



**Langford Parish Council Meeting
20 November 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 September 2024 LPC meeting minutes were agreed and signed

4. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda - None

5 CCL NL update

OCC were proposing to turn all street lights off between 23.30 and 6.30 but have conceded to public opinion.

More private school pupils are applying to state schools, with a couple of private schools expected to close

Public Health are forecasting redundancies due to the large increase in NI payments

OCC are waiting for spending figures from the government to set their budget

OCC have backtracked their stance on woodburning stoves

CClir NL will move areas at the CC elections in May

6. Planning and Village Developments

6.1 Planning updates from the Parish

5 Leys View have submitted revised plans. After much discussion it was agreed that the PC had no objections to the plans but to mention that the PC shared the neighbours concern that a gap of 450m between the new extension and their house was too small to enable maintenance at either properties

6.2 Update on Land Registration - Cllr IB advised that there is nothing to report on The Pitts.

Cllr IB has started the LR process for registering Bushes Orchard Lane

Signed.....

Chairman

Vice Chairman

6.3 Update on Community Land Project - The PC is waiting for the Deed of Covenant from the Church Commissioners. Cllr RK to contact HL for a more detailed plan of the Vineyard and for a time frame for the remaining fences to be erected

7. Highways and Environment

7.1 Playground - LK is doing playground checks weekly and reporting back to RK

Cllr AC advised that his father in law may be able to repair the rotten wood highlighted

In the ROSPA report, Cl MK to print the photographs and give to Cllr AC

The bin at the playground costs the Parish £522.28 pa and it was agreed to monitor usage of the bin.

Cllr RK to ask the CC if we could put the playground rubbish into their bins, for a monetary contribution

7.2 Gas main leak at Broughton Poggs - nothing to report

7.3 Crime - there has been a small amount of graffiti. It was discussed whether the PC need to hold a crime prevention evening with the local PCSO about the recent house burglary and car break ins and agreed not to proceed at this time

7.4 Footpath at Rectory Farm - Cllr IB had a reply from LS at OCC who confirmed that the footpath at Rectory Farm is a cul-de-sac. Cllr RK to discuss with Rectory Farm owners, Cllr IB to provide RK with a summary of what to say

8 Business items

8.1 Financial report and Settling of accounts- the clerk reported that the Treasurers account stands at £9041.17, Reserves account at £2057.22 and Fixed deposit account at £10000. Payments as per the payment schedule, previously circulated, where approved. VAT reclaim of £756.06 has been received. It was agreed to fix the deposit for 3 months when it matures on 28 December 2024

8.2 Precept - Cllr RK circulated a draft proposal, which forms part of these minutes, which proposed a precept of £12000. It was agreed that we should ask for £12000

8.3 Digital Infrastructure Programme Seminar - Cllr IB found this seminar very informative but the information contained has since been superseded

8.4 Meeting dates for 2025 - clerk to circulate

8.5 Christmas Tree Donation -KL has donated her christmas tree to the Parish and has asked if the PC would prepared to make a donation to The Langford Legacy Charity, to help them fund some heating grants. It was agreed to donate the usual cost of the PC christmas tree, £400, to the Legacy.

8.6 Councillor RK formally notified the PC of his decision to stand down from the PC with immediate effect, it was agreed that Cllr MH would stand as Chair in the interim, until the next meeting in January, when a new Chair would be elected.

The clerk to notify WODC and Cllr IB to draft an advert.

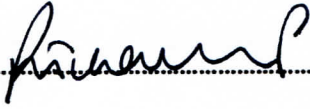
8.7 AOB- none

Signed..........Chairman.....Vice Chairman

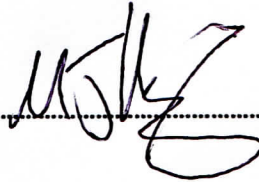
9 Date of next meeting to be confirmed

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

Signed.....



Chairman



Vice Chairman