultation. Cllr Quigley queried specific figures within the report (including the number of affordable homes required, the associated housing need calculation, and the assumptions used in the CIL income projections), which were addressed by Cllr Poole; the Steering Group agreed to review the figures with the consultant.
- b) **Wiltshire Council Neighbourhood Planning** – The Wiltshire Council Briefing Note No. 26-10 on legislative changes to the neighbourhood plan process, and the implications of the withdrawal of the Wiltshire Local Plan, was noted; this had been addressed in the discussion above.
- c) **Professional Consultant Support** – Council considered the Steering Group's request to engage Place Studio on a regular basis to support the progressing of MLNP2. Following discussion, including a suggestion that the work be put out to tender given the changed circumstances, it was noted that the Council remains under an existing agreement with Place Studio and that significant sums have already been spent under that agreement. It was **resolved** that the Council continue its engagement with Place Studio to progress MLNP2.
- d) **Local Plan Transition Period** – Consideration of the proposed addendum to the MLNP2 Terms of Reference, to cover the interim Local Plan transition period, was deferred to the September meeting pending further clarity.

26/27-083-FC2107 Governance & Management Advisory Group (GAMAG)

- a) **Minutes** – The draft minutes of the GAMAG meeting held on 30th June 2026 had not been circulated in advance and were deferred to a future meeting.
- b) **Policies** – The Clerk reported that recommended amendments to a number of policies and strategic documents, including the Standing Orders, the Risk Register, and a proposed new AI Policy, had been reviewed at GAMAG; these will be brought forward for adoption at the September meeting.
- c) **Council Meetings** – The revised calendar of meetings for the council year had not yet been circulated and was deferred.
- d) **Training** – The Clerk confirmed the current training list had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Quigley had requested attending sessions on social media and neighbourhood planning, which would be booked accordingly. Councillors were asked to notify the Clerk of any further training requirements.
- e) **Outside Bodies** – Tree Warden newsletters had been circulated. A Flood Warden online information session was noted as taking place on this coming Thursday; interested Councillors were asked to notify the Clerk.

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- f) **Casual Vacancy** – The Clerk confirmed that although there were already several vacant seats on the Council, following the resignation of a former Councillor, the statutory casual vacancy process must still be followed. This had been actioned and no by-election had been called following the publication of the Notice of Vacancy. The Chair took the opportunity to address members of the public present that if they were interested in becoming a Parish Council to contact the Clerk.

26/27-084-FC2107 HRAF Committee Meeting

The draft minutes of the HRAF Committee meeting held on 7th July 2026 had not been circulated to all councillors in advance of this meeting and so their review was deferred, along with consideration of the recommendations regarding the Terms of Reference and Project Priority List.

The Council noted that works to clear brambles and rubbish behind Ladywood (with quotations to follow for associated tree pruning works), were addressed in substance under other items on this agenda (see Minutes 086.c and 088).

26/27-085-FC2107 Finance

- a) **Payments for June 2026** – A report on the payments for June 2026 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Clerk explained that a duplicated payment entry, arising from a system error, had been corrected by way of an offsetting negative entry within the report. No questions were raised, and all the payments were ratified.
- b) **Payments for July 2026** – A report on the card/online payments for July 2026 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **resolved** to approve the schedule of bank payments, totalling £1,647.08 due to be made on 23rd July 2026.
- c) **2026/27 Quarter 1 Finances** – Council received an update on receipts and payments against budget for Quarter 1 of the 2026/27 financial year, in accordance with Standing Orders. The Clerk explained that some apparent variances (for example, works relating to the bank slippage at Canada Woods) reflect transfers from Earmarked Reserves and therefore balance out.
- d) **Committed Expenditure and Ear Marked Reserves (EMR)** – Council reviewed the report of committed expenditure and EMR, including the reserves held for future projects, carried-forward grants, Old School roof repairs, and the Youth Council bench fund. A drafting correction to the Canada Woods EMR wording was noted and the Clerk agreed to amend it accordingly.
- e) **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – Council reviewed the CIL report of funds received and allocated. The Clerk confirmed a remaining unallocated CIL balance of £2,849.23, with approximately four years remaining within which to allocate these funds. It was **resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to submit the CIL report to Wiltshire Council as presented.
- f) **Fixed Term Deposit Account** – A report had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting detailing options for this account. The Clerk reported, having discussed options with Cllr Poole (Chair of Finance), that Hampshire Trust Bank offered the most competitive rate available. It was **resolved** that the sum of £30,000 be reinvested with Hampshire Trust Bank for a further 12-month fixed term at a rate of 4.31%, and that the £1,186.22 interest accrued over the past year be transferred to the Council's Lloyds current account.
- g) **Utility Contracts** – It was **resolved** that delegated authority be given to the Clerk to negotiate and enter into new fixed-rate electricity contracts for the Old School and Elisha Field, in consultation with the Chair of Finance where practicable.
- h) **Chairman's Charity Account** – The Council was reminded of a decision taken approximately a year previously to transfer these funds to an account without administration fees, which had not yet been actioned. It was agreed that the Clerk proceed to transfer the Chairman's Charity Account funds to a bank account without administration fees, to be completed during August 2026.

