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## LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

Councillors:

Terry Attridge

Geoff Bond

Jenny Coles

Colin Edworthy

Mark Glover Chairman

David Ley

Pat Mitchell

David Hurley (TDC)

Andrew Saywell (DCC)

Mr Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk

5 members of the public

**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30. Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr James French and Cllr Franklin Tucker.

**PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST YEAR AND PLANS FOR THE NEXT YEAR**

The Chairman reviewed the activities of the Parish Council over the past year. These included:

- The iconic tree outside the Green Dragon was trimmed rather than given a major cut back.
- The Devon Air Ambulance Landing Light was funded and installed beside the Changing Room.
- The Langtree Meadows affordable homes have been made available to purchase.
- North Park Langtree Recreation Field – ownership transferred to Parish Council. Fencing has been installed between pitch and dog walking area.
- A container and mower have been purchased as part of the maintenance needs of the football pitch.
- WW1 Commemorative Trees were funded and planted.
- The Beech Road Stibb Cross Play Area has been reviewed and a number of repairs made.
- Various planning applications reviewed during the year.
- Mark Glover was elected as the new Chairman, following Terry Attridge.

The plans for 2019/20 include

- Finalise purchases for maintenance of the football pitch.
- We are awaiting results of a grant application to upgrade the Beech Road Stibb Cross play area.

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- Grant applications for a MUGA in the recreation field are being prepared, dependant on the success of the applications will define when work can start.
- To continue to support the local community

## **REPORT FROM TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Cllr David Hurley gave an update for Torridge District Council. This included:

- An update on the planning and building controls activity at Langtree Meadows.
- The transformation of TDC is now complete with the move to Riverbank House.
- Waste and recycling changes introduced last year have been successfully implemented.

## **REPORT FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Cllr Andrew Saywell gave a report on his activity for Devon County Council. This included:

- DCC expenditure is now back on budget helped by it being a mild winter which influenced the costs of managing Adult Social Care.
- There has been patching of roads in the area and Fore Street in Langtree should be completed at the end of May.
- Plans for problems resulting from Brexit are in place to ensure that the local population will be supported.

## **REPORT FROM LITTLE ACORNS**

- Jenny Coles reported that Little Acorns thanked the Parish Council for their recent grant payment.

## **REPORT FROM LANGTREE PARK**

- Jenny Coles reported that the proceeds of the sale of Parish Council land behind 15A Fore Street will be spent on facilities in Langtree Park. It was requested that the Parish Clerk to work with the Langtree Park committee to understand the best way of doing this.

## **REPORT FROM PARISH HALL COMMITTEE**

Sue Lee gave an update on behalf of the Parish Hall committee.

- Usage of the Parish Hall continues to be at a high level with 58 events held during the year.
- Bookings for the coming year look good.
- The Changing Room was completed at a cost of £52.7k. New patio doors, kitchen worktops and tiling, and lighting in the carpark have been completed and fencing in the recreation field was paid for.
- Future works include working with the Parish Council on building a Multi Use Games Area in the recreation field. It is planned to replace the carpet in the front

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hall and install acoustic tiles in the Leader room. Further work on interior and external lighting is being considered.

- The existing boiler is 17 years old and should be replaced. Potential grant availability is being investigated.
- It has been reported that the defibrillator at Stibb Cross requires replacing.

## **REPORT FROM THE LANGTREE COMMUNITY GARDENS**

- Sue Leach reported that work continues in the Community Garden and thanked the Parish Council for their support. There is an open day planned for Easter Saturday.

## **REPORT FROM THE LANGTREE PANTO PLAYERS**

- Terry Attridge reported that this was the 15<sup>th</sup> show that the players had performed. Some 300 people had attended the performances this year and the show had made approximately £1500 of profit. The group have made donations to the Parish Council to support purchases of equipment.

## **QUESTIONS FROM PARISHONERS**

- The attendees of the meeting were reminded that the Langtree Parish Magazine needs contributions.
- There being no more questions, the Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.