



**Langford Parish Council Meeting
at 7 pm on 15 January 2025
The meeting was held at
Langford Village Hall**

**Draft Minutes
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**Present: Councillors MH, IB, AC
Clerk, CP
Members of the Public RK, CS**

- 1. Following the resignation of RK at the last meeting Cllr MH agreed to act as Chairman for this meeting. Cllr AC proposed that IB stand as Chairman going forward, this was seconded by Cllr MH, Cllr IB agreed to be Chairman**
- 2. Apologies received: CK and NL**
- 3. Declarations of Interest - None**
- 4. Agreement of the November 2024 LPC meeting minutes have already been agreed and signed**
- 5. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda -**
RK advised that he had spoken to the owners of Rectory Farm about the principle of a footpath across their yard. They would prefer to leave things as they are. RK suggested the PC perhaps review this in a years time
- 6 CCL NL update**
CCL sent the following update, which was read out at the meeting
"Oxfordshires Farmers have received full Council support after an opposition motion was passed resulting in the Leader of the Council having to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for the Environment and Rural Affairs asking for the Family Farm Tax to be revisited!
Concerns about our countries food security and environmental protection being cited as being of major concern.
Unitary has been the buzz word for the last two weeks with lots of "what if conversations". At County Council the Leader was tasked with writing a letter to the government to ensure Oxfordshire and its residents are involved in any pertinent conversation that will help us to come to an informed decision when the time comes. The exact shape of the initiative and its consequences for Oxfordshire have to date not been confirmed....watch this space!

Signed by.....Chairman

Lastly, as the Shadow Cabinet Minister for Adult Social Care at County Hall I was asked to attend a briefing with the Care Quality Commission Audit Team. This was a face to face meeting with myself and two members of their scrutiny team. Hopefully the many hours of reading over the last week enabled me to answer their searching and varied questions.....we await the results of their report and any recommendations that they suggest for improvement. These CQC visits are to ensure policies and practices in Adult Social Care Services are to ensure that policies and practices in Adult Social Care Services are up to the level that delivers excellent outcomes to our many users”

7. Planning and Village Developments in the Parish

7.1 Planning updates from the Parish

The Old Crown - Cllr IB advised that he had been guided by WODC as to how to respond to this recent retrospective planning application, given the concerns of their neighbour. The sole use of this retrospective as regards the former, is to comment on the impact of the former to the neighbour.

Cllr MH advised CS that the PC can only comment/object on a planning basis and also that anything built within 3 metres required a party wall agreement

The Grange- solar panels on, no objections as it was felt that they are far enough away from listed building

7.2 Update on Land Registration - Cllr IB advised that there is nothing to report on the registration of The Pitts and Bushes Orchard Lane. It is the PCs objective, with the agreement of the Langford Charity and the village hall committee to arrange for the registration with the Land Registry of the village hall and the allotments

7.3 Update on Community Land Project - Cllr IB advised that 13 February is the date we are aiming to complete on the Vineyard, with exchange and completion taking part on the same day. Cllr MH and CP would prefer to send the funds to the Solicitor a few days before completion, in case of any banking glitches.

Cllr IB, once the PC has completed on the Vineyard would like to disclose the full terms of the deal to the public. Cllr MH to agree the press release and publish on the website

8 Highways and Environment

8.1 Playground - Cllr AC advised that his father in law has been too busy to repair the rotten wood highlighted in the ROSPA report, but will get around to it soon
CP to get quotes for the annual zip wire service

8.2 RK still to ask LCC about the bin

8.3 Cllr AC advised that the bungalows had flooded again. The culvert at the back of the bungalows is blocked, which could have contributed to the flooding. Cllr IB had put on FMS but nothing has been done
Cllr IB to email his contact at OCC

9 Business items

9.1 Financial report and Settling of accounts- the clerk reported that the Treasurers account stands at £18100.63, Reserves account at £2099.37. The Fixed deposit had matured on 10 January and it was agreed not to fix it again at the moment. Payments as per the payment schedule, previously circulated, were approved.

9.2 Update on RK resignation and appointing a new councillor - despite the PCs efforts to recruit a councillor nobody has applied. It was agreed that a direct approach to individuals might get a better result and the PCs should draw up a list

Signed by.....Chairman

9.3 - AOB - none

10 Date of next meeting 19 March

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.50 pm.

Signed.....Chairman