



**Langford Parish Council Meeting
19 January 2023 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, County Councillor Nick Leverton
Clerk, Caroline Parsons
Members of the Public: NS

- 1. Apologies received:** Cllr CK
- 2. Declarations of Interest :** None
- 3. The minutes** of November's 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**

JS has not responded to previous letters and it was agreed to send a further letter to him and if no response by the next meeting in March, to escalate the matter with WODC

Langford Cricket Club

The ECB have insisted that LCC rework their plans to amend the proposed layout so the Club have withdrawn their plans and will resubmit new plans shortly

The Bell

Plans have been submitted for new septic tanks . Whilst the PC is very keen to support the Bell address their current septic tank issues, there are a number of points raised that are not covered in the plans submitted and further detail is required for the PC to make a positive decision. Namely issues such as: odours; noise levels from the plant; scale of the plant; why does the plant empty into a watercourse and not into a drainage field built on their land; drainage contrains; ability to cope with any future flooding; given the size of the plant and volume generated we assume a EA permit is required?

it was agreed that Cllr IB would draft a response to be agreed prior to submitting to WODC

Signed byRichard Kemp, Chairman

5.2 Update on affordable housing - After a meeting of the PC and Murry Burnett, WODC at the proposed site at the field behind the Wickets it was left to Cottsway to design a scheme and so far we have heard nothing from them. After discussion about whether the PC still felt there was a demand for more social housing in Langford it was agreed that the PC should progress further and Cllr RK will email Murry Burnett

5.3 Cllr RK email to WODC and their reply, relating to local connections in allocating social housing - Cllr

RK has had a meeting with Tom See from Publica with the aim of clarifying allocation. Out of 41 social housing units in Langford only 16 have a section 106, which give a priority to a local connection. Local Connections are based on government guidelines. Priority would go to a Langford connection, and if there is nobody then the house would revert to WODC housing list. A family connection could be a past, current connection or you are currently living in Langford for three out of 6 months

Langford connection would be given priority, once clarified but then other factors would be applied for example a young couple with no children would not be allocated to a two bedroom house, they would only be considered for a one bedroomed house. If two applicants apply then those with the most urgent need would be prioritised

The Parish Council are keen to support Langford connected people obtain social housing within the village and it was agreed that it would be useful for Cllr RKs findings to be summarised on the village website Cllr IB to draft

The question was asked if the PC should get involved with Cottsway and WODC with regard to problem tenants, specifically regarding anti-social behaviour. CllrNL advised that Cottsway have a

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of care to current tenants and if the police become involved Cottsway should get involved. it was agreed that it is not in the PC remit to get involved in personal disputes but if there was a major problem then the PC would try to help

CCllr NL update

Road repairs to Upavon Way to Alvescot Road and Alvescot to Kencot would be starting soon

It is likely that in order to align services with other Publica councils WODC will be adopting the bag method of recycling, rather than blue lidded bins

WODC have introduced on street car parking charges in Woodstock

6. Highways and environment

6.1 Playground repairs - the zip wire has been inspected and tested and CES invoice of £420 was authorised for payment. It was advised that the PC needs to purchase bark, currently £123 per bag plus £18 for delivery. Cllr NL advised the PC to apply for a grant from his Councillor Priority Fund. It was agreed to apply for 6 bags

6.2 Public rights of way - Cllr RK has contacted the two new landowners of Rectory Farm land AC has reinstated the bridle path at Tillingtons, and repaired the stile into Twelve Acre Cllr RK has spoken to Rectory Farm who are happy to put stiles across the field in the Closes

Signed by.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

6.3 WODC Waste Bin charging - WODC have refused to back down on charging for the playground bin and it was agreed that we would keep it in place for one year and ask MS if he would be kind enough to monitor the amount of rubbish

7 Business Items

7.1 Financial report, settling of accounts - currently have £ 10749 in current account and £5254 in reserve. Schedule of payments as per attached were approved
VAT reclaim of !!39 was received for y/e 5/4/21
Applied for Precept of £10250

7.2 Election - to provide continuity to the PC, Cllr RK has agreed to remain on the PC for a further year, until a replacement is ready to take over
It was agreed that Cllr RK would draft up a document designed to encourage residents to consider applying to be a PC and promote on the Google group email and Facebook

7.3 First Aid Courses - to be discussed at next meeting

7.4 Coronation - Cllr RK has organised a working group to arrange the Coronation celebrations, who have agreed that a street party will be held at the school, with afternoon tea and activities for children to be held in the afternoon, followed by live music and a hog roast in the evening

7.5 AOB Annual Litter Pick provisional date of 25 and 26 March agreed

8 Agreement of the next meeting date of Langford Parish Council

It was agreed that the next meeting should be 16 March 2023

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at 8.45pm

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

Caroline Parsons Langford Parish Clerk

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