

LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting to be held on

Monday 4th October at 7 pm at the Langford Village Hall

NOTES OF MEETING

PRESENT:

- Rachel Range Mark Harris
- Jenny Pitkin Andrew Bushell
- In attendance Neil Ray

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - 11TH MAY 2010

- Minutes of the previous quorate meeting were read and approved.

UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING AT THE LAST MEETING

- Village Noticeboard
 - The Village Noticeboard had now been re-installed in its new position at the Village Hall. Parish Council requested that the Clerk send a note of thanks to John Dudley as appreciation. The Clerk confirmed that this had now been done.
- Playbuilder Grant Scheme and ownership of land
 - David Thurlow, WODC Estates Manager, finally traced the land on 22nd July and confirmed that a lease should be drawn up to regularize the use of the land by the LPC. The Clerk advised Mr Thurlow that the rent was formerly £1 per annum. Mr Thurlow passed this matter to Tourism & Leisure Team at WODC. The Clerk had also heard that Playbuilder grants were no longer being paid, even if already approved. The Clerk confirmed this with Howie Watkins at the WODC. There were possible further areas of grants for which we might be eligible.
 - Cottsway confirmed in the latest (19th July) update that they were not expecting to start before October 2010 and that a new planning application may be required to bring the application up to current design standards. The Clerk had subsequently learned that no further application would be necessary.
- War Memorial refurbishment
 - The Clerk reported that he had arranged for one stonemason to visit and he had reported some cracks in the structure but that the Clerk needed to obtain 2 further estimates before he could apply for a grant from the War Memorials Trust.

- WODC Highways
 - The Clerk had been told that repair were on hold due to budgetary cuts, however by the date of the meeting, the repairs had been effected.
- Mineral Strategy proposals OCC & public meeting 29 –July
 - Dr Andrew Bushell attended the OCC Mineral Strategy Options workshop on 12th July of behalf of the Parish. The Parish Council also hosted a public meeting in the Village Hall on 29th July, presented by AGGROW, the anti gravel extraction group of which Langford is a subscribing member. The meeting was very well attended and the meeting supported the aims of AGGROW in challenging the OCC's mineral strategy options of having Langford in its Options 2 and 3.
 - The meeting again reconfirmed that Dr Andrew Bushell was authorized to attend the meetings of AGGROW on behalf of the Parish Council and to represent them at these and future meetings.
- Air conditioning units Lower Farm
 - The Clerk advised that he was still awaiting a response from WODC Planning, George Mynehan, who had asked the owners to regularize the situation. The Clerk had advised WODC planners that retrospective approval would be opposed by LPC. A retrospective request had been received by the LPC subsequent to the meeting.
- Subsidised Travel Survey
 - There was no follow up from WODC since the Langford survey but the WODC Local Transport Plan 3 is shortly to be open for consultation from October 4 to January 9. The Clerk will circulate report and comment on any matters relating to Langford.
 - The Clerk advised that the changes to the subsidized bus services for WODC had been announced and that there were to be no changes to the services serving Langford.
- Appointment of Parish Councilor
 - The Clerk advised that according to Keith Butler, WODC, there needed to be notice of a vacancy, which the Clerk duly posted. The expiry of the notice period was 6th August. There being no nominations, the LPC can, if it wishes, co-opt someone. They then need to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before they can act.
 - The Chair agreed to contact and discuss the issue with two candidates who had expressed an interest in becoming

Councilors, Mrs. Sharron Emery and Mr. Rod Stewart following her note in the Parish Notes to the effect that the LPC was looking for a candidate.

- The Clerk was requested to enquire whether the Parish could co-opt two Councilors since she advised the PC that she intended to stand down from being a Councilor at the end of her current term.
- First Responders
 - Rachel Range confirmed that both Kencot and Grafton would have to be within the scope of Langford based First Responders and that PC Petra ?? was now equipped and on duty as a First Responder.

FINANCE

- The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Audit had been approved 13th July with no further comment.
- Cheques written since last meeting:

▪	383	BDO	Audit	£94.00
▪	384	R. Range	Keys	£16.00
▪	385	N. Ray	Clerk Fees	£275.00
▪	386	Citizens Advice Bureau		£50.00
▪	387	AGGROW		£500.00
- Financial position at 4th October 2010

▪	Income, net of costs for period April Sept.	£ (213).
▪	Bank & WODC	£8,427
▪	Parish Surplus(£8,640 - £213)	£8,427
▪	The Clerk advised that the second tranche of the precept of £1,250 was due to be received early October.	

PLANNING

- Applications since 11th May 2010
 - None received
- Decisions since 11th May 2010
 - Vicarage Langford - retrospective installation of a flue (18th June 2010)
 - The Bell Inn – Erection of single storey extension (16th July 2010).

OTHER BUSINESS

- Contribution to AGGROW
 - At 6th May meeting the LPC had agreed a contribution of £500 to the Campaign against gravel extraction affecting Langford (AGGROW). Some Councilors had subsequently requested to increase the contribution and a vote at the public meeting on 29th July had supported such a move. After discussion the Councillors at the meeting decided to leave the contribution at the agreed amount of £500 and review further contributions at a later date. The Clerk was instructed to make the payment, which he duly did on the 13th August.
- Noticeboard by the Elms
 - The Chairman reported that there had been a complaint about the poor state of the noticeboard by the Elms. She further advised that after earlier discussion amongst Councilors, she had asked Derek Lafford to carry out some repairs
- Emergency Community Plan
 - Mark Harris reported that he had attended the Preparing for Emergency Workshop run by the OCC and presented the Emergency Community Plan for Langford, the draft having been circulated ahead of the meeting. Further information was required and to be completed by Mark. The Chairman reported that she had put a note in the Parish Pump to enquire about vulnerable people to be added to the document.
 - Copies of the “Are you ready”, community action plan from the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum are available and the LPC discussed whether they should be distributed to Langford. It was agreed that 200 would be ordered and distributed with the Parish Pump, which has subsequently been done along with a note from Aggrow.
- Stop Carterton West Update
 - Mark Harris presented an update of Alvescot’s opposition to the proposal.
- Salt Bins
 - Mark presented a proposal to site two salt bins in the village, one adjacent to the War Memorial in Centre Village and a further one at the bend by the bridge over the stream on the Filkins Road, the site of several accidents in the past. The Chairman had discussed the siting of such bins with local residents and there was little agreement that they should be in the centre of the Village. The Clerk was requested to ensure that the bins were still available and The Chairman was to approach Richard Kirby to see whether they could be placed on his farm land

- Parking on Footpaths
 - The Chairman reported that she had received several complaints from Parishioners about cars being parked on footpaths, causing safety concerns for the Parishioners, who were forced to walk in the road. She further reported that the Highways Department at WODC had confirmed that it was illegal to park on the footpath and that the LPC had a duty of care to ensure that this was maintained. The ultimate sanction was to notify the Police.
 - After some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk was requested to write to the owner of one of the persistent offending vehicles, which the Clerk has subsequently done. The Chairman also agreed to note this matter in the Parish Notes.
- Local Parish Community Governance Review
 - The Clerk brought this matter to the attention of the LPC and after some discussion; the LPC decided that they were happy to propose no change.

There being no further matters the meeting was closed.

- Next meeting Tuesday November 30th 2010 at 7pm. In the Village Hall.