26/27-086-FC2107 Parish Council Land

- a) **MLAV2 at Canada Woods Landslip and associated rectification works.** No further correspondence had been received from the contractor regarding the Environment Agency permits since the last meeting; noted.

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- b) **MLAV2 at Canada Woods Pipe Replacement.** As reported at Minute 081.e, the associated Wessex Water Environment Fund grant has been secured, and the Environment Agency permit process is ongoing; the process for undertaking the works with the Friends of Canada Woods & Community Park Group will be finalised once permits are confirmed.
- c) **Ladywood.** The Clerk confirmed that quotations for tree works at Ladywood, following completion of the bird nesting season, are being obtained; this will be reported back to the September or October meeting for consideration.
- d) **Elisha Field Pavilion.** The Clerk reported that a structural survey of the pavilion, requested at the last HRAF Committee meeting, is being arranged, though a survey date has not yet been fixed. The Scouts have requested a meeting to progress their proposal for a new building on the site of the existing pavilion but have not yet responded to the Council's outstanding questions; a date is to be arranged and an update brought to the September meeting.

26/27-087-FC2107 Current and Future Projects

- a) **Project process documentation.** The updates to the documents as previously discussed was still to be completed. The Clerk to action and circulate accordingly.
- b) **Current list of possible future projects**
 - Highway improvements / traffic management: Cllr Poole reported on a site meeting with Wiltshire Council highway engineers to consider proposals from Motion (Transport and Infrastructure Consultants) for Church Street and High Street. High Street presents significant, high-cost engineering challenges; Church Street was considered more readily deliverable due to improved intervisibility. Wiltshire Council is installing traffic counters, and further engineering discussion will follow once updated traffic flow data is available.
 - Lavington School road safety and parking: Council received an update on a recent meeting with the Headteacher, attended by the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Cllr Muns. There were three main outcomes of the meeting a) reissuing of a letter to parents; b) suggestion to apply double yellow lines at the junction with The Spring; c) writing to neighbouring residents requesting cutting back of hedges and considered parking in the layby. Notes from the meeting, along with copies of a letter to parents, and a draft of the proposed letter to neighbouring residents were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that a proposed pull-in area near Clyffe Hall be included in the wider package of measures, and that the Clerk annotate an aerial image to illustrate the proposed locations.
It was **resolved** that the Council support a draft letter to residents and an application to LHFIFG for double yellow lines to assist school bus access near the school and near Clyffe Hall, incorporating the additional comments raised.
 - Councillor Surgeries and Drop In Sessions: Cllr Quigley outlined an initial proposal for regular member drop-in sessions to increase the Council's accessibility to residents, potentially involving the County Councillor and local policing team. A report on her proposals had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
It was **resolved** that Cllr Quigley work up a detailed proposal, in consultation with the Clerk, for consideration at the September meeting.
 - Integrated Community Engagement Events: Cllr Quigley proposed a new monthly intergenerational community event [Social Saturdays], incorporating a swap-shop / unwanted coats and boots initiative, to promote community cohesion and sustainable living. A report on her proposals had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
It was **resolved** that Cllr Quigley prepare a written proposal, in consultation with the Clerk, for publicity via the parish magazine and engagement with local primary schools, for the Council's further consideration.
 - New defibrillator at Kings Road: no update was available at this meeting; this joint project with residents and Easterton Parish Council will be reported on further in due course.
 - Other projects: it was noted that the Poppies for Remembrance project has been stood down this year. Cllr Joly to liaise with the Village Map project organiser and report back on progress at the next meeting.

