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Langford Parish Council Meeting
18 November at 7.00pm 2021
The meeting was held at Langford Village Hall

Draft Minutes

Present: Councillors Richard Kemp, Chairman, Mark Harris, Vice Chairman
Ian Burton, Andrew Clemons, Chris Kearns, County Councillor Nick Leverton
Clerk, Caroline Parsons

- 1. Apologies received:** None
- 2. Declarations of Interest :** None from LPC. CClr NL advised that he sits on WODC Planning Committee
- 3. The minutes** of the September Langford Parish Council meeting had been previously circulated and were agreed by all. The Chairman duly signed the minutes as correct.
- 4. Matters arising** from previous meetings, not on this agenda: CClr NL has investigated whether pubs and restaurants are allowed to use their car parks as extra dining and seating capacity for customers under covid legislation and confirmed that they are permitted to do so under the terms of their existing seating licences until September 2022. It was agreed that LPC would review this item in April 2022.
- 5. Planning updates from the Parish including:**
 - 5.1 No applications from the Parish
 - 5.2 Update on the Housing Needs Survey
CC NL had a meeting with Cottsway and WODC who advised that they are finalising the Housing need for the District. CC NL will keep LPC updated.
 - 5.3 Update on the Community Land Purchase
Nothing to report, the various plots have not been completed on yet
 - 5.4 Update on the Community Emergency Plan. Cllr IB has drafted a web page, starting with a scenario based approach. There was some discussion as to what should be included on the website and what should be in hard copy. It was agreed that Cllrs IB, RK and CK draft some ideas, to discuss at the next meeting
Cllr AC mentioned that we could do with a pedestrian salt spreader for rock salt. LPC has still got a full bag of salt but we need to check that it is still usable. CClr NL will check whether WODC are still offering winter salt to parishes

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman
Caroline Parsons, Langford Parish Clerk, langfordclerk@gmail.com

6. Highways and environment

6.1 Update concerning watercourse maintenance

Cllr IB had a meeting with Simon Holloway from Highways to discuss drainage issues on the Broadwell Road and Filkins Road. Highways eventually found a pipe which discharged into a manhole so Highways came to jet it. The drains still were not draining and after investigation SH concluded that there was a Thames Water pipe blocking the Highways drain. SH is trying to sort with Thames Water

Hedge Cutting has taken place on the Broughton Poggs Road and the ditches are full of clippings, so need clearing. It was discussed whether a working party be set up to clear trees in the Broadwell Brook but it was agreed to wait for the change of ownership of all the land before going ahead. Cllr IB believes that the ditches heading to Broadwell and the Broadwell Brook are a priority for LPC. Mike Simpson has done a lot of work near the bridge and will dredge underneath. Simon Holloway asked if it would help if his superior wrote to the Riparian owners requesting them to clear their gullies but we are still waiting for the EA to write to the riparian owners. Cllr IB to chase on this point.

6.2 Playground repairs

The estimated costs of repairing the various areas amount to approximately £5000, the main cost being the replacement of the poles on the Teenager Shelter. After some discussion it was agreed to ask Mike Simpson to proceed with the repairs as soon as possible, using steel poles instead of wood, which should be longer lasting. Cllr RK proposed this action and Cllr MH seconded it. Cllr IB requested that a use for the old poles be found at the Playground.

6.3 Speedwatch

Is working well and proving to be a very good deterrent so far

6.4 Noticeboard at The Elm

There were 6 positive responses to a new noticeboard at The Elms so it was agreed to go ahead. Cllr RK had sourced a recycled wood effect A2 board for under £1000. It was agreed to consult with the Elms residents as to the positioning of the new Noticeboard

6.5 Parking/Traffic/White Lines

Cllr RK has been in communication with Highways regarding white lines outside various properties in the village, where inconsiderate parking is a problem for residents. The cost is £150 per white line and would be carried out in 2022, however two residents have offered to contribute towards the cost of white lines outside their properties. It was agreed that LPC would fund 8 lines but ask if any more residents wanted to contribute

6.6 Possible Defibrillator and positioning of

Cllr CK has researched this item and concluded that our current defibrillator is closer than average to each end of the village. Training on how to use the current defibrillator would be far more effective than buying an additional machine. Cllr CK is happy to devise a training plan

7 Business Items

7.1 The new Financial Regulations had previously been circulated. They were agreed and the Payment schedule was signed by the Chairman

SignedRichard Kemp, Chairman

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7.2 Standing Orders

Cllr MH has reviewed the draft standing orders and has some amendments. Our complaints procedure needs to be visible on the website and section 24 Restriction on councillor activities has been amended

It was proposed that the revised standing orders be adopted. Cllr RK seconded the proposal.

7.3 Queens Jubilee

Cllr RK has put together a team of volunteers from all areas of the village and they have had two meetings so far. Initial thoughts are to hold a bonfire, a ceilidh and a possible hog roast on Thursday 2 June 2022. A Village lunch to be held at the school on Sunday 6 2022, with parishioners providing their own food. Cllr RK asked if LPC would be happy to contribute £500 towards the cost of Thursday evening, all happy for LPC to contribute.

Cllr MH queried insurance for the weekend and Cllr RK will take out a one off event insurance

7.4 Precept/Strategic Plan for 2022

It was agreed that the strategic priorities for LPC for 2022 will be

White lines

CPR

Drainage

Queen's Jubilee

Sustainability net zero, there is a green Committee at Kencot that has offered to meet Parish Councils to discuss further

Cllr RK and Clerk CP to meet to discuss 2022 Precept for approval by LPC

7.5 2022 Meeting Dates were agreed

7.6 AOB

it was requested that the Village Plan be put on the agenda for our next meeting

8 Agreement of the next meeting date of Langford Parish Council:

It was agreed that the next meeting be 20 January 2022 at 7pm at Langford Village Hall

There being no further business to discuss the meeting concluded at 9 pm

Signed.....Richard Kemp, Chairman

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