MINUTES OF MEETING LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL 14th MARCH 2019

Present	Councillors: Terry Attridge Geoff Bond Jenny Coles James French Mark Glover Chairman David Ley Pat Mitchell Franklin Tucker			
In attendance	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 6 member of the public.			
143	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Andrew Saywell (DCC), David Hurley (TDC),			
	Melissa Baker (PCSO) and Colin Edworthy.			
144	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING			
144.1	 Item 134.1 tree planting of WW1 memorial Fencing installed to separate the football area from the dog walking area, Pat Mitchell was thanked for doing this work. Date and time agreed for planting the memorial trees – 11.00a.m on Monday 25th March. Parish Clerk to notify interested parties. Item 134.1 update on fire escape at the back of 15A Fore Street Price of £2,500 agreed for the piece of land behind 15A Fore Street with all parish council legal costs to the purchasers account. Solicitors Peter, Peter & Wright appointed and conveyancing work is underway. Item 139.2 Beech Road Stibb Cross grant application An application for a grant of £15k has been put forward to Coastal 			
144.2	Recycling, this covers a quote received from TK Play for updating the area and also for additional equipment. We should hear in June. Minutes of meeting held on 14 th February 2019 to be agreed and signed. • Minutes agreed. Proposed by James French and seconded by David Ley.			

145	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None notified.		
146	REPORTS		
146.1	Police Community Support Officer • No report		
146.2	County Councillor • No report		
146.3	 The following report was provided by email. "Council Tax increased by £5 per Band D property. (3.15%). I have yet to read of a Council anywhere in the Country that hasn't raised Council Tax. This is as a result of Government reducing funding year on year and Councils are increasingly dependent upon their own resources rather than Central Government Grant Funding. Remember that the Torridge share is less than 9% of the total Council Tax collected. DCC's share is 73%. New Homes Bonus continues for possibly the final year. This money has been used to enable numerous projects across Torridge but it too has vastly reduced. In 2016/17 it was £2.028m. This year it is £1.189still a useful sum but not as good as previous years." 		
147	PARISH MATTERS		
147.1	To receive an update on progress of Langtree Meadows building works (see also item 148.1 below). • Four of the five affordable homes have been sold but delays have resulted around concerns over boundaries and finalising a revised section 106. It is believed that there is a buyer for the remaining affordable home.		
147.2	 To receive an update regarding on-going maintenance of the recreation field. There was considerable discussion over the type of mower required for the football pitch area. It was agreed that the machines that were trialled last month were good but too small in cut to manage the entire area. A selection of second hand machines available on the internet were reviewed. It was agreed that the ideal purchase would be a second hand John Deere diesel powered machine. James French agreed to investigate 		

	 the market for the next meeting. Mark Glover advised that he believed Andrew Symonds have a suitable machine being delivered shortly and he will discuss. Terry Attridge advised that the Pantomime Players would be willing to donate £1000 towards the cost. The Parish Council thanked Terry for this offer. This would make total funds available up to £6000. Message from Keith Jackson that a contact of his at Rosemoor would be willing to cut the field at £50 per cut. Franklin Tucker advised that he also knew of someone who will perform the same service at the same cost. 	
148	PLANNING	
148.1	To consider planning application 1/0009/2019/FULM Erection of 16 dwellings, associated access and infrastructure (part retrospective) Land Adjacent To Langtree Parish Hall Southlands Drive Langtree Representatives from residents in Southlands Drive and Langtree Developments were at the meeting and were invited to participate in discussions. It was acknowledged that the change of on-site management last year has resulted in a far improved relationship and general quality of house construction and completion of the recreation field. There was a local concern that the infrastructure particularly around sewerage and electricity were built for a smaller number of houses than now proposed with possible knock on effects. The Parish Council were concerned with the number of changes over the years that have been requested and the knock on to the section 106 agreement. It was thought that the original commitment to use renewable resources to provide heat and power to the estate are not being met. It was considered that the revised number of houses was resulting in squeezing more properties on the estate creating spatial difficulties. It was felt that the change in type of houses from 4 bedroom detached to 3 bed semi does more accurately reflect the need and what is affordable to the local community. The Parish Council agreed that they were not in favour of the changes proposed. Parish Clerk to write to TDC Planning.	
148.2	To consider any planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting. • There were no others notified.	
149	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE	
149.1	To receive update on financial position at end February 2019	

	Bank balances at end of February 2019			
	Lloyds Bank balance at 28/02/19	£3002.76		
	Lloyds Number 2 account at 28/02/19	£0		
	Nationwide balance at 28/02/19	£3062.79		
	Total	£6065.55		
	 Payments during month totalled £6762.35 to MA⁻ (£6626.45) and L Pollinger (Travis Perkins) (£135.9 No receipts during month. Note £500 grant from on 1st March VAT reclaim figure is £2072 but application is curr the making vat digital process. 	90). TDC was received		
149.2	 Payment requests are: Bridgmans £232.68 for land drain and fence poles (BACS) Pat Mitchell £97.99 for fuse board from Squires (Cheque) RAW Piper £1242.36 for stone materials (BACS) Total £1573.03 Payments were approved 			
149.3	To review correspondence received • General correspondence has been circulated.			
149.4	To consider and sign off section 137 grants. • Agreed that Fifty Pounds will be donated to each of the following: o Friends of Langtree Park o Langtree Community Garden o Langtree History Group o Langtree Parish Hall Players o Langtree Short Mat Bowls o Little Acorns o Parochial Church Council o Torridge Methodist Circuit Cheques for these were signed at the meeting			
149.5	Requirement and proposal to have the Annual Parish Meeting (proposed date 11 th April 2019 prior to Parish Council meeting). • Agreed that this will take place prior to the next Parish Council meeting.			

- Parish Clerk will arrange publicity material for noticeboards and social media
- Local clubs and organisations will be invited to make a short presentation at the APM

149.6 Timetable for Local Elections 2nd May 2019

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Pu	blication-of-notice-of-election¤	Not-later-than-Tuesday-26-March-
No	mination-process-period¤	From·the·date·stated·on·the·notice·of·¤ election·up·to·4pm·on·Wednesday·3·April·
	adline·for·receipt·and·deadline·for· thdrawals·of·nomination¤	4pm•on•Wednesday•3°April□
	blication-of-statement-of-persons- minated¤	Not-later-than-4pm-on-Thursday-4-April
Po	lling•day¤	7am•to•10pm•Thursday•2 May¤
Pu	blication•of•Election•results¤	Friday·3 rd ·May¤
Pa	rish-Councils-first-Annual-Meeting¤	Between∙Wednesday∙8 th ∙May•¹¤ and•Thursday•23 rd •May¤
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150 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 Sue Lee of Parish Hall Committee gave an update on her work on investigating the construction of a Multi Use Games Area at the Recreation Field. It had been previously agreed that the Parish Council will lead the funding and expenditure on this project. It was agreed that a sub committee will be set up between Parish Council and Parish Hall.

151 ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- It was requested that a dog poo bin is provided in the dog walking area of the Recreation Field. Parish Clerk to put in a request to TDC.
- Large HGVs are using Church Lane as a through route. Because of the number of vehicles parked in this road lorries are hitting walls in order to avoid them. Parish Clerk to write to Devon County Council requesting them to put up sign to stop lorries using this road (accept for access).
- The meeting closed at 8.50pm

152 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th April 2019, this will be after the Annual Parish Meeting