



**Langford Parish Council Meeting
at 7.15 pm on 16 July 2025
The meeting was held at
Langford Village Hall**

**Minutes
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**Present: Councillors IB, MH, AC, MS, CClr TF
Clerk, CP**

- 1. Apologies received:** CK
- 2. Declarations of Interest -** None
- 3. Agreement of the May 2025 LPC meeting -** minutes agreed and signed
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda -** None
- 5. County Councillor Update -** CClr TF, our new CClr gave a brief introduction, he has 20 parishes in his area and is currently Vice Chair of the County Council for a year. Email is the best method to communicate with him.
Clr MH mentioned the concerns that the parish have regarding highways matters. He has recently written to Humza Naeem. Our Highways Engagement officer, advising him of the Highway issues we have at the moment, to which he has not replied. CClr TF advised the PC to forward the list of issues to him and he will liaise with Chris Grain at Highways, who tends to be receptive.

Signed by.....Chairman

6. Planning and Village Developments

6.1 Planning updates from the parish - none

6.2 Update on Land Registration The Pitts and Bushes Orchard Lane - nothing to report

6.3 The Vineyard-there was a village meeting on 10 July, RK presented the plan for the Vineyard and Clr IB presented what the PC responsibilities and the CIOs responsibilities might look like with regard to the Vineyard.

AE mentioned the issue of overage, which would be triggered when the PC obtain planning permission and start work on the entrance to the field.

Clr IB advised that the current use value of the land is the price we paid for it and once work has started, this is called the enhanced value.

It was discussed whether the PC should register the land as an Asset of Community Value which makes the land difficult to be sold without overcoming Local Land Charge and Land Registry restrictions and therefore the enhanced value will be below its current use value.

Clr MH believes that the starting point would be to write to the Church Commissioners advising that we have applied for PP and that there is no value to Land.

After discussion it was agreed that Clr IB to write to the Church Commissioners to confirm the above and that no overage is due.

There is no progress on the set up of the CIO

7 Highways and Environment

7.1 Playground - WODC charge the PC £522.68 pa for the bin and emptying it, as it is not on the Highway. The PC agreed to give notice to WODC and purchase a bin to replace it and the PC will arrange to empty it.

7.2 Parking on the Wickets - a parishioner on The Wickets had previously advised that parking by the cricket club was causing problems for residents. Various options were discussed, such as could the Cricket Club put up a sign saying where players should park, it was agreed that Clr IB should draft up a sign and liaise with TS.

TS has advised that he is very happy to attend a PC meeting to discuss a parking solution

Signed by.....Chairman

- 8 **8.1 Parishioner Recognition** - Cllr IB proposed a motion that, given RKs exceptional service to our village over many years, as Chair of LAF, Chair of the Village Hall, Trustee of the Langford Charity and organiser of so many village events that the PC use our remit to purchase for the public good, to purchase a gift in recognition of this exceptional service to Langford. Cllr MS seconded the motion
- 8.2 Financial report, settling of accounts** - the clerk advised that there is £14754.44 In the current account and £2070.20 in the general reserve account. The payment schedule, having previously been circulated, was agreed and signed.
- 8.3 Clerks salary increase**-it was agreed that the Clerks remuneration should be set a SCP 15 for 4 hours a week with effect from the date of this meeting. The PC also agreed that the clerk could take advantage of any training opportunities that might arise. The clerk is interested in obtaining the CILCA qualification and will investigate costs and any grants available, with a view to budgeting for it in the next financial year
- 8.4AOB** - Cllr AC advised that a parishioner had enquired as to whether the PC had Any plans to commemorate VJ Day on 15 August. It was confirmed that there are No plans at this time.
WODC Local Plan 2041, it was agreed to investigate and possibly link up with another parish to comment
OCC Lights out policy email, it was agreed to reply advising that we were against turning our limited street lighting off overnight

9 **Date of next meeting 17 September 2025 at 7.15pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.15pm

Signed by.....Chairman

