



**Langford Parish Council Meeting
at 7.15 pm on 26 November 2025
The meeting was held at
Langford Village Hall**

**Minutes
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**Present: Councillors IB, MH, CK, CY, AC
Clerk, CP**

Members of the public:

- 1. Apologies received:** TF
- 2. Declarations of Interest** - None
- 3. Agreement of the September 2025 LPC meeting** - minutes agreed and signed
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings, not on this agenda** - None
- 5. County Councillor Update** - CCllr TF was unable to make the meeting so there was no update

6. Planning and Village Developments

6.1 Planning updates from the parish -

The Vineyard

WODC require more detail with regards to initial comments made by OCC Archaeology, as they believe that their comments conflict with the ecological aspirations for the site. OCCA believe that planting trees may damage to the archaeological remains and are suggesting that a Archaeological Desk Based Assessment be prepared, which would analyse the earthworks present on the site and may be able to identify areas where planting may be viable. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr IB would prepare a desk based assessment,

Signed byChairmans

6.2 Update on Land Registration Bushes Orchard Lane

Nothing to report

6.3 The Vineyard

Cllr IB reported that the CIO was registered with the Charities Commission on 6 November

The management agreement is agreed by both parties and Cllr MH and RFO CP to sign on behalf of the PC

The double insurance query was resolved, with the CIO taking responsibility for insurance fully

No overage is due but according to the agreement between the PC and the Church Commissioners the PC is obligated to pay the legal costs of the Church Commissioners. The PC has received invoices from the Church Commissioners Solicitors and their agents. Cllr IB has written to the Solicitors and advised that the PC don't believe that we have an obligation to pay the Agents fees and is awaiting a response from them

Out of the initial CIO Trustees two have stepped down but Karen Bennet has expressed an interest in becoming a Trustee. JJ has offered to become Treasurer

7 Highways and Environment

7.1 Playground -the clerk has cancelled the contract with WODC for the playground bin

7.2 Railway bridge repair, various outstanding repairs and the outstanding flashing 20 mph signs

It was decided that Cllr CY would chase Highways again regarding our outstanding Highways issues.

Cllr CY attended the Highways Depot Day and advised that the Head of Highways Paul Fermer would come to discuss any Highways issues that we have. It was decided that Cllr CY would ask him to come for a meeting and we would approach other neighbouring Parish Councils to ask if they were interested in attending. Cllr MH advised that all Councillors should complete the OCC Highways satisfaction survey

7.3 Biodiversity duty- we have a legal obligation to consider biodiversity conservation and enhancement in the Parish. Cllr CK will forward his report to the PC in the next

Signed byChairman

7.4 War Memorial

A parishioner has jet washed the Memorial. We have previously been advised by the War Memorials Trust that the Memorial should only ever be cleaned using a gentle brush as harsher methods risk damaging the Memorial. It was agreed that the PC should write to the Parishioner involved asking them not to clean it again

8 8.1 Financial report, settling of accounts - the clerk advised that there is £9172.23

In the current account and £9482.57 in the reserve account. The payment schedule, having previously been circulated, was agreed and signed.

A parishioner KL has very kindly donated the proceeds from her plant stall to the PC, towards new lights for the Christmas Tree. It was agreed to accept her very kind donation.

8.2 Churchyard Maintenance Grant -

The Church has requested a grant towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

It was agreed that the PC should review annually

- that the funding will benefit the Community generally, ie the Church building is used for wider community events or has heritage/community value
- that the PC has considered that the funding falls within its legal powers
- that the PC documents the decision and justification

After reviewing the above it was agreed to the grant request and to send the Church £800

8.3 CAB grant

The PC have received a request for £500 from Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire, they have submitted statistics and information on how many people in Langford they have helped over the past year and after much discussion it was agreed to send them £250

8.4 Precept and Reserves

The RFO had circulated next year's budget and discussion took place regarding what other expenditure would be required next year. It was agreed that playground expenditure should be higher by £2100, as bark and play sand are required next year and there are a lot of rotten timbers to repair. Playground reserves were discussed in depth as we are aware that the PC will need to replace some items shortly. It was agreed to have playground reserves of £2000.

The telephone box is in need of painting and it was agreed to put in a sum of £500 to cover this and to ask BH if this was something he could do.

It was agreed to work the additional figures into the budget and circulate but it was agreed that the precept will be in the region of £12-£14k

Signed by.....Chairman

8.5 IT Regulations were circulated and adopted

8.6 Local Plan Consultation response to development at West Carterton

Cllr CY will send an email to Parishioners to gauge their response and then formulate a response to WODC

8.7 AOB - Councillor CK is away for much of next year and will therefore be resigning with effect from 31 December 2025

9 Date of next meeting 21 January 2026 at 7.15pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15pm

Signed by.....Chairman