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- c) Councillors were reminded to review the Rural Digest email received on a regular basis for potential sources of external funding for these and other Council projects.

26/27-088-FC2107 Highways and Other Maintenance Matters

- a) **Parish Steward** – No specific works had been reported since the last meeting. Cllr Muns noted that changes to Wiltshire Council funding have reduced the scope of works the Parish Steward is able to undertake.
- b) **Handyman and Groundwork Contractors** – the Clerk reported that the handyman's vehicle had been out of action, delaying some works. The Clerk will be liaising with the handyman to work through the list of tasks agreed at the HRAF Committee meeting.
- c) **Northbrook** – In the absence of Cllr Davis there was no update on clearance work and use of equipment to manage flooding and associated spring water issues.
- d) **Parsonage Lane** – The Clerk confirmed a positive response from Wiltshire Highways, who have cut back vegetation along the banks; a Councillor noted that arisings from this work had not been cleared away, which the Clerk agreed to follow up. As the next LHFIG meeting is not until October, an application will be prepared for a virtual pavement scheme in this location, to be brought to the September meeting.
- e) **White Street** – Parking concerns raised by residents relating to faded or unclear double yellow lines have been referred to Wiltshire Council. The correspondence copied to the Chair and Clerk to be shared with Cllr Muns with a view to aiding resolution on the matter.
- f) **Speed Indicator Devices** – It was noted that the SID on Church Street had now been repositioned to capture data from traffic travelling from the west.
- g) **LHFIG meetings** – The next meeting is scheduled for 22nd October 2026; the Chair and Clerk will prepare LHFIG applications over the August recess for consideration at the September meeting.
- h) **Other updates** – The Clerk confirmed that notification of local temporary highway closures / traffic regulation orders had been circulated to Councillors.

26/27-089-FC2107 Correspondence Received

- a) The items of correspondence circulated in advance of the meeting (detailed below) were noted.
- Minutes of the Town & Parish Clerks and Wiltshire Council Meeting held on 25th June 2026.
 - Green Vale Wiltshire – Information on building climate resilience across Pewsey Vale.
 - Wiltshire PCC – Update on high demands on Wiltshire Police service over the summer.
 - Crimestoppers Community Update: July 2026
 - WALC Environment Forum – Invitation to People's Emergency Briefing Discussion meeting 23 July 2026 at 12 noon.
 - Wiltshire Council Briefing Note no. 26-08 which provides an update on the Government's Crisis and Resilience Fund, which is locally managed by Wiltshire Council.
 - Wiltshire Council Briefing Note no. 26-09 on the Update on the Future Energy Landscapes (FEL) project exploring community-owned renewable energy.
 - Wiltshire Police crimes and incidents report for Market Lavington April to June 2026 incl.
 - Wiltshire Council Winter Preparation 2026/27 – PEAS Application – to be submitted by 31st August 2026.
 - PCC 'Keeping Councillors Informed' newsletter Issue #20.
- b) The Clerk noted that further work on the PEAS application will be undertaken with Councillors' input during August.
- c) The Clerk and Cllr Quigley reported on their attendance at the WALC Road Safety Information Seminar on Friday 17th July 2026 at County Hall, Trowbridge, describing it as excellent and helpful. Slides from the seminar have been circulated; the Clerk and Cllr Quigley will review their notes and bring recommendations to a future meeting, with a view to including relevant material in the parish newsletter.

