

LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting to be held on

Monday 8th February at 7pm at the Langford Village Hall

Present:

Mrs Rachel Range in the Chair

Mr Mark Harris

Mrs Jenny Pitkin

Mrs Rosie SpenceApologies

from: Mr Andrew Bushell

In attendance: Mr Neil Ray (Clerk)

Minutes of the last meeting - November 30th 2009

The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting on the 30th November were read and approved as being correct.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

Village Notice board.

Mr. Mike Thorpe, Chairman of the Village Hall committee, had replied giving permission to fix the notice board in the bus shelter at the side of the Village Hall. Mr Neil Simpson had offered his workman to affix the noticeboard and the meeting were pleased to accept his offer. The Clerk was requested to accept the offers of the Village Hall Committee and Mr Simson.

BT Payphone:

The Clerk advised that BT were prepared to continue to provide power for the Kiosk for a short while after transfer for £1.

Affordable Housing

The Clerk reported the update letter of the 25th January 2010 from Oxfordshire Rural Housing Partnership that there was no further progress until the two years had elapsed from the field being fenced in September 2008.

Playbuilder Grant Scheme

It had been decided at this stage that we would not apply for the Playbuilder Grant Scheme but that we would apply for the Play Design Grant, the deadline for which was end May 2010. To this end Mark Harris had been in touch with Caroline Place of Anthony Stiff Associates, who specialized in designing play areas and were familiar with obtaining grants etc.

In respect of the playground area, the Clerk was requested to confirm again with the WODC the proposed lease of land from WODC for a playground as part of the Affordable Housing program.

War Memorial

The Clerk reported no further progress since the last meeting.

WODC Highways.

The Clerk confirmed that the new potholes resulting from the recent bad weather had been reported to WODC. The Clerk was requested to contact the WODC Highways team again (reference 290513) in respect of a fence post, which has damaged the storm drain on the Broadwell Road, since this was still flooding

Requirement for Parish Governor on the School Council

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Dominic Shaw as Chairman of the Governors requesting confirmation that the Parish Council representative had been removed in the recent reorganisation on December 4th. A further letter was to be sent.

Finance

Cheques written since the last meeting:

Parish Notes – R Range £85.00

Langford Village Hall –meetings £75.00

New deposit account opened

On line access for the Clerk has been requested and approved by the Council

Financial position at 8th February 2010

A statement showing the financial position of the Parish Council fund was presented to the Meeting showing that the Accumulated Fund had increased to £9,103, represented by a deposit with the WODC of £7,000 and funds at Lloyds bank of £2,103. Costs paid to date were £1,768 and the full year precept of £2,500 had now been received.

Planning

Applications since 30th November 2009:

Wellbank House

Decisions since 30th November

None

Any Other Business:

Langford Cricket Club

Further letter had been received requesting funds for a new mower. After discussion the Meeting agreed to donate £250 towards the Appeal. The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Stephen Findlay Wilson to advise of the donation and to note that the Council had already donated £1,000 and that the Village Precept was £2,500.

Mineral Strategy Meeting 2nd March 2010

The Clerk advised that Oxfordshire County Council – Minerals and Waste Development Framework were holding an update consultation meeting on 2nd March 2010. Mr Andrew Bushell had agreed to attend on behalf of the Council.

RAF Meeting 1st December

The Chairman advised the Council that she had attended the RAF meeting at Brize Norton on December 1st. She briefed the Council on her findings.

First Responders

Rosie Spence advised the Council that she had followed up on a request from a parishioner to see whether a Community First Response Scheme could be set up in the Village. She had contacted the team who do this and was going to arrange for a meeting in the Village with a speaker from First Response.

Air Conditioning Units

Andrew Bushell raised the matter of air conditioning units being placed on the wall of the newly converted barn adjacent to the road at Lower Farm. The Clerk was requested to follow up with the Planning Department to see whether this had been approved.

Snow Clearance by Farmers

Mr Bushell raised the matter of whether farmers could be provided with equipment to clear snow and be paid for their time in clearance. This scheme was operated in Northumberland. WODC did not operate the scheme. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Councillor to see whether this could be reintroduced.

Future Meetings

The Clerk was asked to replace the November 9th meeting with two meetings, October 5th and 30th November. Councilors were checking that this was convenient.

The meeting then closed.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday May 11th 2010, together with the Annual General Meeting.