



Minutes from Friends Meeting, following AGM
Tuesday 23rd September 2025
The Hub
Lavant Primary School at 7pm

1. **Welcome**
Kate Self, Siri Lundstrom, Adrian King, Dan Taylor, Malcolm Taplin, Charlotte Mason, Chris Hicks, Nicky Taylor, Holly Baron, Kirsty Marsh.
2. **Apologies – Faye Rogers, Meg Faulkner, Olita Williams, Carly Charlick, Lucy Budge**
3. **Financial Overview**
Business Account **£42,657.89**
Community Account **£1,774.80**
Have already given each class their £500
4. **Events for Summer term**
 - a. Stay and Play 12th Sep - Ribbon cutting cancelled due to lack of attendance. Profit tbc but minimal.
 - b. Pheasant trip to Portsmouth has been costed at £349 for the coach and £232.65 for Museum access for 33 children. Agreed not to have a system in place for trips, just for the teachers to ask 'as' and 'when' needed. Mr Worne cautious to ask Pheasant parents for too much money when they have paid for CYE trip for this term already. **Friends agreed to pay £349 for Coach** and parents pay the admission. All agreed that reception will end up getting less from this pot as they do not go on any many trips due to their age but when they are in the older years they will benefit and they have had a new garden recently so, this does seem a fair way to distribute money.
 - c. Grounds morning Saturday 18th October – Siri to buy plants. Reflective garden ie garden around the cabin needs blitzing, needs planting with hardy plants. Have paint in stock already for front gate. Someone techy could maybe make a time lapse of willow dome being fixed to put on Instagram to show what we do. Siri to appeal for helpers at Harvest festival assembly. Explain that it's like a big play date. Faye to update spreadsheet and add list to reception. **Helpers: Siri and Family, Polly, Ben and Kids, Chris Will**
 - d. Jumble Sale Sat 8th November – Entrance cost now £1. Can someone contact the Observer to advertise? **Siri**. Jenny (Ellie's Mum) text about 'Worth the Weight' in Waterloo. They are using them for the village jumble in January. Craigs Mum knows a farmer who takes things like this to Ukraine. Siri to look into. To advertise everywhere please (Tesco's already done) Please let us know if you need a printed copy.
 - e. Village Christmas Market Saturday 22nd November – Have said that we are not attending due to lack of helpers and time, but they are welcome to come to our fair and have use of a classroom. No response as yet.

- f. School Christmas Fair Saturday 29th November. Gabby enjoyed doing the photo room last year and would like to do it again.
Kirsty already chasing companies for raffle prizes.
Tombola room will be easy as have got lots saved already. Agreed on having just one donation day. Nicky suggests getting the kids involved, something to do with games. Younger class room potentially the photo room with queue in shared area, could we have the teachers and children set up Pheasant or Woodpeckers on the Friday, more focus on that one room than spreading all the teachers around. Adrian interested in the thought of the kids really helping set up and run a room and stalls.
- g. Sunday 14th December 'Carol's in the Dark' TBC but will need alcohol license. All agreed, that it sounds nice.
- h. Disco date – Paul is available 23/30th Jan & 6th Feb and 27th Feb. Agreed 6th Feb is best date. Will ask him to turn music down. Was on the nativity stage, he liked that worked well for us. Quiet space needed, in shared space or other half of tattoo room. Check stock, glitter etc. Have emailed and requested him on 6th
- i. Village Fete Have kindly donated £1000. Would like us to publicise the fact they are supporting the 'youth' in the village in hopes that majority of families would attend the fete. We will invite Sarah to the Nativity to see the new sound system in use, hopefully we will have acquired it by then? Will thanks them in Lavant news and school newsletter. All very grateful for the hard work that the fete committee put in and we are talking with Ollie Mason re best set up for our new school audio equipment. Him and Mr Taylor to discuss and hopefully purchase asap.
- j. Mrs Goman and her husband have offered to do the Quiz again, will discuss after Christmas.
- k. Boozy Bingo, need to do some investigating into what needs to be done but all think it's a great idea, looking at Spring next year.

Outstanding from last meeting:

Winter Sports plaque, please invoice??

Proposed Expenditure:

Adrian would like:

New sound system

New Parasol stands

Top windows in hall need re doing...

Fencing at front of School needs work.

Friends happy to fund all of the above.

24 new chrome books, then maybe each year we buy another 10 each year £250 each.

24 = £6k

School council – list things the children would like

Maybe a big thing for grounds, such as a Hobit Hole. Council member to discuss with class then put forward what they would like some money spent on.

Daniel would like:

Keystage 2 D Day trip money, minuted above.

Young voices (20th Jan 2026) at the O2 - £847 coach to London, same date as (West Dean North Mundham) Young voices runs every two years. Suggestion that we ask £10 from parents and friends pay the rest, roughly two thirds. Friends agreed we will pay £600 ish.

Woodpecker Theatre trip £360 for all of them. May link with other schools for big learning journey. Friends to pay half so £180

Mr Taylor has spent almost half of the class budget but needs more Guided reading books. 6 or 7 sets of 5 reading books £200 quote obtained. Friends to pay the full £200. £100 extra class budget given to Mr Taylor for students who need a few extra things to help their own learning targets. These resources will be used again and benefit other years of Woodpeckers.

Ask Mrs Goman to invoice for sports equipment with school council will talk about skipping ropes being replaced etc – Kate has emailed her

AOB:

Holly wants cheat sheets so that anyone can run an event, and stock check. Siri to pass on links to one drive to see our word docs for each event. Agreed precise stock check is too time consuming.