



**The Langford Parish Council Meeting
7.00pm 18th March 2021
The meeting was held remotely by Zoom**

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Present Councillors: Richard Kemp, Chairman, Mark Harris, Vice Chairman
Ian Burton, Andrew Clemons, Chris Kearns, District Councillor Suzi Coul
Clerk Caroline Parsons

Apologies received: Cllr Peter Handley

Declarations of Interest : None

The minutes of the January Langford Parish Council meeting had been previously circulated and were agreed by all.

The Chairman duly signed the minutes as correct.

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

Co-option of Councillor:

CK was co-opted as a member of Langford Parish Council. Cllr MK proposed and Cllr IB seconded
All agreed unanimously.

Ratification of appointment of Clerk:

Cllr RK proposed and Cllr IB seconded

Cllr RK then introduced our District Councillor SC who gave a quick update about WODC

Planning updates from the Parish including:

7.1 The Bell, Old Post Office and the Band Hall have all been approved

7.2 9 Leys View has been withdrawn

7.3 School - Construction of 2 bay modular classroom and single storey extension to form new reception office and entrance - no objections. Cllr RK to update planning portal

7.4 Alcohol Licence Application by the Cricket Club. There has been some concern from local residents about the effect this would have on them with regard to increased noise, late nights and drink driving. Cllr RK met with some residents where it was mooted that LPC enter into an informal agreement with LCC which sets out the limits and conditions LCC proposes in terms of operating an alcohol licence. The draft agreement was approved with the addition of an annual review clause. On this basis LPC agreed to support the LCC application

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

7.5 Affordable housing project - Cllr RK has circulated a draft action plan detailing time scales and actions. DCllr SC will enquire as to who is our new point of contact in WODC. It was agreed to make contact with our new point of contact, agree a timetable, with a view to meeting on site when covid regulations allow and then holding an open meeting in July to consult with local residents

7.6 Village land purchase update - nothing new to report, Cllr RK is in contact with the new owners and will meet when COVID regulations are relaxed.

Rectory Farm is coming onto the market in April, it was agreed to visit the Vineyard field, next to the Church to assess its usefulness as a village asset

7.7 Community Emergency Plan

There has been no further progress on the Emergency Plan and it was agreed to keep on the agenda

Highways and environment

8.1 Drainage improvements/watercourse maintenance

Peter Kirby has been clearing the ditches on Filkins Road and Mike Simpson has been working on the other side of Broadwell Brook. There is still a flooding issue from Broadwell Brook near the Bridge and it was agreed that Cllr RK would follow up with MS regarding his suggestion of building up the bank to the level of the quoin of the bridge.

Under the Broadwell Brook bridge is very silted up, which constricts the flow and needs clearing. Cllr IB is chasing the EA for a response.

Cllr RK to ask for advice from MS as to why the road floods on the bend leaving Langford to Broadwell

8.2 Playground update

Cllr RK to try to find a local resident who will undertake a monthly inspection of the Playground

Rospa are inspecting the playground in April

8.3 Memorial Bench

£1100 has been raised to place a bench in memory of Colin Gibbard at the entrance to The Elms. Matt Simpson has offered to lay flagstones free of charge, with the fund paying for materials.

8.4 Village Pump repair

Councillor IB has this in hand

8.5 Dog Fouling

DCllr SC advised that we can change our general waste bins for ones that take both dog waste and general waste. It was agreed that we should.

LPC has purchased 6 spray cans that are intended to spray dog dirt to publicise how much there is in the village and it was agreed that Cllr IB would distribute the cans and Cllr RK would advise the village of why we are doing it

8.6 Information item - WOT.

DCllr SC gave a synopsis of WOT, which aims to reinstate the train line between Witney and Oxford

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

8.7 Litter pick

LPC purchased some litter pickers, and the annual litter pick was held over the weekend of 6/7 March with villagers choosing which route to clear from a map posted on the notice board, and proved to be a very successful litter pick

9.0 Business Items

Financial report

The clerk reported:

- Treasurer's account : £5198
- Business Account £8252
- The previous clerk AT currently finalising internet banking, end of year accounts and vat reclaim for last 2 years

10 Agreement of the next meeting date of Langford Parish Council:

It was agreed that the net meeting with AGM should be changed to 13 May 2021 and the following meeting to 9 September 2021

There being no further business to discuss the meeting concluded at 8.40 pm

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

Caroline Parsons
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