



**Langford Parish Council Informal Meeting  
27 September 2023 at 7.00pm  
The meeting was held at  
Langford Village Hall**

**Draft Minutes**

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**Present Councillors:** Richard Kemp, Chairman, Mark Harris, Vice Chairman, Ian Burton, A Clements  
**Cllr Nick Leverton**  
**Clerk, Caroline Parsons**  
**Members of the Public:** None

1. **Apologies received:** CK
2. **Declarations of Interest** - It was noted that Cllr MH occasionally works with Edgars on projects
3. **Agreement of the May 2023 LPC minutes** were agreed and signed and the unofficial July meeting minutes were noted
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda** - none
5. **Planning**

**5.1 Planning updates from the Parish**

**The Bell** - approved

**The Laurels** - after much discussion it was agreed that the PC should ask for further details of what will be seen of the proposed extension from the Filkins Road, as a proportion of it extends over an existing wall. Consideration may be required to raise the front wall to hide the extension roof.

We seek reassurance that the significant underpinning, and the fact that the groundworks are to take place on ground where the water table is generally high will not affect the integrity of the listed building.

A mature lime tree is to be removed which may affect the biodiversity of the site and would change the street scene.

**The Band Hall retrospective** - after much discussion it was agreed that the PC should comment detailing their concerns regarding the possible residential creep of this residential property into agricultural land, which could open up the property to permitted development rights. The PC seek assurance that no buildings under permitted development be allowed, that no structures should be erected for residential or gardening purposes, no washing lines or other residential activities be allowed, no parking, the area edged in red should be used for garden purposes only, no hard standings or landscaping

Signed by .....Richard Kemp, Chairman

5.2 Update on affordable housing and rural exception site - Nothing to report, Cllr RK had not had a response to his email to Fin McEwan, he will chase again

5.3 WODC Local Plan 2041 Consultation - this was discussed and agreed that Cllr IB would read the plan fully, to check that there are no implications for Langford

#### **Cllr NL update**

As of 2025 all old style landline phones will be phased out and if you want to keep a landline, it will be necessary to connect with a broadband router with VOIP, so it will be necessary for Parishes to give their parishioners plenty of warning

OCC are investigating reinstating the Witney to Swindon bus route and as such have put out a request for tenders Oxford City are in discussion to ban all woodburning stoves due to environmental concerns

20mph. OCC have appointed a nominated officer to liaise with us, who will contact CP. He advised that our flashing speed signs would be replaced free of charge

Cllr NL has reiterated the dangerous condition of the B4477 from Filkins to Carterton to OCC who have advised that there will be no more repairs until the next financial year

Cllr MH mentioned that there is an increasing number of people walking from the camp site and Bradwell Grove on A361 to Burford and back. The road is very fast and dangerous for pedestrians, is there anything that could be done to make it safer. Cllr NL will ask the question

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  - 6.1 Playground - the Clerk to order three large bags of play sand from Hickmans
  - 6.2 Potential Unregistered land near the Allotments - Cllr IB is working with Simon Escreet and the project is progressing
  - 6.3 The PC discussed the possible implementation of 20 mph within the village and it was decided that the PC should consult parishioners as to what they want. . Cllr RK to draft a letter and Cllr MH to create a google form, that once agreed should be sent out to the village via facebook, google group and notice boards, with a deadline of 15 October 2023.
  - 6.4 Winter Preparedness - it was agreed that we don't need any more salt as we still have sufficient
  - 6.5 Fix my Street Super Users - it was agreed Cllr RK to put a message on google groups to see if we could recruit a Fix my Street Super User
  - 6.6 Community Tree Planting Scheme - it was agreed to send out an email on the google group
  
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  - 7.1 Financial report and Settling of accounts- after cheques the Treasurers account stands at £16173.19 and reserves stand at £6781.73. The Clerk to investigate the PC having a bank card to pay for items like Sharepoint and Hickmans and also a deposit account to transfer the balance on the Treasurers account.  
The payment schedules for July and September, having been previously circulated, were authorised and signed
  - 7.2 CPR training courses - item deferred until Cllr CK's return
  - 7.3 Christmas tree - it was agreed that a 15/16 ft tree be ordered at a total cost of £404 and consideration to be given to buying a bigger tree in future.
  - 7.4 Cllr IB had brought the PC's attention to many PC's use a gov.uk domain and feels it adds credibility to PC. After discussion it was agreed that the PC would keep their existing domain name
  - 7.5 WODC Environment Hub - it was agreed to put this on the google group
  - 7.6 Village events - Cllr RK asked whether we should hold another Village Day, and if so when should we hold it, as September is too close to the LCC Beerfest. It was discussed merging the Village Day with the School Fete. It was agreed the Cllr RK would contact the School to discuss.

Signed by .....Richard Kemp, Chairman

8. Any other business - none

9. Date of next meeting - 15 November 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.01 pm

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