



**Langford Parish Council Meeting
16 March 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, Chris Kearns
Clerk, Caroline Parsons
Members of the Public: None

- 1. Apologies received:** CCllr NL
- 2. Declarations of Interest :** None
- 3. The minutes** of January'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 replied to the PCs letters, advising that he has had to appoint a new architect, structural engineer, project manager and tanking company and will update us in due course

6 Church Lane - awaiting planning decision

The Old Crown - awaiting planning decision

The Bell - the EA have yet to respond, and from a LPC perspective it remains unclear whether an EA permit is required. The Bell have still to respond to our concerns regarding a recurrence of the 2007 flood, given the location of the septic tank is at one of the lowest parts of the village, therefore it was agreed that our objection still stands.

Langford Cricket Club - At the request of the ECB LCC had to amend their plans to move the kitchen to the back of the Pavilion, moving the Changing room to the front. The plans remain the same other wise, it was agreed to support the application

Signed byRichard Kemp, Chairman

5.2 Update on affordable housing - Cllr RK has contacted MB who has delegated to FM, who would like to meet to discuss the project. The Clerk to email and obtain dates from him

Local connections regarding Local Housing, it was noted that one of the Church Row bungalows had been advertised on a Friday, with the deadline for applications by the Monday, which does not give interested parisioners enough time to find out about the vacant property and apply. Cllr RK has contacted Cottsway to query this

6. Highways and environment

6.1 Playground repairs - The Councillor Grant for bark has not come through yet but it was agreed to order

6 bags at a cost of £831.02, so that it is in place before our next ROSPA inspection in April
Cllr AC commented that it may be worth getting a quote for a soft sponge/foam surface for under the zip wire as that might be a longer lasting option than bark. The Clerk to obtain quotes

6.2 Potential issue of Title to land near the Allotments - A notice has appeared on some land next to the allotments, advising to keep out as private land and giving a phone number to ring. In an attempt to gather more information Cllr RK has rang this phone number belonging to a knife company several times, leaving a message, and as yet he hasn't had a response. Ownership of the land is uncertain, the Land Registry shows this parcel of land to be unregistered PK believes the Reynolds family rented this land up to the 1970s from Bob Lafford, the Parish Clerk, possibly meaning the land was allotments at some point.. It was agreed to investigate further. It was also mentioned whether we should investigate and register any other unregistered land

Actions: draft a letter to the knife company; draft a letter to the Land Registry; dig out old records, Langford Legacy might have some; contact Ducklington Parish Council to enquire about their online source; email OALC to see if they know of any similar situations; Cllr RK to ask advice from MT

6.3 Recent Power Cuts

RD has been liaising with SSEN regarding the recent power cuts and had given Cllr IB an update.

PK also shared some plans with Cllr IB that SSEN have drawn up which will see the present transformer replaced with a 100kVA transformer and resited to the highway near AKs property.

This

size transformer would not be large enough for a small fraction of the numbers that will wish to use 32A Fast Chargers and it was agreed that this seems like the perfect opportunity to future proof Langfords electricity supply.

Parishioners have also asked if the uninsulated cables that run over properties from Greenfields to Dovecot House be removed.

It was agreed that Cllr IB would draft a letter to SSEN regarding the above

Signed by.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

7 Business Items

7.1 Financial report, settling of accounts - currently have £ 9997.61 less cheques of £1484.15 in the current account and £5259.84 in reserve. Schedule of payments as per attached were approved

7.2 Election - nobody has applied , that we know of. It was agreed to put a chaser on google group and facebook

7.3 First Aid Courses - Cllr Ck has investigated running first Aid Courses and there are three possible options 1 we get a charity to run courses, which would require a minimum attendance 2. Get kit, which is reasonably priced and CK will run a test course in the summer. The third option is the VETS option, which Clanfield have signed up for. it is a system whereby interested people are trained on use of a defibrillator and their numbers given out in order to assist pending the arrival of the emergency services. Cllr CK to contact the Clanfield organiser to gather more information

7.4 Coronation - Nothing to report

7.5 Change of date of meeting from 21st to 28 September - noted

7.6 AOB None

8 Agreement of the next meeting date of Langford Parish Council

It was agreed that the next meeting should be 18 May 2023

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at 8.15pm

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

Caroline Parsons Langford Parish Clerk

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