

LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday August 8th at 7 pm at the Old Crown, Langford

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mark Harris (in the Chair)

Rod Stewart Jenny Pitkin Sharron Emery

- In attendance Neil Ray
- Apologies Andrew Bushell

- The Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 10th May 2011 were read and approved
- The Chairman reminded the meeting of the Conflicts of Interest Policy.
- Update on Matters Arising at meeting of 10th May 2011
 - War Memorial refurbishment grant update
 - The Clerk advised that the latest letter from War Memorials Trust on 26th July was that they are processing grant application (£700)
 - Telephone Box usage proposals
 - The use of the telephone box was discussed. The idea of a picture board of local photographs was proposed and it was decided to investigate fitting a Perspex panel on the back wall of the box. Sharron Emery was tasked with asking Steve Findlay Wilson if he could quote to do the work.
 - Affordable Housing Update
 - The “Meet the Builder” meeting in the Village Hall had been a success
 - Site access, which had blocked the road at the Elms was now passable and the new road serving the new houses was open and passable and a temporary car park had been created for Elms
 - The Clerk confirmed that he had met with Mike Goldsworthy, the site supervisor and lines of communication set up.
 - Following discussions with Mike, the Clerk offered the use of the old playground in exchange for Leadbitter clearing the site and gravelling part for their portakabins. The Clerk asked for a written request from Leadbitter, which was presented to the meeting. After discussion, the LPC agreed that Leadbitter could use the site if they could remove the fencing and swings

and put down a protective membrane under any gravel that could be removed after the portakabins were removed.

- The LPC had received a request from WODC to name the new road the “Wickets”. After discussion the LPC agreed to the proposal and the Clerk asked to advise WODC.
- Expansion of Carterton Proposals update.
 - The LPC submitted a letter in response to the WODC Core Strategy on 11th July 2011, making critical comments on the proposal to build 1,400 houses on a site to the west of Carterton.
 - Participation in the 14th September WODC Council Meeting was discussed and it was agreed that Rod Stewart would attend on behalf of Langford.
- New Matters
 - Playground proposals and update:
 - Mark Harris advised the LPC that he had attended a meeting of the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association in Carterton of Parishes and Playground specialists. Following from that meeting, he met, with the Clerk, Carolyn Place of Anthony Stiff Associates and Nicole O'Donnell of OPFA. The three options usually followed are to either appoint a landscape architect or ask a supplier to do a turnkey installation or engage a design and build contractor.
 - Mark Harris had prepared a “playground” questionnaire that had been distributed at the Meet the Builder meeting as well as local residents and the School.
 - The meeting discussed the approach to designing and funding the playground and it was decided to commission a design study from Anthony Stiff Associates for a fee of £1,750. The Clerk was requested to confirm this to Carolyn Place.
 - Grant possibilities were discussed. Given that to fund this will require some external funding. OPFA have a list of funding possibilities.
 - The Clerk tried Wren unsuccessfully – they don't operate in Gloucestershire and we are more than 10 miles from Oxfordshire gravel site.
 - Mark has tried Gloucester Environmental Trust unsuccessfully
 - The Clerk is to follow up with Entrust and other names on funding list.
 - The Village will also need to raise funds and some ideas were discussed, including a pledge to match, Halloween and Easter ideas. Sharron was to contact Jane Stevens about booking the Village Hall for a fundraising event.
 - The playground questionnaire had a competition for the best drawing and the LPC considered the completed drawings and decided that the best drawing was by Jamie and Poppy Wehrle. Mark offered to get a prize to be given by the LPC.

- Aircraft noise complaints were discussed.
 - Complaints had been received from residents (Hugh David & Jane Stevens and others about low flying Hercules planes
 - RAF Brize Norton has proposed a meeting on Thursday 25th August at RAF BN between 6-8pm. Hugh Davis has offered to attend on behalf of the LPC.
 - The late night flying exercises, and the fact that the LPC receive notification on evening of day of exercise, was raised.
- Web site and communications to Village
 - The Clerk hasn't contacted Refined Line, a Web Site producer specializing in local authorities, but had circulated email and web site showing some of their work. It seems good product for the LPC and the price seems reasonable. The meeting discussed the options and instructed the Clerk to get more information from Refined Line and to proceed to obtain a quotation.
- Finance
 - Cheques written since last meeting:
 - 395 R Range gift £50.00
 - 396 Village Hall bench repair £45.00
 - 397 ORCC Membership £30.00
 - 401 AON Limited £429.15
 - Financial position at 8th August 2011
 - Surplus £9,918.72
- Planning
 - Applications and Decisions since 10th May 2011
 - Decisions:
 - Pember House. Approved replacement single storey extension
 - Lower Farm Cottages. Approved two storey side and rear extension
 - Long Acre Approved erection of detached dwelling and garage
 - The Vicarage Refused erection of rear orangery
 - Application
 - The Byres, Rectory Farm conversion of agricultural buildings to form single dwelling. (4th August 2011)
- Other Business
 - The matter of possible celebrations for Queens Jubilee in 2012 was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Richard Kirby to see what plans the LPCC were making to see if we could have a combined event.

- The Clerk reminded the meeting that a revised Bank Mandate was still outstanding and that he planned to circulate an update before the next meeting.
 - Keith Butler of the WODC had written asking for confirmation that there were no items in the Registration of interests form completed by Councilors. Councilors updated the forms and they were to be returned to Keith Butler.
- There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Rod Stewart for hosting the meeting at his home and providing refreshments. The next meeting was agreed to be on Monday 3rd October 2011. 7pm.