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**The Langford Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Langford Village Hall Thursday March 19th 2020**

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Draft Minutes

Present Councillors:

Richard Kemp, Chairman, Mark Harris, Vice Chairman,
Ian Burton, Andrew Clemons, Ian Corrigan

1. Apologies: None

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr M H declared an interest.

Cllr M H is employed by West Waddy Architects & consultants who are working together with W.O.D.C. concerning the Langford Housing Scheme.

3. The Minutes of the January Langford Parish Council meeting had previously been circulated and agreed by all. Cllr R K proposed acceptance, Cllr M H seconded.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda: None

5. Planning

5.1 Planning updates from the Parish

Pember House.

LPC had no comments to make.

5.2 Housing Needs Survey - Consultation feedback

Community First Oxfordshire and WODC were pleased with the response rate.

A key finding of the survey was that it identified 18 households with unmet housing need, 15 of which currently live in the parish.

LPC was pleased with the feedback generated and that the majority of villagers supported the principle of providing housing ,for those in need, who have local connections to Langford.

A summary of the key findings have been released to the Village
via www.langfordgl7.co.uk

Signed.....

Richard Kemp, Chairman

6 Highways and environment

6.1 Playground update

Annual Rospa Inspection booked for April/May.

Works concerning the laying of play bark has been delayed because of the ground being waterlogged.

6.2 Discussion concerning Village Maintenance

It was agreed that both the annual litter pick and annual village maintenance day would be postponed due to the current situation of the Corona virus.

6.3 Broadwell Road Path

Cllr M H reported that the path had deteriorated further and all but disappeared at the bend to the stile. This was mainly due to both Gigaclear and SSE digging holes and re-spreading the earth back and seeding grass onto the area.

Cllr M H has obtained a quotation for the necessary work to be done in re-instating the footpath to its original condition. Cllr R K proposed a budget of £1,500 for the works to be carried out and Cllr M H seconded.

6.4 Damage to verges outside the school and resulting actions

Large stones have been placed on the verges to prevent cars parking on them and to protect the verges from further damage. Cllr M H has drawn a plan for the siting of stones. Cllr A C agreed to investigate whether the owners of the garages would prefer stones placed to prevent further damage or a warning notice.

6.5 Recent flooding in Langford

A discussion took place concerning flooding and surface water at various areas around the village. It was highlighted that blocked roadside water drains, culverts and ditches were a particular concern as these are the responsibility of both Highways and local landowners.

Cllr MH met with Mr Laurence King from W.O.D.C whom commented that little could be done if no damage had arisen to property.

Cllr I B asked if there was a Langford map of drains etc. Cllr M H stated that although a WODC flood plan had been drafted after the 2007 floods, little had been actioned.

It was decided that all landowners should be contacted, by LPC, to remind them of their responsibility to dredge ditches and keep them clear of debris.

Cllr I B agreed to draw up a plan of storm drains and would liaise with Cllr AC to produce a plan for the next meeting.

7 Business Items

Financial report, Settling of Accounts

Treasurers Account: £11,850

Business Account: £ 6,250

8 Forum for parishioner's views: None.

The clerk noted that the wooden bench, at Church Row needed repairing.

This will be added to the next agenda along with Emergency Planning report from Cllr I B.

9 The date of the next meeting to be reviewed because of the CO Vid 19 implications.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.05pm.

Signed.....

Richard Kemp, Chairman

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