

LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday May 10th at 8 pm at the Langford Village Hall

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Rachel Range	Mark Harris
Andrew Bushell	Jenny Pitkin
Sharron Emery	Rod Stewart

○ In attendance Neil Ray

- The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Council meeting on Thursday 6th May 2010 were read and approved
- The Minutes of the last Parish Meeting on Monday 31st January 2011 were read and approved.
- The two new Councilors, Sharron Emery and Rod Stewart were welcomed to the Parish Council.
- The PC thanked Rachel Range for being Chairman and for her long service to the Parish Council. She was presented with a gift from the PC in recognition of her services.
- Election of the Chairman.
 - Mark Harris was proposed by Andrew Bushell and seconded by Jenny Pitkin
- Election of the Vice Chair
 - Andrew Bushell was proposed by Sharron Emery and seconded by Jenny Pitkin
- Election of the Responsible Financial Officer
 - Neil Ray agreed to continue in this post.
- Election of other posts
 - Village Hall representative; Jenny Pitkin agreed to continue in this post
 - Affordable Housing and Playground; Mark Harris agreed to continue in this post
 - Mineral and Environment; Andrew Bushell agreed to continue in this post.
- Update on Matters Arising at meeting of 11th January 2011
 - War Memorial refurbishment

- The Clerk confirmed that he had now received three quotes ranging from £1,285, £1,700 and £2,300 and that he had made an application to the War Memorials Trust, for a 50% grant and was awaiting a reply.
- Mineral Extraction Strategy
 - Langford, Clanfield, and Bampton were confirmed as not being in scope at present, though this was awaiting further challenges
 - Cemex were holding a meeting on the 11th to which the PC had been invited.
- Telephone Box sale to Village
 - The Clerk confirmed that this had now been sold to Langford and that the equipment had been removed.
 - There followed a discussion as to how best the Box could be used for the benefit of the Parish. The noticeboard in Lechlade was mentioned as an example. It was decided that the PC would possibly use the Box for photographs and displays and Sharron agreed to take this on as a project and was going to speak to villagers as to the whereabouts of old photographs.
- Affordable Housing update
 - Mark Harris said that he had spoken with Paul Hemming of Cottsway and that they wanted to set up a public meeting in the village, along with the contractors, Leadbitter, to discuss the practical implications of the construction process and to set up a liaison procedure.
- Expansion of Carterton Proposals and WODC Plan
 - The Clerk confirmed that he had replied to the Core Strategy proposals for WODC, based on the comments from the individual Councilors, saying that Carterton West is poor choice
 - Langford has joined with other parishes in the Stop Carterton West Campaign.
 - Following on from the suggestion of David McFarlane at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting, the PC decided that it wished to write to the Chairman of the WODC Council and the other Cabinet members setting out again its objection to the Carterton West proposal and requesting attendance at the Cabinet Meeting when the matter was being decided. The Clerk was requested to prepare and send the letter.
- Solar Panel Park – Grafton
 - The Clerk advised the PC that he had received confirmation (April 1) from Kate Covill of Low Carbon Solar that they were not going ahead with the proposal for the present time.

- Finance
 - The Clerk presented the Statement of Income for the Year to March 2011
 - Parish expenditure was £2,046, giving a surplus of £463.
 - There were assets of £9,099 at the end of March.
 - The Council then approved the Accounts as presented and agreed that they could go to audit and be approved by a councilor to sign on behalf of the PC once reviewed by the independent auditor (Alistair MacDonald).
 - The Clerk presented the proposed Budget for 2011/2012
 - Precept increased to £3,000
 - Expenditure £1,300 plus £7,500 for playground.
 - Includes War Memorial @ £750 net of Grant.
 - Cheques written since last meeting:

▪ 393	N Ray Clerk Expenses	£232.50
▪ 394	OALC Subscription	£133.07
 - The Clerk advised that the bank mandate needed to be changed to add the two new councilors and to remove Rachel Range and confirmed that he would circulate a new mandate in due course. The PC agreed to the changes and the Clerk was instructed to proceed.
- Planning
 - Applications since 11th January 2011
 - Pember House 7th Feb
 - Lower Farm Cottage 10th May.
 - Decisions since 11th January 2011
 - 23 The Elms Heat Source Pump
 - 2 Church Row Heat Source Pump
- Any Other Business
 - The state of the roads to Broughton Poggs and Grafton was raised, notably the large potholes, together with the dip at Badger Bridge. The Clerk was requested to write to the Highways Department to request action.
 - Rod Stewart asked how the PC could best know what action the Parish wanted from its councilors, and it was agreed that a note giving the names of the new council be added to the next edition of the Parish notes.
 - The Clerk said that he had been contacted by a company offering a council website. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to investigate this and report back at the next meeting.
- Next meeting Monday August 8th 2011. 7pm.