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**The Langford Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Langford Village Hall Thursday December 5th 2019**

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Draft Minutes

Present Councillors: Richard Kemp, Chairman, Ian Burton, Andrew Clemmons, Ian Corrigan

1. Apologies: Cllr Mark Harris
2. Declarations of Interest: None
3. The minutes of the September Langford Parish Council meeting had previously been circulated and agreed by all. Cllr I B proposed, Cllr I C seconded.
4. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda: None

5. Planning

Planning updates from the Parish:

5.1 Magnolia Cottage: 19/03011/HHD

A discussion took place concerning retrospective planning application by Magnolia Cottage. LPC was concerned over the proposed materials to be used. LPC will comment concerning the proposed materials to be used which differ substantially from the original approved application. Cllr R K commented that he had telephoned Magnolia cottage with no response. He was disappointed that changes had been made to the original plans without prior notification from WODC.

5.2 Lower Farm Cottage. 19/03232/HHD

This application was received on the day of this meeting. Work has already commenced. Comments to Cllr R K

5.3 Affordable Housing Consultation

Cllr I B and Cllr M H attended a meeting with Community First Oxford and WODC who has identified a plot in Langford as a viable option. Cllr I B commented that the Housing Needs Survey Costs by Housing England could be absorbed by a grant.

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Cllr I B reported that there were two possible options available for affordable housing:

1. Community Land Trust
2. Rural exception Site.

Cllr I B commented that during the meeting, the Community Land Trust was not prioritised; however Cllr I B's opinion was that a Community Land Trust option offered LPC more control and should be considered if the Housing Needs survey demonstrates a need.

Concerning the Housing Needs Survey draft, input by Tom McCulloch was that the site should be identified. However, Cllr R K said he would test the principle before the proposed location is advertised ahead of the proposed survey.

The Key point: "Is there a need for additional housing in Langford?"

Another meeting is planned for the 9th December and following this, to be discussed at the next LPC meeting.

Actions:

1. Check paperwork requirement for paper delivery throughout the village
2. Set a target date for Housing Needs Survey for mid-January.

Cllr R K thanked both Cllr M H and Cllr I B for the work done on the Housing Needs project.

6 Highways and environment

6.1 Playground update

Five bags of Playground bark were delivered on Friday 29th November.

Cllr A C agreed to spread once weather improves.

6.2 Discussion concerning Village Maintenance

Cllr A C reported that he considered that a Salt Spreader that is able to manage rock salt would be an investment. Cllr A C agreed to investigate suitable models.

It was reported that leaves need to be removed from the War Memorial to the Village Hall and also Pear Tree Cottage to Cotswold Cottage. Cllr R K agreed to investigate action required.

Drains causing flooding need to be reported at Anells Farm.

Cllr A C reported that the bench at Meysey's Barn has been removed

6.3 Update on War Memorial repairs

Cllr I B said restoration work had not yet started due to the adverse weather conditions but expected it to begin as soon as a dry spell is forecast. It was suggested that the memorial should be protected against frost/water ingress until repairs can be completed.

6.4 Christmas Celebrations update

The Christmas tree has been delivered ready to be decorated.

Refreshments/helpers have been organised for Tuesday night's Carol celebration.

7 Business Items

7.1 Financial report, Settling of Accounts

The clerk reported:

Treasurers Account reconciled end November	£14,196.88
Minus uncashed cheques	£ 1,402.16
Available Spend	£12,794.72

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Discussion concerning 2020/2021 budgetary requirements

- 7.2** Cllr I B disagreed with the policy presented and re-iterated that he wished it to be noted that “the Precept should not be higher than it needs to be.” There was no seconder for his proposal.

Cllr R K therefore proposed that the Precept requirement for 2020/2021 would be set at £4,000. Cllr I C seconded the motion.

8 Any other business, and open forum for parishioner’s views

Shared document facility.

It was agreed that that a review/spend at the end of fiscal year, March 2020 would take place to assess viability.

The next meeting of Langford Parish Council will be held on 24th January at 7.00pm

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 8.02pm

Signed.....

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