



The Langford Annual Parish Meeting
8pm, May 25th 2017, Langford Village Hall,

Minutes

**Members: Cllr R Kemp Chairman (R K), Cllr I Burton (I B) Cllr A Clemons (A C)
 Cllr I Corrigan (I C) Cllr M Harris (M H) plus two Langford residents**

Apologies: Mr P Handley – O.C.C., Mr D MacFarlane W.O.D.C,
 Thames Valley Police

1. Chairman's Welcome

2. The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were agreed by all and duly signed

3. Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr R K's main topics:

- 3.1 Cllr R K gave his thanks and appreciation for all that Councillor Andrew Bushell had achieved in his time as a Langford Councillor. He proposed that a memorial plaque, to Andrew, should be placed in front of the Christmas tree every year. Andrew had been instrumental in siting a village Christmas tree on the village green. It is now in its 4th year and enjoyed by all.
- 3.2 Cllr R K gave thanks to the Village Hall Committee for all their fund raising activities during the year
- 3.3 He reported that there had been no major contentious planning issues and that Carterton West was quiet.

Cllr R K explained that as a result of financial cuts by WODC and OCC, it was clear that LPC would have to take on more responsibility for maintenance around the village. To this end, LPC had agreed to a modest raise in the Precept to help with some of the associated costs.

In addition Cllr K P also detailed the achievements of LPC during the last year including:

- a) Setting up of a Village Maintenance Team
- b) Purchasing of village maintenance equipment
- c) Help with clearing of the Churchyard
- d) LPC releasing funds in the form of a grant to help ongoing maintenance
- e) Organising WODC to clear roadside drains and gutters in March
- f) Village Litter pick carried out in April
- g) Trimming of verges in May
- h) Regular ongoing Litter Patrols
- i) Regular maintenance patrols at the playground

He thanked all for making this scheme a success

Cllr RK reported that dog fouling is still a major issue and is getting worse.

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4. Oxfordshire County Council Report - none
5. West Oxfordshire District Council Report - none
6. **Police Report:** The police sent apologies and sent a short report on their activities. Although the crime rate is fairly low in the area, there have been one or two burglaries in the last year. Their main issues are in dealing with parking problems around schools and also cars speeding through villages. They are actively policing with cameras and issuing tickets.

7. **Open Forum for Parishioners Views and Issues**

Distress is being caused to the residents of 2, Cooks Cottage by Air B n B users of the neighbouring property. Mr Davis stated It is fully booked for most of the year and that he felt this contravened the restrictive covenant on both cottages that stated the house be used only as a dwelling.

Mr and Mrs Davis concerns are:

- i. Late night arrivals
- ii. Slamming of car doors disturbing sleep
- iii. Inconsiderate noise levels from residents
- iv. Excess of food waste and bins not being emptied
- v. Parking in front of his garage access
- vi. Fire and Safety regulations not being met as alterations had been made

Mr Davis has been in touch with the owners to no avail and asked whether LPC could help. He said there are now 6 properties in Langford that are taking in Air b n B bookings and that this could lead to friction within the village.

He had already approached WODC, who were vague about a solution, and also had reported it to Planning Control but nothing was actioned.

Cllr R K agreed that the LPC would contact Cllr Peter Handley enlisting his help.

Conclusion

It was agreed by Council Members that at the next meeting that LPC would set out clear areas of responsibilities, implement objectives for LP for the year ahead including ways of increasing parishioners' attendance at meetings.

There being no further business or issues, the meeting closed 9pm.

Signed.....

Richard Kemp, Chairman