

Langford Parish Council Meeting



Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council on 15 July 2026	
	<u>Present</u> Cllr Burton, Cllr Harris, Cllr Harris, Cllr Yates, Cllr Clemons, Cllr Bennett Cris Hoad – Clerk & RFO Members of the Public: none
11/26	Apologies for Absence 11.1 None
12/26	To receive declarations of pecuniary, personal and prejudicial interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers 12.1 None
13/26	To accept minutes of the last meeting 13.1 Minutes for Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting on 20 May have been circulated to Councillors – Accepted and signed by the Chair 13.2 Matters Arising - none
14/26	Planning & Village Developments 14.1 Planning 14.1.1 No current applications 14.1.2 Planning protocol was circulated to Councillors before the meeting by Chair to create more structure to consultations. Is there a benefit to not having a policy. Parish Council needs to act in unison a policy allows us to do this. Accepted and signed. 14.2 Update on Community Land Project – 02/07 circular update from Richard Kemp – Vineyard progress – ditch crossing application submitted to TOE – looking for a bridge or culvert – support for culvert although culvert can be restricted on water passage, requires more work and cleaning. WODC has designed the spec. Does design liability lie with WODC. Do we intervene. Action: Chair will take back to committee and support a bridge in favour of the Culvert Cottsway Community Fund have been approached to fund the noticeboard – under Consideration No current habitat monitoring – unfortunately they were not contacted at the start of the project but after a conversation we are hoping condition 6 will be discharged and details of monitoring will be given. Then we can progress the new entrance – priority coming back to this. Mowing is also being organised, and trees are looking very good. Opening for the whole village is being planned.
15/26	Highways & Environment 15.1 Playground update – Cllr Yates 15.1 No progress – quotes by Friday next week 15.2 Biodiversity Policy – Cllr Bennett 15.2 Biodiversity policy was circulated after discussion at last meeting. Policy was adopted and signed Flood Wardens – Hugh Davies and Chris Keen have volunteered. Mike Simpson needs to be contacted as he is downstream and upstream Jim Cover should be approached. 15.3 Railway Bridge Repairs- Cllr Burton Bridge still not fixed although OCC Highways have been contacted many times. They want to reinforce the road closure instead of section off one part of the road. Coaches, tractors and cars will be inconvenienced. Badger set has collapsed so they are no longer in residence. We will keep chasing and observe. 15.4 Proposed Solar Farm project – Cllr Burton On the 29Jun26 a mail entitled “Early Stage Information: West Oxford Energy Park (confidential)” was received from Low Carbon – a UK based renewable energy company. The same mail was sent to all neighbouring Parish Councils and Parish Meetings Cllr Harris made mention of an earlier proposed solar farm in the Parish. In October 2016 LDA Design carried out a study for WODC which resulted in document “Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Energy Assessment and Strategy for West Oxfordshire”. It identified that Langford lies in a broad area that LDA classified as “competitively more suitable” for solar development – but that was not on the scale of a 500MW development. It is suggested that a 500MW development is going to require 1,000 to 1,400 hectares for the solar panels plus 8-20 hectares for the battery plus land for a grid connection/switching substation – say another 8-20 hectares. Lanford Parish is around 2,000 hectares total area. Cllr Burton contacted local landowners in an attempt to establish their position. They

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	referred him to Low Carbon. It may be the case that they have entered a confidential option agreement with Low Carbon. Botley West, at 840MW, is in the final stages of consideration as a NSIP (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project). As things presently stand the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero is due to make a decision on Botley West (via a Development Consent Order) by 10Sept26. Cllr Burton suggested that there may be a good deal to read across from any decision on Botley West. Cllr Burton has mailed Low Carbon stating that we are keen to engage with them as a consultee. If the project is classified as a NSIP then Parish Councils are not statutory consultees. Langford is in a part of England that is near to the areas where there is increasing demand for electrical power. Battery support is key. Andy Graham – Leader WODC – should be contacted as he dealt with Botley West. Action Cllr Burton.
16/26	Finance 16.1 Payments schedule was presented by the Clerk for July 2026 was agreed and signed. Balance on the current account £6,756.73 and business account £11,972.65. A budget for the playground repairs is available – the investigation needs to happen first so we have a quote – budget is reviewed in September/October. Playground does not need to work to a budget. Link received from Lloyds bank to add Clerk. Accounts are currently kept on excel – Clerk asked they look at Scribe accounting 16.2 New website – Cllr Yates Bulldog has been quoted £12 domain name, £35 per month, £10 per month for email addresses. Clerk suggested Gov.uk emails should be adopted but Council decided to stay with the email they have .com and held on Sharepoint. Although legislation states .gov or .org. council pays £35 a month for Sharepoint. OALC will say as Clerk has reported. It was agreed that Bulldog will go ahead first week in September – it will take 6 weeks to build as langfordGL7.gov.uk. Content will be moved over. Cllr Yates will look at design. Users will need to be decided – there will be 3 users Chair, Clerk and one Councillor. Bulldog will develop site, send over a mock up and when agreed will go live.
17/26	Next Meeting – 14 September at 7.15pm Clerk will rebook the hall. Meeting closed at 8pm

Signed as a true and correct record by Cllr Ian Burton at the meeting on 14 September 2026