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Langford Parish Council Meeting
18May at 19.41pm 2023
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, County Councillor Nick Leverton
Clerk, Caroline Parsons

1. Apologies received: N/A

2. Acceptance of Office:

The existing Parish Councillors having all been elected to office after an uncontested election each signed

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Declaration of Acceptance of Office

3. Declarations of Interest : None

4. The minutes of the March 2023 Langford Parish Council meeting had been previously circulated and were agreed by all.

The Chairman duly signed the minutes as correct.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda: None

6. Election of Chair

The Chairman, Richard Kemp stood down

Cllr MH proposed that Cllr RK be re-elected as Chairman. Cllr AC seconded this proposal

All agreed to re-elect Cllr RK as Chairman

7. Election of Vice Chair

The Vice Chairman stood down.

Cllr RK proposed that Cllr MH be re-elected as Vice Chairman. Cllr AC seconded this proposal

All agreed to re-elect Cllr MH as Vice Chairman

8. Planning and Village Developments

8.1 Planning Updates from the Parish

None

8.2 Affordable Housing Project update

Cllr RK to ask Finn McKewan from WODC for a progress report

Signed.....Richard Kemp

9 Highways and Environment

9.1 Playground

The ROSPA report had been circulated, with no immediate actions to be taken. Clr Rk to spray the weeds with weedkiller.

The bark has arrived and is waiting to be distributed. Clr AC to move the bark but needs a couple of helpers

9.2 Potential unregistered land near the allotments

In response to John Cornacks email Clr RK had asked advice from MT, who reiterated whilst not a legal expert in this particular area had advised that the PC should respond to Mr Cornacks letter advising him that the PC were taking steps to prove ownership.

OALC had given us the name of a solicitor who registers unregistered land for Parish Councils. Clr IB had approached this Company and spoke to Simon Escrit, who was very helpful. It was resolved that Clr IB, Clr RK and PK should meet with SE for further advice. Clr RK to speak to PK

9.3 SSEN/LAF

OCC and SSEN still are not being sympathetic to the PC requests to reopen the Filkins Road for the weekend of LAF. It was agreed that Clr IB advise Broadwell and Kencot Parishes know that there was likely to be increased traffic on their roads that weekend. LPC to continue to lobby OCC and SSEN. Cclr NL will lobby OCC. RC MP to lobby on our behalf. LAF/LPC should also prepare a contingency plan in case the road remains closed

9.4 JJ request for 4 dog waste bins near/on his fields

The Clerk had investigated the cost of bins, WODC no longer provide dedicated dog waste bins so we would have to pay £495 per bin, WODC would only empty bins on public highways and not on private land. LPC believes the paths considered are too narrow to put waste bins on. Clr RK believes we should wait and see if dog fouling is a problem and revisit a solution if necessary. Clr IB to liaise with JJ as to next steps

10 Business Items

10.1 Financial report, settling of accounts

The Clerk advised that the Treasurers Account stood at £14617 with cheques of £1105 to be debited.

Reserves stand at £5268. Clerk to transfer £1500 from Treasurers into Reserves. VAT of £1677.62 finally arrived. Cheques, as detailed on the payment schedule were authorised.

10.2 The Annual Accounts had previously been circulated and were approved by all

10.3 The Annual Governance and Accountability Return and Exemption certificate we approved by all

10.4 Activities Grant to LCC Pavilion Fund was approved

10.5 Coronation - was deemed a great success. Clr RK to collate financials for event

10.6 AOB

Clr AC advised that residents from The Elms have placed parking cones to the entrance of The Elms as school parking has been problematic again. Clr RK to email the headteacher
Lots of dead branches at the Village Hall from the tree at Dunford Barn The tree has what appears to be a dead bough overhanging the road. Clr RK to ask CY to investigate
Clr requested that his recent letter regarding foul water in the Highways drain outside the Village Hall be hand delivered rather than goooglemail

Signed by.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

10 Date of next meeting 20 July 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.50pm

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

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