



**Langford Parish Council Meeting
29 September 2022 at 7.00pm
The meeting was held at
Langford Village Hall
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Draft Minutes**

Present Councillors: Richard Kemp, Chairman, Mark Harris, Vice Chairman
Ian Burton, Andrew Clemons
Clerk, Caroline Parsons
Members of the Public: NM,TM, SE,MC,TP,GB

1. **Apologies received:** CC, NL
2. **Declarations of Interest :** None
3. **The minutes** of Julys 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: Thanks were expressed to Andrew Tinson for his ringing of the Church Bells every day prior to the Queens funeral
5. **Planning updates from the Parish including:**

5.1 1 & 2 Lechlade Road

The property owner GB explained that he wished to make one property into a family home for his family to move into and then sell the other property, he doesn't believe the extension plans to be overbearing for the plot.

Cllr MH has reviewed the comments and report from the WODC Planning Department, whose main concerns are with the visual appearance from the front, with the proposed extensions being bigger than the host building, and by moving the front doors have made the host building secondary.

Planners are also concerned that one side could be developed and the other building left as is. Cllr MH explained that the Applicants Architects should address the Planners concerns, it was noted that they have replaced the block paving with gravel and removed the Juliet balcony.

It was agreed that the Parish Council, whilst wanting the properties to be renovated, couldn't support the revised plans, as they remain essentially unchanged from the previous application. The size of the extensions are overdevelopment on their respective plots, and will have a detrimental visual impact on both the neighbouring properties and the rural heritage of the village. The substantial two storey extensions are over dominant and undermine the historical context of this part of the conservation area.

The extensions are not secondary and subservient to the host building. The changed position of the front doors shifts the focus from the host building therefore making the extensions the dominant part of the building

Signed by..... Richard Kemp, Chairman

3 Lower Farm Cottages - Approved

The Laurels - there is building work being carried out at the property and the PC would just like to check that all necessary permissions have been obtained, it was agreed to write to the property owners, for clarification

5.2 Potential Rural Exception Site - The PC have received an email from WODC enquiring if the village would be interested in using the WODC land at The Elms as a site for self-build houses, encouraging localish people to build their own homes. After some discussion it was agreed that the PC would prefer to pursue the affordable housing scheme that we are currently discussing with WODC.

5.3 WODC/RK local connections in allocating social housing -When houses become available in Hooks Close and The Elms/ Wickets priority should be given to applicants who have a local connection. Not all houses on the Elms have the local connection clause but all houses on Hooks Close do. WODC can override this connection if they have an emergency placement. The PC feel that local applicants have been overlooked in favour of emergency placements, too frequently recently. WODC response to this was that they have made no emergency placements. Cllrs RK and AC to investigate further and Cllr RK to request a meeting with WODC to discuss further

5.4 Update on Community Land Purchase - nothing to report

5.5 Update on the Community Emergency Plan-waiting for two further contacts but otherwise it is up and running

6. Highways and environment

6.1 Letter from Broadwell Parish Meeting concerning 20 mph speed limit -BPM are implementing a 20mph speed limit through their Parish and wondered if LPC were interested in implementing a 20mph speed limit throughout Langford and if there was any interest in extending the Broadwell proposed 20mph limit to cover the unrestricted stretch of road between Broadwell and Langford. After discussion it was resolved that, as the results of our speedwatch survey showed that the evidence does not justify a 20 mph speed limit we wouldn't proceed. Cllr IB to respond to BPM

6.2 Playground repairs -Just waiting for MS to proceed, Cllr MH has chased

6.3 Public rights of ways - several public footpaths are in a poor state of repair. It was agreed that Cllr RK will write to landowners to ask for reinstatement, where necessary

6.4 WODC charging for certain waste bins -WODC have advised that they will be charging for any additional waste bins that PCs have requested or for ones not placed on the Highway, such as at playgrounds. After discussion it was agreed that we should advise WODC that we don't believe that

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have ever requested any extra bins and to ask for the Playground bin to be moved to the Highway

7 Business Items

7.1 Financial report, settling of accounts - currently have £7437.40 in current account and £3752.81 in reserve. Schedule of payments as per attached were approved

Need to think about the budget for 23/24 prior to our next meeting, in readiness for submitting Precept to WODC

7.2 Christmas tree- will cost £404 and has been scheduled for delivery on 18 November, it was agreed to request a later date, beginning of December ideally

7.3 First Aid Courses - it was agreed to postpone discussion until November's meeting

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7.4 Feedback on Shaping the Future of WODC - Cllrs IB and MH attended this summit and Cllr IB gave a quick synopsis,, WODC are looking to define their aims and objectives and have put together seven areas to look at, with lots of green initiatives discussed. Cllr IB thought it was a very useful session, with initiatives that our PC could look at further.

7.5 AOB

TP mentioned that Parishioners are concerned by 1 Lower Farm Cottage placing chains in front of Butchers Orchard Lane. It is making it difficult for cars to pull in past the pub parking. There is often a long stretch of cars parking for the pub, which make it difficult to get along Station Road, as you cannot see oncoming traffic. It was agreed that Cllr RK would speak to the owners of the property

Remembrance Sunday - Cllr RK usually leads the Ceremony but unfortunately can not make it this year. It was agreed that Cllr RK would ask HD, DM or DSf they would be available to take his place

Agreement of the next meeting date of Langford Parish Council

It was agreed that the next meeting should be 17 November 2022 in Langford Village Hall

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

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

Caroline Parsons Langford Parish Clerk

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