

## LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting was held on

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm at the Langford Village Hall

## NOTES OF MEETING

### PRESENT:

Rachel Range

Mark Harris

Andrew Bushell

In attendance

Neil Ray

Susan Neville Gliddon

Sharron Emery

### APOLOGIES

Jenny Pitkin

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

- Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

### UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING AT THE LAST MEETING

- Playbuilder Grant Scheme and ownership of land
  - David Thurlow, WODC Estates Manager, had been asked to follow up the issue of the lease for the playground land with the Tourism & Leisure Team at WODC..
  - Cottsway confirmed in their latest update that they would no longer be starting in 2010.
- War Memorial refurbishment
  - The Clerk reported that he had a further stonemason visiting in December and that a third estimate was needed. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach Richard Martin of Filkins Stone for an estimate..

- Mineral Strategy proposals OCC & public meeting 29 –July
  - The Clerk gave an update of the latest position of AGGROW following the announcement by OCC that they had selected Option 1, the existing areas, for further mineral extraction. The Clerk explained that this was only an interim position since the actual quantity to be extracted per year over the next 15 years had yet to be determined and that this could change the ultimate result.
  - Concern had been raised in the Parish that AGGROW had collected funds that may not be required. The Clerk, in his role as Treasurer of AGGROW, explained that there was a clear plan and intention to repay unused funds once the steering committee of AGGROW were certain that they would no longer be required. The Chairman asked that future publication clarify this matter.
- Air conditioning units Lower Farm
  - The Clerk advised that planning permission had been agreed for the air conditioners provided that they were screened..
- Appointment of Parish Councilor
  - The meeting agreed that rather than co-opt one of the two candidates who had expressed an interest in becoming Councilors, Mrs. Sharron Emery and Mr. Rod Stewart were to be invited to attend the Parish Meetings to May 2011 when they would be invited to stand for Councilor, filling the two vacant positions.
- Noticeboard by the Elms
  - The Chairman reported that she had asked Derek Lafford to carry out some repairs the notice-board by the Elms
- Emergency Community Plan
  - It was reported that copies of the "Are you ready", community action plan from the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum had been distributed to Langford.

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- Parking on Footpaths
  - The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the owner of one of the persistent offending vehicles, and was pleased to report that the car was no longer parked on the footpath.
- Salt Bins
  - The meeting discussed the possible site for a salt bin and decided upon the area of land by Pear Tree Cottage near the War Memorial. The Clerk was requested to write to WODC to request a green bin.

## FINANCE

The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Audit had been approved 13<sup>th</sup> July with no further comment.

Cheques written since last meeting:

|     |                                        |         |
|-----|----------------------------------------|---------|
| 388 | St Mathews Church – churchyard         | £180.00 |
| 389 | Dr Andrew Bushel      copying          | £ 8.81  |
| 390 | Rachel Range              Poppy Appeal | £16.50  |
| 391 | Oxon Playing Field Assoc               | £35.00  |

Financial position at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010

|                                                 |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Income, net of costs for period April November. | £ 796.10  |
| Bank & WODC                                     | £9,431.65 |
| Parish Surplus (£8,640 + £796)                  | £9,436.10 |

After some discussion, it was agreed that the request for the 2011/2012 precept be increased to £3,000 to include an additional £500 towards the War Memorial clearing and repair.

## PLANNING

Applications since 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Long Acre – garage conversion

Lower Farm – air conditioning units

Old Post Office – conversion of outbuilding to dwelling

Decisions since 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Long Acre – approved 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Mrs Susan Neville Glidon was invited to speak about the planning application for the conversion at the Old Post Office. The Parish Council listened to her objections. After further discussion, the meeting requested that Mark Harris draft a response to the Planners on behalf of the Parish Council objecting to the proposal and noting that; this was not a conversion but a new dwelling, the access was limited, it would lead to additional vehicles in the roadway and that there were issues of flooding and drainage to be examined.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Telephone Box
  - The Clerk was requested to follow up on the proposal to purchase the Box for £1..
- Emergency Plan
  - Mark Harris gave an update to the Plan and said that it would be sent to the WODC.

There being no further matters the meeting was closed.

- Next meeting Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011 at 7pm. In the Village Hall.