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Meeting of the Langford Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall

7pm, February 2nd 2017

Members: Mr Richard Kemp, Chairman, Mr Mark Harris, Mr Andrew Clemons,
Mr Ian Corrigan

Minutes

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes** November 2016 Langford Parish Council meeting were agreed and duly signed
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings**, not on this agenda: none
5. **Planning** - Planning updates from the Parish
 - 5.1 Garden Cottage : approved
6. **Highways and environment**
 - 6.1 **Playground update:** Checked and no concerns
 - 6.2 **Footpaths** : Agreed by all that a sum of £800 to be set aside to be used , to replace styles around the Parish that have fallen in disrepair and may be unsafe. Cllr RK envisaged that the replacements would be at staged intervals over the next two years. Cllr RK to liaise with Mr P Kirby. AT to request prices of the style kits from WODC.
 - 6.3 **Broadband:** Cllr M H reported that the proposed Cotswold Broadband installation had fallen through and has now been taken over by WODC whereby the process will have to restart once again from the beginning.
- 6.3 **Village Maintenance**
 - 6.31 Cllr MH reported that the Langford Finger sign post at Filkins has now been replaced
 - 6.32 There will be a proposed Churchyard working party in March (2 or 3) to be confirmed.
 - 6.33 Litter pick to be organised for April
 - 6.34 Dog fouling once again a problem in the village
 - 6.35 Ditches need monitoring between the School and Little Faringdon. Although Vegetation/hedgerows have been cut back the debris has been left to fall in the ditch and could lead to the ditches overflowing during heavy rain.

Signed.....

Richard Kemp, Chairman

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7. Business Items

7.1 Financial report

The clerk reported that the Treasurers Bank statement, as of end of January, was £12,391.00. It was agreed that one thousand of which to be transferred to the Business Account to accrue for playground repairs/maintenance.

7.2 Precept review

The precept requirement was kept to a minimum with a small increase implemented. An annual requirement of £6000 was submitted to WODC.

- 8. Councillor Vacancy** – Following the recent death of Mr A Bushell, WODC to be notified by the Clerk and the position to be advertised. All acknowledged that LPC will sorely miss Andrew's enthusiasm and diligence in his work. Cllr RK proposed that a small, removable, memorial plaque for Cllr AB to be placed under the village Christmas tree annually.

9. A.O.B

- 9.1** A letter from the Village Hall had been received requesting a grant towards the cost of replacement fire doors. This was deemed not the responsibility of the parish council and the budget and precept had already been set and the cost of £2k not budgeted for during 2017/8.

- 9.2** The Parish Council discussed the Oxfordshire One proposal for one Unitary Council and removing the existing five district councils. Cllr RK to make comments on behalf of LPC.

The public are requested to make comments.

WODC has also given a response.

More information can be found on: www.oneoxfordshire.org where residents can read the draft proposals and fill in a feedback form.

Comments to be submitted by the 28th February 2017.

The WODC proposal can be seen at:

www.westoxon.gov.uk/news/feb/west-oxfordshire-too-good-to-lose

- 10.** Date of next meeting: 30th March 2017

Any items to be included in the agenda must be submitted one week before the meeting – no later than the 23rd March

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Signed.....

Richard Kemp, Chairman

