

LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 11th May at 8:30 pm at the Langford Village Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Rachel Range	Jenny Pitkin
Mark Harris	Andrew Bushell
Neil Ray (in attendance)	

APOLOGIES

Rosie Spence

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minutes of the previous Parish Meetings on the 8th February 2010 and 6th May 2010 were read and approved as being correct.

UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING AT LAST MEETINGS

Village Noticeboard

- Neil Simpson emailed on 12th April saying that workman returning soon and would contact John Dudley. No action to date. The meeting decided that it would ask John Dudley to erect the noticeboard in the bus shelter and elected to pay Mr Dudley £50 for his time.

Playbuilder Grant Scheme

- Mark Harris had spoken with Carolyn Place of Anthony Stiff Associates in April, who will assist us in getting a Playbuilder Grant. Matter on hold pending clarification of legal rights of use of playground space.
- The Clerk reported that he had contacted WODC planning department for clarification of ownership and confirmation that the Parish Council can continue to lease the playground area. David Thurlow, WODC Estates Manager is investigating and will advise shortly.

War Memorial maintenance

- The Clerk still needs to get three quotes from qualified firms. He had had one stonemason visit and inspect and confirm that it can be cleaned and repaired. Awaiting this estimate and the need to arrange two more so that Clerk can apply for a grant for the work.

WODC Highways.

- Protracted correspondence with Katie Walther at WODC team about the number of potholes. Emergency team sent out on 26th April and further work scheduled in the next few weeks.

Parish representation at St Christopher's School

- Rachel Range had asked why there was no representation on the Board of Governors for the Parish Council in the recent Department for Education guidelines.

Mineral Strategy Meeting 2nd March and subsequent developments.

- Dr Andrew Bushell presented a current update and proposal at the 6th May Parish Council meeting and has subsequently signed the letter of the 10 local councils, on behalf of Langford PC, to object to Option 3 of the OCC Mineral Extraction Plan.

First Responders.

- Meeting was held on Tuesday 9th March, presented by Ian Jones, the Community Responder Liaison and Training Officer for the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust. The meeting was well attended and a number of volunteers have put their name forward for training. Rachel Range has been told that the service was expected to now cover Kencot, Grafton and the surrounding villages and this was concerning some of the volunteers. Rachel was to clarify the matter with Ian Jones.

Air conditioning units Lower Farm

- Received a letter on 7th May from George Mynehan of the WODC Planning Department saying that a site visit had been made and that the Units were in breach of planning control and that planning permission will have to be obtained. The owner has been informed and will have to either remove the units or request retrospective planning permission within 28 days. The PC asked the Clerk to advise the WODC Planning Department that is wished to be consulted on any retrospective planning request and to say that it would probably object to such a request.

Snow Clearance by Farmers

- Received a number of replies to the request that local farmers be supplied with snow moving equipment to use in emergencies. The last was from Cllr Rodney Rose (10th March 2010) who explained the issues with salt supply and the priorities of the OCC. He did however confirm that the OCC are looking at ways to formalize arrangements with the Parishes and Farmers for the future.

FINANCE

- New deposit account now opened and £2,000 transferred there.

Cheques written since last meeting:

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| ○ 379 | Langford Cricket Club | £250.00 |
| ○ 380 | Neil Ray – Parish Clerk. | £217.50 |
| ○ 382 | Aon Limited | £393.13 |

Financial position at 11th May 2010

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| ○ Costs for year to 31 st March | £2,236 |
| ○ Precept received for year to March | £2,500 |
| ○ Assets available 31 st March 2010 | £8,640 |

Financial Statements have been prepared for the Financial Year and the Clerk has to get the “internal audit” report signed by Alastair Macdonald, who has offered to perform this task. The Clerk requested the meeting to approve the results for the year and the Chair duly agreed to sign the Annual Return. The Annual Governance Statement had also to be signed by the Chair and the Clerk and agreement was given for this.

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BUDGET FOR 2010/2011

The Clerk presented a budget for the forthcoming financial year. The precept remains at £2,500 as agreed in December. Expenditure, other than for the Playground, is estimated to be £1,365 (2009/2010 - £2,147). An estimated amount of £6,000 has been shown for the new playground and £1,000 had been allocated toward the repair of the War Memorial.

PLANNING

Applications since 8th February 2010

- Retrospective permission at the Vicarage Langford to install a balanced flue in the outhouse. The PC approved this.

No decisions since 8th February 2010

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Subsidised Bus Services - Travel survey

- The survey forms have been distributed with the Parish Notes and have heard from Emily Lewis, the Community Transport Adviser for Oxfordshire Rural Community Councils, that some responses have been made. She has requested a cut off date of May 24th with a copy of the results to be sent to all parishes by June 4th.

Resignation of Parish Councilor Rosie Spence.

- Mrs Rosie Spence had written to the PC tendering her resignation as Parish Councilor, citing the fact that she was leaving the Village. The Clerk was asked to write to Rosie expressing the sincere thanks of the PC and wishing her success.
- The PC discussed a replacement Councilor and agreed that Mr David Carden, who had stood for election in the last Parish Elections and been beaten by Mrs Spence by one vote, be asked to fill the position to the end of the election term.

Road verge in Broadwell Road

- The PC had received a complaint that stones had been placed on the grass verge outside a property in Broadwell Road possibly causing a hazard. After discussion with the tenant in question, who had placed the stones there whilst the verge had been re-seeded, it was agreed that all of the stones except two be removed once the grass had grown.

Alvescot meeting of Stop West Carterton Action Group

- The Parish had received a request to attend a meeting in Alvescot to discuss the plans for West Carterton. Mark Harris agreed to attend on behalf of the PC.

Next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday August 10th 2010. at 7pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed.