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**The Langford Parish Council Meeting 7pm  
Langford Village Hall Thursday September 26th 2019**

Present Councillors: Richard Kemp (Chairman) Mark Harris (Vice Chairman), Ian Burton  
Andrew Clemons, Ian Corrigan

**Minutes**

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **The minutes** of the July 2019 Langford Parish Council meeting had been previously circulated and agreed by all. Cllr MH proposed the minutes. Cllr I B seconded. The chairman duly signed the minutes.
4. **Matters arising** from previous meetings, not on this agenda : None
5. **Housing Needs Survey – Community First Oxfordshire**  
Presentation by Mr Tom McCulloch, Community First Oxfordshire  
Cllr I B thanked Mr McCulloch for attending the LPC meeting to give a presentation on how Community First Oxfordshire may be able to help Langford Parish Council to provide affordable housing for those:
  - Seeking their first independent homes
  - Older people wishing to downsize
  - People struggling to afford their current homes.Mr McCulloch stressed that it would be necessary, in the first instance, to carry out a Housing Needs survey which would be sent to every household. This would promote the policies and benefits to the local community  
Mr McCulloch recommended that it would be useful to involve local politicians, WODC and Church Commissioners. He discussed two possible approaches:
  1. A Community right to build order
  2. Rural Exception Site

**Actions:**

1. It was agreed that Mr McCulloch produce a proposal for LPC's consideration detailing costs of such a project and the best way forward.
2. LPC would organise a village meeting in January 2020
3. LPC would canvass opinions by multi media.
4. Cllr I B agreed to prepare a draft notice for the Pump magazine.

Signed.....  
Richard Kemp, Chairman

## 6. Planning

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- 6.1** Planning updates from the Parish:  
Chapel House: (19/02439/CND) LPC made no comment

## 7 Highways and environment

### 7.1 Playground update

The clerk provided quotations for replacement bark for the playground and it was agreed to place an order for delivery in November.

**Action:** Cllr A C reported that he had regularly inspected the playground and that he would assess the repair materials required for repair to the wooden posts.

### 7.2 Discussion concerning Village Maintenance

Cllr R K reported that weeds had been sprayed around the village including the playground. It was noted that OCC had also sprayed and removed injurious weeds from the verges.

### 7.2 Bench

It had been reported that the bench outside Maisey's Barn was in disrepair.

**Action:** Cllr A C agreed to assess it and remove.

### 7.3 Blocked Drains on the verge opposite Church Row.

These have been reported several times, over the last 12 months, on Fix my Street, the highways website. Cllr I C reported that although the stretch of road had been repaired, he considered that it would break up again over the winter's heavy rain as the drain was blocked and continually flooding.

**Action:** Cllr I C agreed to write to Highways directly to state his disappointment in the poor quality attempt to fix to the stretch of road and that the drains had not been repaired which was part of the original complaint.

### 7.4 Update concerning War Memorial proposed repairs

Cllr I B reported that he had submitted his proposal for repairs required at the war memorial to the War Memorial Trust and that he had selected a qualified stone to carry out the work.

## 8. Business Items

### 8.1 Financial reports:

**Treasurers Account: £15,181.75**

Minus cheques to be signed:

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Clerks Salary        | £ 378.00          |
| 2. Village Hall         | £ 30.00           |
| 3. OALC :               | £ 138.87          |
| 4. Shiilton Accounting: | £ 468.00          |
| <b>Available funds</b>  | <b>£14,166.88</b> |

**Business Account: £ 6,248.42**

The clerk stated that the second half of the precept had been made by WODC and that LPC was in line with Budget,

**Action:** Budget requirements for 2020 to be discussed and agreed at the November meeting

Signed.....  
Richard Kemp, Chairman

**8.2 Activities Fund :** No further applications have been received.

**8.3 Discussion concerning LPC Councillor's access to council working:**

Cllr I B informed the floor that Cloud concept of Council storage would cost £20.00 month for 4 users.

**9. Open forum for parishioner's views:**

It had been reported that Waste Bins were being left on the verge near the junction at the side of Garden Cottages. It was noted that Highways require that bins are removed by residents from verges and roadsides, each time, after emptying.

**Action:** Cllr R K agreed he would speak with the resident(s) concerned.

Cllr R K informed the floor of the sad passing of Mrs Jenny Pitkin. Jenny had lived in Langford for a long time and he wished to recognise Jenny's invaluable services as a Serving Councillor of Langford Parish Council

There being no further business the meeting concluded at the 8.45pm.

The date of the next meeting is 28<sup>th</sup> November

Members of the public and press are invited to attend

Signed.....  
Richard Kemp, Chairman

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