



**Langford Parish Council Meeting
17 January, 2024 at 7.00pm
The meeting was held at
Langford Village Hall**

Minutes

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Present Councillors: Richard Kemp, Chairman, Mark Harris, Vice Chairman, Ian Burton, A Clements, Chris Kearns, CCL NL

Clerk, CP

Members of the Public: MS & DS

- 1. Apologies received:** None
- 2. Declarations of Interest - none**
- 3. Agreement of the November 2023 LPC minutes were agreed and signed**
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda - none**
- 6.3 Reinstatement of bus route 64 and CCNL report**

CCLr NL updated the PC on County matters.
London Tube bus service is proving very popular
Potholes/road repairs will not be repaired until the new financial year as there is no budget
Fire Station in Carterton is progressing
Cllr RK asked what the situation was regarding the reinstated bus route 64 and the possibility of diverting it to Langford, as it used to . It now only goes to Filkins. MS and DS feel very strongly with regards to reinstating the bus route to Langford and CCllr NL will discuss the issue with the Transport Department and will send across the name of a contact for the PC to write to
- 5. Planning**
 - 5.1 Planning updates from the Parish**

5 Leys View - already responded, application has been withdrawn
 - 5.2 Update on affordable housing and rural exception site**

Nothing to report

Signed byRichard Kemp, Chairman

6. 6.1 Playground

ROSPA are introducing a zip wire check into the annual reporting requirements. The PC had the zip wire checked last year, however the quote by the same people for this year is approximately £1400, which is obviously a large proportion of our Precept. After much discussion it was decided to accept Mr Treehouse's quote of £1032 to inspect and service the Zip wire. It was also decided that the PC should monitor usage of the zipwire to get a sense of whether it is of value to the village and also, given the age of the Playground that a consultation should take place over the summer, as whether we need any replacement equipment.

It was agreed that we should monitor the grass cutting, as this was missed by WODC for some time last year

The playsand still needs to be distributed, Cllr RK will spray and Cllr CK suggested that we put this onto the Village Tidy Up list

6.2 Potential Unregistered land near the Allotments - Cllr IB is working with Simon Escreet and the project is progressing, albeit slowly. Cllr IB confirmed that MT, would be fine to sign the formal documents

6.4 Robert Courts MP has sent a letter to PCs in his Constituency offering help with any issues they have with Thames Water. Cllr RK said as RC was offering support in our area we should write to the new Thames Water CEO and the Environment Agency, copying RC with regard to the PC's stance on sewage being pumped into local rivers., a copy of which should be posted onto the village website. Cllr CK to draft a letter

7. 7.1 Financial report and Settling of accounts-

The clerk reported £6117.94 in the Treasurers Account, £5006.70 in the Reserves Account and £10000 in a six month fixed deposit. Payments as per the payment schedule were authorised

7.2 Request from Langford PCC for a grant towards Churchyard maintenance

It was agreed to grant Langford PCC £800 towards Churchyard maintenance

7.3 Defibrillator Training Courses.

Cllr CK will arrange the Defibrillator Training Course for a Wednesday evening in March., with a maximum attendance of 50 people. Cllr CK will broaden the reach of the course to Broadwell, if insufficient interest in Langford. The PC will pay for the Course.

7.4 AOB -

Cllr RK had received a complaint about dogs barking very early in the morning, whilst not a PC matter, he will have a chat with the dogs' owner.

Cllr IB had been approached by parishioners, with regard to the PC purchasing an emergency cushion lift, to enable somebody who has fallen, be lifted back on their feet. Cllr CK advised that these lifts were useful in the case of a predictable fall however, could present a hazard with an unexpected fall, where an injury may have occurred. After much discussion it was felt that this wasn't a viable purchase for the PC, especially in liability terms. It was agreed that in the first instance we should set up a whatsapp group for volunteers to assist in the case of a medical emergency, such as a fall.

Signed by.....R Kemp, Chairman

It was mentioned that Cllr RK cuts the grass verges in various places in the village and whether the PC should pay someone to do this. It was agreed that the PC should set up a maintenance Whatsapp group, whereby a rota could be made to share the workload.

8. **Date of next meeting 17 March 2024**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm

Signed byRichard Kemp, Chairman