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The Langford Parish Council Meeting

7pm Langford Village Hall, July 16th 2015

Present:

Councillors:

Mr R Kemp - Chairman

Mr A Bushell

Mr A Clemons

Mr I Corrigan

Mr P Handley – WODC District Councillor

Apologies received from Mr M Harris

- Declarations of Interest - None
- Approval of Minutes Langford Parish Council May 2015 meeting were duly signed

1. Planning

Planning updates from the Parish:

- Lockey House received approval
- Complaint from resident concerning a container placed in the field at the rear of the Old Band Hall. This is for storage purposes for a tractor mower and lock up. It was agreed that the structure should not be used for cars. A query was as to whether the height is legal.
- It was raised whether the Langford planning guidelines should be published on line. RK to speak with MH

2. Highways and environment

Update Speed second speed sign

Now in place and functioning.

- **Playground** – it was reported that the zip-wire is a little slack. To be picked up at the next monthly check up
- **Defibrillators** – It was agreed at the Village Hall Meeting that the defibrillator should be positioned at the entrance. It will be installed and maintained by a qualified electrician, supervised by Mr Ian Burton. It was suggested that an open Parish meeting to be called concerning this and training sessions put into place.
A formal note to the Village Hall Association to be sent confirming that the defibrillator is the responsibility of the Parish Council and a fee of £25 annual fee will be paid annually was agreed.

Thanks were recorded to the Village Hall Association and also to Mr Ian Burton for managing the successful implementation of the project.

- **Village Hall Sign update**

It was agreed that a Purchase Order to be placed for new signs to be placed at the Village Hall.

- **Footpaths**

The footpath bordering the Brown's field is becoming a safety issue and although it has been requested that the hedgerow is cut back and weeds sprayed, this has not yet been actioned by the Browns.

It was agreed that AB to contact Mr Brown to ask for appropriate action to be taken before the Parish Council take any further steps i.e. arrange for the work to be done and charge the costs on.

It was also suggested that the path should be sprayed and that volunteers to be identified to help lay a 22mm shingle path and maintain it.

- **Sewerage**

There is a smell of effluent at the back of the Elms, behind the school.

AC and IC agreed to investigate and report back as to what is required and whether the Environment Agency should be contacted.

3. WODC report - Peter Handly, West Oxon District Councillor, reported that he is continuing his monthly surgeries and urges residents to use them.

He also reported that a new fire station, fully manned with ambulance cover, has been proposed for Carterton. He is hoping that this should be approved in September.

He advised that grants for local enterprise boards are to be made available and also for village transport schemes.

4. Business

Financial report

Audit - The Clerk reported that the 2014/12015 had been sent to Shilton Accountancy for internal approval and then forwarded onto BDO Auditors for the external Audit and approval.

Insurance - The Insurance Policy premium has been renegotiated and subsequently reduced to £37.54 per month as appose to previously £62.00 pcm.

Bank Balance - The Treasurers account stood at £13, 682.72 at the end of June, however, the Clerk advised that an invoice is yet to be received for the speed sign installed at the end of March/April and also the invoice for the defibrillator and its installation will be soon due.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The date of the next meeting is December 3rd at 7pm Langford Village Hall.

Ann Tyldesley – Langford Parish Clerk

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