



**Langford Parish Council Meeting
20 March, 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: GS, KS, JS, CS

1. **Apologies received:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest - none**
3. **Agreement of the January 2024 LPC minutes were agreed and signed**
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda - none**

County Councillor Update

CCNL updated the PC on County matters. A big problem is that of potholes being reported on Fix My Street and not getting fixed. CCNL is seeking assurances from OCC that they will be fixed. OCC are investing in one gully drainage vehicle for the whole County.

OCC as part of a national initiative are working very hard at getting patients back into their own homes when released from hospital, rather than going into a temporary care home

OCC discussing introducing a workplace parking tax

There has been a vote to remove LTNs in Oxford, resulting in a vote of 18 in favour and 18 not in favour.

There has been a reduction in rural crime, attributed to more police on the beat

271 eco homes are to be built in Carterton for the RAF, after which Carterton will be closed to development

Five new buses to be funded in rural areas. Cllr NL has spoken to a colleague about the reinstatement of the 64 bus through Langford. He was advised that the 64 bus isn't running at the moment due to the diversions in place for the Carterton road repairs.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning updates from the Parish

The Laurels - JS advised that the Listed Building Officer had commented that the mature lime tree in the garden is touching his house and would need substantial work, so as not to endanger the house.

The PC advised that the Planning Permission application did not include an Arboricultural Impact Assessment which would assess whether the tree is affecting the foundations

The front elevation and view from the street of the proposed development were discussed. The PC are concerned that the development will be visible from the street. JS advised that this would not be the case, as the road level is so much lower. He offered to place something on the existing wall, at the proposed height of the extension to see whether it could be seen from the road. JS doesn't want the building to lose its symmetry.

The methodology of the underpinning was discussed, Clr MH mentioned that this is a very precise operation as there are vulnerable points, it is advisable to engage a structural engineer

The Forge- needs further discussion

5.2 Update on affordable housing and rural exception site

Nothing to report

5.3 Update on land registration - Cllr IB has submitted the form for The Pitts to the Land Registry and received an acknowledgement. He will submit the forms for the allotments and the Village Hall shortly

5.4 OCC Landowner deposit re land between Little Faringdon and Langford. The PC have received notification that Mr Arkell has submitted a Highways Declaration to OCC which prevents unrecorded public rights of way from being legally recorded on the basis of presumed dedication in the future. Clrs RK and IB have researched this extensively and can see no issues with this. However, during their research Clrs RK and IB have found that whilst the old railway line from Duck Shoot Wood towards Little Faringdon and from Badgers Bridge to Alvescot are bridleways; the bit in the middle isn't a designated footpath or bridleway. It was agreed that the PC should investigate formalising this unofficial right of way but should email the Wiggins to ask their opinion, as the owners of the land. Clr IB to investigate the costs of this

5.5 Update on Community Land Project - it was agreed to discuss this at the end of the meeting, in camera, due to the commercial nature of the discussion

6. 6.1 Playground

Cllr AC has arranged for a work party to distribute the sand at the playground on 23 March. It was agreed to check if the grass at the playground had been cut by WODC, as they missed it off their schedule last year.

The playground has a ROSPA inspection in April, the Clerk had forwarded a copy of the zipwire inspection to Playsafety, the company undertaking the inspection, for their records.

6.2 Reinstatement of bus route 64

Nothing to report

7. 7.1 Financial report and Settling of accounts-

The clerk reported £3901.48 in the Treasurers Account, £5012.23 in the Reserves Account and £10 000 in a 6 month fixed deposit. Payments as per the payment schedule were authorised.

7.2 Community Produce Stall

SM had asked the PC if they would be interested in having a Community produce stall at the corner of the Elms, near the notice board, whereby parishioners could swap their surplus produce. Cllr IB suggested that SM could apply for a grant from the PC Community Fund. It was agreed that Clr RK would discuss with SM to see if she was happy to arrange and maintain the stall.

7.3 Defibrillator Training Courses.

41 Parishioners attended the Course, there was a very good trainer, from the Community Heartbeat Trust who talked about VETs, a volunteer emergency telephone system that a neighbouring village is part of, whereby volunteers from the community are available for emergency call out
Cllr CK to investigate more about VETS and report back at our next meeting

7.4 AOB -

There have been numerous complaints of dog mess not being picked up and it was agreed that we should order more cans of luminous paint, as this seemed to work last time
Cllr AC mentioned that Mr Wiggins had applied for a government grant to put in a sluice gate and flood part of his land before the bridge to Clanfield. It was mentioned that this could have an impact on the Broadwell Brook, with it possibly backing up and also an impact on water voles etc.

5.5. Update on Community Land Project- Cllr RK had met with the owner of the land, who reiterated that the offer put in by the PC wasn't enough. After much discussion it was agreed to increase our final offer to £60k

8. Date of next meeting 15 May 2024

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05

Signed byRichard Kemp, Chairman