



**The Langford Parish Council Meeting
7.00pm, 26th November 2020
held remotely by Zoom**

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Minutes

**Present: Cllrs R Kemp, Chairman, Cllr M Harris Vice- Chairman
Cllr I Burton, Cllr A Clemons, Cllr I Corrigan**

1. Apologies received: None

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Agreement of the October LPC minutes

The minutes of the previous October meeting had been circulated to all and agreed as a true record. Cllr R Kemp proposed, Cllr M Harris seconded.

4. Matters arising from previous meeting; None

5. Planning

Planning updates from the Parish including:

5.1 Bakery Cottage: No comments

5.2 Glebe Farm: No comments

5.3 Old Post Office:

The neighbour (C R) concedes that the current buildings are dilapidated and in need of refurbishment and is mostly in agreement with the plans. It was noted that C R has shown apprehension concerning the adjoining conservatory.

LPC agreed that a party wall agreement will need to be in place between both parties.

5.4 Discussion and update concerning the Housing Needs Survey

Cllr R K confirmed that he had contacted D W again, WODC, but had little to report on any progress.

5.5 Update and discussion concerning Lot 11b

There has been no further movement. Cllr R K reported that the owner of plot 11b is in no hurry to commit at the present time.

5.6 Update on the progress of the Community Emergency Plan

There has been little to report on the progress on the agenda to date.

Signed
Richard Kemp, Chairman

6 Highways and environment

6.1 Playground update

The clerk reported that the zip wire and seat, highlighted in the Rospa report, has now been repaired. Play bark has also been topped by 10% to bring it up the standard required. The playground can now be re-opened.

6.2 Discussion concerning Village Maintenance

It was reported that the path from No 4 to Lower Farm Barn is in reasonable order, however the other side, at Hook's Close, needs attention.

Cllr A C agreed to canvas the local neighbours.

6.3 Dog Fouling throughout the Village

Once again, the village is experiencing high levels of dog fouling. Dog owners are neglecting to pick it up and dispose of properly. Cllr A C agreed to explore the costs of bag dispensers to be placed at strategic points throughout the village.

Cllr I B commented that an attempt to modify owner's behaviour would also be appropriate. He suggested the use of coloured sprays that could be used to highlight the contaminated areas. He stated they have successfully been used, by other councils, and a low cost non-toxic solution. They have a short life and are environmentally safe. LPC agreed to trial them.

6.4 Update and progress of the drainage plan including Riparian ownership

There has been a concern shown on possible future flooding which if tackled could be resolved.

Cllr R K thanked Cllr I B for his work in establishing who the riparian owners are.

It was agreed to write an open letter to the main riparian owners in the parish. Cllr I B agreed to do this. Cllr M H will post the open letter and map on the village website.

Highways have agreed to use a camera down the drain outside no 5 Church Row, to investigate the non-clearance of excess water.

There are still problems with the Chapel Field, at the Goodenough Boundary with a possible damaged drain and Filkins Road culvert.

6.5 Update concerning the stones on the verges at the school

Cllr R K reported that the placement of the stones appears to be working. However, the verges are being damaged on the road towards Little Farringdon.

Cllr M H suggested that flexible markers could help to resolve the problem.

Cllr R K has commented that whilst 95% of car owners are parking correctly; some are still trying to park on the verge opposite the school. It was discussed that LPC and the school should work together to maintain safety and actively discourage future parking on the verges preventing further erosion.

Signed

Richard Kemp, Chairman

6.6 Village Gates

O.C.C. has now installed village gates at various entry points. LPC wished to thank Cllr Pete Handley (OCC) for his hard work in securing funding from OCC for the provision of the gates at no cost to the village.

There has been a recent report, from a resident, indicating the gates on the Grafton Road appear to be slowing the traffic down.

7 Business Items

7.1 Financial report, Settling of Accounts.

The Clerk requested that any outstanding invoices to be forwarded to her asap, in order that she can complete Vat re-imbursement at the end of December.

1. Treasurers Account: £10,336.89
 Uncashed cheques: £ 3,067.96
 Funds available: £ 7,268.93
2. Business Account: £6251.87

7.2 Discussion concerning 2021-22 Precept proposals

It was agreed that the Precept for the forthcoming financial year would be set at £8k. This would allow LPC to provide cover for on-going village projects and include a funding buffer.

Cllr R K informed the floor that the school had requested a contribution to funds to help replace outworn play equipment. It was agreed that LPC is happy to support a contribution towards the replacement costs.

Cllr M H proposed. Cllr I C seconded.

7.3 Council vacancy

The clerk tendered her resignation as she plans to move outside the area late February. It was agreed to advertise the position as soon as possible in order to have a replacement by January and allow for training and a smooth transition. The clerk agreed to provide a job specification.

7.4 Discussion concerning the Village Christmas arrangements

The clerk agreed to procure for the Village a Christmas Tree and have it delivered by the 27th of November. It was anticipated that it would be decorated with lights etc. on Saturday 28th November.

Due to Covid, it was not clear whether any further organised, celebrations, Carol Singing on the 22nd would be able to take place.

7.5 Future Meetings

A diary of 2021-2022 had been previously circulated. The clerk commented that where possible LPC should have meetings on the appropriate week and date i.e. third Thursday in the month selected for the meeting. This would provide consistency and would be easier for residents to remember.

The date of the next meeting is: January 21st 2021 venue to be confirmed.

Signed

Richard Kemp, Chairman

Ann Tyldesley