



Langford Parish Council Meeting
17 July, 2024 at 7 pm
The meeting was held at
Langford Village Hall

Minutes

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Present: Councillors RK, Chairman, MH, Vice Chairman, IB, AC, CK, CCL NL
Clerk, CP

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

All County Council meetings have been cancelled due to Elections
Social Housing Companies haven't any money to invest in new developments
Long term local plan is to build 6000 new houses north of Carterton
OCC do not propose to cut any verges, except at junctions, it was mentioned that the verges around Langford are very high, given that we have mainly single track roads into the village visibility is very poor, pedestrians can not use the verges as they are too overgrown, so very dangerous. CCLr NL advised the village to put onto Fix My Street., although he will try to help us, he said there was a relatively new Director of Environment and Highways Department, Paul Fermer we could perhaps contact
The buses direct to Oxford are proving successful, much quicker as they don't go through Witney and always full
Botley Road bridge works won't be finished until January 2025
- 6 Planning**
 - 6.1 Planning updates from the Parish**
 - 5 The Leys appeal, not upheld
 - 1 Lower Farm Cottages - it was felt that the development is too big and not subservient to the original building and an overdevelopment of the original cottages. The previous application, which was granted was considered to be more of a proportionate side extension that did not overpower the original host building. It was also felt that the garage door was out of proportion.

Signed by Richard Kemp, Chairman.....

5.2 Update on Land Registration - Clr IB advised that there are long delays at the Land Registry thus nothing to report

5.3 Update on Community Land Project - the PWLB loan is progressing, we are nearly there. Our Solicitor is still waiting to hear from HLs solicitors. Clr RK will email HK to update him as to our current position

The PC have received communication from a parishioner regarding the proposed use of Church Lane as an exit from The Vineyard and the possible cost of maintenance, it was agreed that the PC should reply stating that should the PC, in the future use the lane for access and contribute to any damage then we would welcome further discussions. Possibly advise them to set up a residents committee

6 Highways and Environment

6.1 Playground - The ROSPA report advised that there is some decay on the boxes behind the corner posts near the trailer, Clr RK to ask SFW if he would be able to repair it for us.

We need to find somebody to complete the weekly checks on the playground. Clr RK to ask MS

6.2 Litter picking station - at the Parish Meeting a parishioner asked whether the PC could leave litter pickers and refuse bags anywhere so that walkers could pick up litter on their walks .

The purchase of a professional litter picking station was discussed but it was felt that it was too expensive at £500. The PC to find somewhere suitable to store the litter pickers

6.3 The village maintenance group was discussed, there are a number of volunteers happy to help with maintenance jobs around the village and it was felt that these volunteers should set up a whatsapp group in order to organise any work, with the volunteers being independent of the PC. It was agreed that Clr RK would organise a meeting with the volunteers and discuss the best way forward.

7 Business items

7.1 Financial report and Settling of accounts- the clerk reported that the Treasures account stands at £4273.88, Reserves account at £5039.24 and Fixed deposit account at £10000. Payments as per the payment schedule, previously circulated, were approved

7.2 Christmas tree donation - KL has kindly donated a tree from her garden for the village Christmas tree. It was agreed that the PC would accept and the clerk to thank KL for her very generous donation

7.3 AOB - Clr IB has received an email from a parishioner concerned about children throwing an apple at her car and damaging it. Clr RK to talk to the cricket club and the parent concerned to find out what happened.

8 Date of next meeting - tbc

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.40pm

Signed byRichard Kemp, Chairman

