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**Langford Parish Council Meeting
20 January at 7.00pm 2022
The meeting was held at Langford Village Hall**

Draft Minutes

Present: Councillors Richard Kemp, Chairman, Mark Harris, Vice Chairman
Ian Burton, Andrew Clemons, Chris Kearns,
Clerk, Caroline Parsons.

Apologies received: County Councillor Nick Leverton

Declarations of Interest : None

The minutes of the November 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

Planning updates from the Parish including:

5.1 Erection of welfare cabin and agricultural machinery store for Home and Lower Farms,
Little Faringdon - no comments

5.2 Update on the Housing Needs Survey
Nothing to report

5.3 Update on the Community Land Purchase
Nothing to report, the various plots have not been completed on yet

5.4 Update on the Community Emergency Plan.

Cllrs RK and IB met to discuss next steps and it was agreed that a register of parishioners who were vulnerable in case of an emergency scenario should be drawn up. They agreed to form a sub committee with some key parishioners who have a good knowledge of the village.

Highways and environment

6.1 Update re watercourse maintenance

Cllr IB has chased OCC and the EA again. OCC has responded advising that OCC can't clear the culverts until the riparian owners clear the entrances to the culverts. It was agreed that Cllr IB would draw up a map detailing the culverts and riparian owners and OCC will write to them

Cllr RK has spoken to Jim Johnson, who is aware of his riparian responsibilities and perceives the problem is at Broadwell Bridge.

Cllr RK advised that JJ is happy for people to walk over his fields, where there is no formal footpath in place. When Peter Kirby farmed these fields the PC had an informal agreement that they would contribute to the repair of any broken stiles, in exchange for public use of the fields. Cllr RK asked whether the PC would be happy to offer the same thing to JJ. All agreed that the PC are happy to continue to contribute.

6.2 Playground repairs

The majority of the works have been carried out and we have received an invoice from Mike Simpson for £5400, which was authorised for payment. It was agreed to ask for confirmation from MS that the outstanding small repairs to the bench tables, above ground ramps/trailers etc and using the old posts to be used as mini goalposts will be actioned shortly.

6.3 Noticeboard at the Elms

This is on order and should be delivered early February

6.4 Parking/traffic/White Lines

The PC has received an invoice from OCC for the painting of 7 white lines throughout the village, which, if paid now will place us high on the list for the work to be completed.

Cllr RK will draft a letter requesting funds from parishioners who have volunteered to contribute to the cost of the white lines

6.5 RAF Brize Norton flight paths

Cllr CK advised that RAF Brize Norton have had no complaints in the past six months and only five complaints in previous months. There has been an increase in flights as BZN have had to do all training locally, due to Covid. RAF Fairford will be seeing an increase in activity. USAF are introducing unmanned flights, which are usually 'classified' and do not turn their transponders on. Local air traffic control agreements mean that airspace south of BZN is closed when Fairford is active, which could possibly mean less flights over Langford. It was agreed to monitor the situation

6.6 Drainage issues

Drainage opposite the bungalows was discussed and it was agreed that it would be useful to have a map of where the drainage goes to and to see if the 2007 report had anything of significance.

Business Items

7.1 Financial report, settling of accounts. The Financial Report had previously been circulated and the payment schedule was signed by the Chairman

7.2 Precept was discussed and agreed over email and submitted by the 8 March deadline

7.3 Queens Jubilee 2nd -5th June

The PC had planned for Thursday nights celebrations to be held on The Closes but due to access issues, this was looking unlikely. Other alternatives were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr RK would ask JJ about the possibility of using one of his fields.

Cllr RK advised that the costs for Thursday evening were currently £450 for the band, £150 for toilets plus the cost of the hog roast. It is planned to charge people for the hog roast. Cllr RK asked the PC if they are happy for the PC to contribute upto £600, if the event runs at a deficit. The PC agreed.

One of the trees that the village planted at the last Jubilee has died and it was discussed whether we plant a replacement tree. It was agreed to consult the Jubilee team

7.4 AOB

Operation London Bridge was discussed. Cllr IB had drawn up a schedule of what the PC would need to do in the event of the death of the Queen. Cllr RK will come up with a plan and liaise with the Church Warden, he also will draft some words of remembrance and investigate books of condolence and a photograph of the Queen.

A parishioner has requested a letter of support from the PC to enable them to house swap their home on the Wickets for another out of the area, Cottsway had advised that a letter from the PC would help their cause. It was felt that whilst the PC want to help parishioners they feel very strongly in the principle that the Wickets should be prioritised for people with local village connections and in this case the family who wants to move into the village hasn't got strong enough connections. Cllr RK to draft a response advising that we unfortunately cant help at this time.

CPR Training - Cllr CK advised that the British Heart Foundation have a training kit available, costing £100. Cllr RK advised Cllr Ck to apply to the Langford Charity for funding.

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

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Cllr Ck mentioned that Thames Water, in peak flood situations discharge sewers into rivers and in our area the Leach is the only river not full of sewage. Cllr CK will monitor the situation but asked if cleanliness in our rivers is something the PC would be happy to take an interest in, by writing to Robert Courts, MP.

Cllr RK asked if the PC had any objections to moving the waste bin outside Pear Tree Cottage to nearer the entrance to The Closes

8 Agreement of the next meeting date of Langford Parish Council

It was agreed that the next meeting should be 10 March 2022 at 7pm in Langford Village Hall

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

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