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26/27-090-FC2107 Planning Applications, Decisions and Other Planning Issues

- a) The following planning applications were considered at the meeting:
- Reference: **PL/2026/03498** (Listed building consent (Alt/Ext))
Address: **16 High Street**, Market Lavington, Devizes, SN10 4AG
Proposal: Replacement of two existing entrance doors and frames.
Applicant: Dr Tim Price.
It was **resolved** not to raise any objections to this application.
 - Reference: **PL/2026/04020** (Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area)
Address: **35 White Street**, Market Lavington, Devizes, SN10 4DP
Proposal: Lawsons Cypress – Remove to ground level.
Applicant: Mr Alex Yates.
It was **resolved** not to raise any objections to this application.
 - Reference: **PL/2026/04080** (Consent under Tree Preservation Order)
Address: **25 Hamilton Drive**, Market Lavington, Devizes, SN10 4BN
Proposal: T1 Oak - To carry out a comprehensive crown reduction inclusive of lower lateral limbs, by up to 2m but not exceeding a branch diameter prune of 50mm
Applicant: Mr Tony Snooks.
It was **resolved** not to raise any objections to this application.
 - Reference: **PL/2026/04288** (Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area)
Address: **87 High Street**, Market Lavington, Devizes, SN10 4AQ
Proposal: G1 Crown lift mixed species of trees by 3 metres.
Applicant: c/o Strakers.
It was **resolved** not to raise any objections to this application.
- b) No other planning applications had been received outside of the Full Council / Planning Committee consideration process.
- c) No planning applications or appeal notifications had been received after the issue of the agenda requiring consideration at this meeting.
- d) The following planning decisions made by Wiltshire Council were noted:
- Reference: **PL/2026/01167** (Prior approval Part 3 Class Q: Agricultural buildings to dwellinghouses).
Address: **Building at Weathertop, Parham Lane**, Market Lavington, Devizes, SN10 4QA
Proposal: Prior Approval Part 3 Class Q: Change of use of agricultural building to form one dwelling.
Applicant: Phillippa Strickland.
Decision: **Prior approval is required and granted subject to conditions.**
- e) Other planning matters:
- Wiltshire Council Eastern Area Planning Committee meetings: nothing to report.
 - Appeal ref. 6009768 (land north of Drove Lane, SN10 4NT): the Clerk reported ongoing contact from residents and Easterton Parish Council seeking to submit late representations, as they had not been notified of the appeal; the Planning Inspector's site visit had not yet taken place.
 - Enforcement Appeal APP/3940/C/24/3358240, 29 Spin Hill: no update.
 - Enforcement – unauthorised access onto the A360 south of Black Dog crossroads: no update.
 - NPPF – Central Government changes to the National Planning Policy Framework: finalised document now likely to be published in September/October.
 - Wiltshire Local Plan: Timetable for the preparation and commencement of works had been circulated to councillors for information.

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- vii. Wiltshire Council Briefing Note No. 26-11 on the National Scheme of Delegation of Planning Functions: noted, having been addressed within Cllr Muns' report at Minute 081.a.

26/27-091-FC2107 Items for Next Agenda

A request was raised, in light of the closure of two village cafes, that the Council consider extending Friendship Fridays to a second day; this will be included on the September agenda. Updates on the Neighbourhood Plan and Village Map were also requested to be included.

Councillors were invited to notify the Clerk of any further items.

26/27-092-FC2107 Adjournment for Public Participation

8.39pm – The meeting was adjourned for public participation on non-agenda matters. Discussion focused principally on MLNP2, including:

- The likely timescale to a community referendum on a made neighbourhood plan (estimated as in the region of 24 months), and the distinction between a formal referendum (organised and funded by Wiltshire Council, in which all residents may vote) and the community consultation exercises undertaken to date by the Steering Group.
- The definition and required proportion of affordable housing (currently 30% in Market Lavington), and local housing need, including evidence of an ageing population (a reported 45% increase in over-65s locally over the past five years) and demand for smaller, downsizing properties.
- Whether the Neighbourhood Plan can address commercial and employment provision as well as housing; the Steering Group confirmed this is being considered, including a possible section on employment land.
- Concerns from residents regarding potential traffic impact from one of the proposed development sites in the vicinity of Canada Rise.
- Requests for more frequent and wider communication with residents on the progress of MLNP2, including via leaflet drops and a further public meeting once the consultant's review is complete.

The Chair and Steering Group members responded to questions and thanked members of the public for attending and for their continued engagement. No decisions were taken; the comments raised will be considered further by the Steering Group.

9.07pm – The meeting reconvened.

26/27-093-FC2107 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council was confirmed as Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 7.15pm at the Old School.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.08pm.

Signed..... Date.....