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The Langford Parish Council Meeting

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Langford Village Hall, 7pm November 23rd 2017

Draft Minutes

Present: Cllr Richard Kemp- Chairman, Cllr Mark Harris – Vice Chairman
Cllr Ian Burton, Cllr Andrew Clemons, Cllr Ian Corrigan

The meeting commenced at 7pm

1. Apologies: None

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Approval of Minutes of the September LPC meeting

Cllr R K proposed that the minutes be accepted as correct, Cllr M H seconded. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda: None

5. Planning

Planning updates from the Parish:

5.1 Pember House - Cllr R K reported that LPC supported the application.

5.2 Review of Planning Application 17/02740/HHD. This application went to delegation by WODC and was not submitted for full council approval. It was not supported by LPC. The application stated that there were no complaints from residents nor had LPC commented. This was not the case. Cllr M H had contacted Cheryl Morley, of the Planning Team, at the end of November and comments were placed by LPC on the planning portal.

Action: It was agreed that Cllr R K would request an explanation from WODC concerning the granting of this application and also the apparent Process failure. In addition, several complaints had been made by residents, concerning car parking on the agricultural land at the side of the Band Hall. LPC considered that this was outside of the definition of usage of the land.

Action: Cllr R K would seek clarification, from WODC, as to what is permissible concerning the usage of land classified as agricultural.

Signed.....

Mr R Kemp, Chairman

6.1 Playground update

Cllr I C reported that he had examined the swing structure at the playground and recommended that a clamp should be fitted and not to drill as previously considered as this could weaken the supports.

Action: Cllr I C agreed he would source the part and fit.

6.2 Village Maintenance

Cllr R K suggested that a working party would be organised for the last week in November as part of an ongoing process of tidying of the village and to include:

- Clearing of leaves and debris from pavements outside the village hall and also Lechlade Road
- Winter tidy up of the churchyard for the winter.
- General Litter pick

6.3 Blocked drain at Ansell's Farm

Cllr I C reported that he had spoken directly to OCC Highways and is waiting for their Proposal/timescales to clear the drain.

Action: Cllr I C to continue to monitor

6.4 Broken Kerbstones at the Elms

Cllr I C had previously placed the above on Fix my Street and subsequently a team had been out and painted around the kerbstones ready for being put into the work schedule.

6.5 Village Car Park Proposal

Cllr M H reported that the School Governors and the Head of St Peter's School, held a meeting whereby the proposal was discussed. He reported that he was disappointed that an approach had not been made to the Diocese by the School and its Governors. He considered this to be a concern because without agreement or help with funding, the scheme would not go ahead. Cllr R K said an approach should be made to the Diocese Education Board.

In principal, LPC supports the proposal however, it is clear that it cannot be funded from Parish Council funds. Alternative methods of funding would need to be sought by the School and its Governors. Cllr M H agreed to continue monitoring.

6.6 Broadband

Cllr I B reported that further progress for faster broadband to come to Langford. He confirmed that Gigaclear was the WODC preferred supplier.

Cllr I B indicated that work should commence in March.

6.7 Village Signs

Cllr M H had approached Highways concerning the damaged signs and is waiting for costings. Some will need completely replacing. He will report at the next LPC meeting.

6.8 Village Christmas Tree

It was agreed that LPC would provide and pay for the Village Christmas Tree to be delivered on December 1st and erected on Saturday 2nd. Cllr M H agreed to check the Lights were in good working order and replace if not.

LPC agreed to provide mince pies and refreshments at the Carol Service, to be held around the Christmas tree, on Tuesday 5th December. A plaque, in memory of Cllr Andrew Bushell, to be placed, in front of the tree, in recognition of the work he did in promoting this Village activity.

Signed.....

Mr. R Kemp, Chairman

7. Business Items

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7.1 Financial report;

Current Account: £16,348.00

Business account: £ 893.00

A discussion took place concerning the budget required for 2018./2019. It was agreed that the reserves being held in the Current account had been accrued to provide for playground maintenance, ongoing village maintenance and for the provision of and replacement Village signs.

It was agreed that the Precept requirement would remain the same as 2017/2018 and that no increase was forecasted. The Precept required from WODC would be £6000.

7.2 LPC Accounts payable

It was discussed whether on line banking would be beneficial rather than the current method of paying by cheque. It was agreed that because of the small amounts of monies paid out in any one year the existing system was adequate.

It was agreed that LPC would request, from the Village Hall Association, an annual Invoice to cover all 2018/2019 meetings and that this would be paid, in full, at the end of April 2018

7.3 Discussion regarding Data Protection and GPRD.

CLlr I B reported that he had researched the above and would confirm at the next LPC meeting as to what actions if any were required to be put into place.

Date of next LPC meeting: January 25th 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

Signed.....

Mr. R Kemp, Chairman

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