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**Langford Parish Council Meeting
9 September 2021 at 7.00pm
The meeting was held at Langford Village Hall**

Draft Minutes

Present Councillors: Richard Kemp, Chairman, Mark Harris, Vice Chairman
Ian Burton, Andrew Clemons, County Councillor Nick Levertton
Clerk, Caroline Parsons
Members of the public: two parishioners

1. **Apologies received:** Cllr CK
2. **Declarations of Interest :** None
3. **The minutes** of the July 2021 and EGM of 20 June 2021 Langford Parish Council meeting had been previously circulated and were agreed by all.
The Chairman duly signed the minutes as correct.
4. **Matters arising** from previous meetings, not on this agenda: None
5. **Planning updates from the Parish including:**
 - 5.1 The Laurels - supported by LPC
Lower Farm Barn - supported by LPC
 - 5.2 Update concerning the Housing Needs Survey - still waiting for Cotsway to respond to us. CCllr NL will check with Murry Burnett at WODC Strategic Housing and Development as to where things stand
 - 5.3 Update regarding Community Land Purchase - Nothing to report at this present time
 - 5.4 Update on the Community Emergency Plan - Cllr IB had previously circulated some emergency scenarios, and Cllr RK requested that an icy road scenario be added in. It was agreed that the next step would be to identify resources in order to populate the Plan.

At this point a parishioner advised that parking at the pub has been very bad over recent months, under emergency government legislation the pub has used their car park for extra tables, which has meant more cars parking along the road. The parishioner asked what the situation was concerning the end of the emergency legislation on 30 September and if the pub would revert to using the car park for parking. It was agreed to clarify the regulations.

The pub has applied for white lines on the road outside the pub and it was agreed that the PC would email James Wright at OCC to lend the PC's support to this application. It was discussed that white lines, whilst only an advisory measure might be beneficial to other residents living in areas where parking is an issue and agreed that the PC would discuss with Highways

6 Highways and environment

- 6.1 **Update concerning watercourse maintenance** - Cllr RK advised that MS has been clearing trees in Poggins Field and would shortly be clearing the reeds under the bridge at Broadwell Brook. Once ownership of the fields is confirmed we can take this matter further.

maintain their own watercourses and would prefer to exhaust diplomatic routes before we escalate. We are just waiting for clarification of the new owners.

The PC would like help to progress the clearing of our ditches and gullies. We have approached OCC on several occasions but nothing has been done. It was agreed that Cllr IB would forward previous correspondence to CCllr NL and clarify exactly what we want him to ask.

6.2 Playground repairs and risk assessment - We are still waiting for MS to start the work, it was agreed to chase him in a few weeks if no action is forthcoming

6.3 Memorial Bench - the benches are installed and a small opening ceremony was held. However, the noticeboard behind the bench is in bad condition and the PC discussed whether to remove it and replace with an A4 board on a telegraph pole or to replace with a new smaller notice board. It was agreed to ask parishioners via the google group what they thought.

6.4 Local transport and community connectivity - this item was triggered by Lee Bennetts' emails regarding

his campaign to have public transport reinstated in our local villages, in order to connect us to Wiltshire, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire

CCllr NL advised that there is currently a national initiative which is trying to get people out using cars. During the pandemic more people have been attracted to living in the countryside so there needs to be better transport connectivity. It was agreed that LPC need to assess the need for more public transport in the village so we should draw up a questionnaire to ask parishioners their views. Also, need to let Lee Bennet know that we are supportive of his initiative

6.5 Speedwatch initiative - Mark Skinner is leading this project and has organised a meeting with a PCSO who will advise on the process. CCllr NL advised that OCC are very keen on communities taking part in Speedwatch initiatives and he will investigate to see if there is any funding available

7 Business Items

7.1 The Clerk reported that the Treasurers A/C stands at £8061.35, less o/s cheques leaves a balance of £6792.65, the Reserves A/C stands at £8252.18. Clerks expenses £33.85, Salary £666.66 and £133.33, Ian Burton reimbursement of various expenses £434.86 were approved. The Clerk is reviewing LPC financial policy and will prepare a draft for discussion at the next meeting

7.2 Standing Orders Cllr RK had drawn up a draft set of standing orders, based on the NALC model orders and asked for everybody's views. Various sections were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr MH would review and we will discuss further at the next meeting

7.3 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations - to be held between 2 to 5 June. Nationally, there will be beacons lit across the country on Thursday night and Jubilee lunches held on Sunday. It was agreed to form a working party of villagers to agree a programme of events. Initial ideas are to have a beacon on The Closes with a Tug of War and closing off the lane and holding a street party on Sunday. It was agreed to canvas for volunteers via the google group.

7.4 LPC to think about purchasing a mower for use on the Closes

7.5 Precept/Strategic Plan for 2022 - It is nearly time for LPC to agree on the Precept for 2022 and Cllr RK asked everybody to put some thought into what are our aspirations for the Parish. A parishioner asked whether another defibrillator could be bought for the other end of the village, she will look into costs. She will also look into the possibility of holding a First Aid course for villagers.

- 7.6 Training courses The Clerk proffered an interest in obtaining a CILCA qualification, however, it is quite expensive, it was agreed that the clerk should get more details. There are also training courses available for Councillors, Clerk will circulate.
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- Christmas tree, The Tree Barn have sent their price list, it was agreed to obtain a price for a tree, to include delivery
- Parking at the school is a problem at the moment and it was agreed that Cllr RK would email the Headteacher
- 9 Agreement of the next meeting date of Langford Parish Council
- It was agreed that the next meeting be held on 18 November 2021

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20.50

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

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