# LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Langford Parish Council was held on

Monday November 28th at 7 pm at Garden Cottage, Langford

## MINUTES

Present: Mark Harris (Chairman), Andrew Bushell, Sharron Emery and Rod Stewart

In attendance: Neil Ray (Clerk) and Lynda Scott

1. Apologies were received from Rod Stewart and Jenny Pitkin

2. The Minutes of the last meeting on the 3 October 2011 were duly approved and signed.

3. The meeting discussed and noted updates on the Matters Arising at the meeting of 3 October 2011.

- War Memorial refurbishment grant update

  The Clerk reported that the work had been completed and was well done. The grant application and photographs have been sent to the War Memorial Trust.

- Telephone Box usage proposals

  Cllr Sharron Emery reported that she had received a quotation from John Dudley for £650 + VAT to include Perspex glazing, erection of a notice board with lockable doors, rub down/repaint the Telephone Box and reappoint the signage on the front and side. Following discussion it was agreed that Sharron would seek a second quote from Andy Clements to repaint and lock up.

- Affordable Housing update

  Members noted that the building work is progressing well and there have been no complaints to date.

- Expansion of Carterton/WODC Local Development Framework

  LS advised that the Core Strategy Officers' recommendations will be considered by the WODC Cabinet in February and then by a special meeting of the full Council. She confirmed that a decision is likely to be made before 21 March in light of the elections in May 2012.

- Playground Design proposal update

  Cllr. Harris presented Caroline Place's design proposal which had been influenced by the outcome of the village questionnaire and by design workshops in the school. The cost of the proposal will be £39,000.

  He confirmed that he had submitted a number of grant applications and, subject to a successful outcome and the use of the £7000 currently on deposit with WODC; a further £2000 would need to be raised.

  Following discussion of the proposals and consideration of the likely project costs, it was agreed:

  - To await the outcome of funding bids

- To seek Insurance costs for the proposed playground
- To approach the school with a view to PTA fundraising for the project
- To further consider the concept of a Warden in one of the houses adjacent to the proposed playground
- To consider the impact of the project on PC reserves.

▪ Playground Lease

  The draft lease has been circulated and returned to Tanner's, LPC's solicitors for answers to questions raised. Further discussion is needed before the lease is signed.

▪ Aircraft noise complaints

  None received

▪ Web site and communications with the village

  The contract for the web site has been awarded and all content done. The domain name is www.langfordGL7.co.uk and coordinates transferred to Moonfruit to host the site. The draft web site is expected by the end December. Training needs to be organized and delivered; Neil will assist with this.

▪ Bank Mandate

  Outstanding. LS will organize

▪ OCC Area Stewardship Fund application for Badger Bridge

  Application submitted to Cllr. Don Seale. OCC are investigating whether there are any badgers there and whether anything can be done.

▪ Precept for 2012

  The level of the precept for 2012 has to be determined and WODC notified by 19 December. Neil will produce a draft budget for 2012/13 to inform the level of precept required for 2012/13. LS to circulate.

▪ Minerals extraction – AGGROW

  LS reported that over 1000 letters had been received during the public consultation, 500 of them focused on extraction proposals for Cholsey.The outcomes of the consultation and recommendations will be considered by the Minerals Working Group in December and, if accepted, will go to the OCC Cabinet in January and a full Council meeting in the Spring. The proposed plan will then go to further public consultation followed by an Government Inspector Enquiry.

▪ Highways: parking by the Village Hall and Badger Bridge

  Highways' proposals were discussed and there were concerns that the proposed 'Keep Clear' signs were visually too large. Following discussion it was agreed that the PC write to the Village Hall Committee advising of its intentions unless the problem could be solved through a proactive approach on their part.

4. Finance

Cheques written since the last meeting:

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| 403 | R. Range | Poppy Wreath | £17.00 |
| 404 | R. Noviss | memorial restoration | £855.00 |

Financial position at 28 November 2011

Surplus £9375.00

- WODC £7000
- Lloyds £2375

5. Planning

No applications received

Old Vicarage – appeal against refusal of the Conservatory

Air condensers in Church Row – approved

6. New matters arising

- Salt Bins – ordered to be put by Lechlade Road
- Academy status for Burford School consultation

  No comment but the PC would like to be kept up dated.
- Queen's Jubilee in 2012.

  PC proposed a Sunday lunch for the village on 3 June to be held in an open area in the centre of the village. It was agreed to seek volunteers via the Parish Pump before confirmation.

7. New Parish Clerk

Lynda Scott has been appointed to the post from 1 December. Contract to be confirmed by PC.

8. Next meeting date

6 February subject to confirming a venue,