

# LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

9<sup>th</sup> May 2019

<b>Present</b>	Councillors: Geoff Bond Jenny Coles Colin Edworthy James French Mark Glover Chairman David Ley Pat Mitchell Franklin Tucker David Hurley (TDC) arrived later as advised
<b>In attendance</b>	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 3 members of the public.
<b>163</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies received from Terry Attridge, Andrew Saywell (DCC), PCSO Melissa Baker, David Hurley (TDC) will be late.
<b>164</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b>
164.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15A Fore Street – owner confirms that guests are advised that dogs are not allowed on Langtree Park</li><li>• The hebe in the Millennium Garden has been trimmed</li><li>• Langtree Gate has been repaired by DCC.</li></ul>
164.2	Minutes of meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 to be agreed and signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• These were agreed. Proposed Geoff Bond, seconded Pat Mitchell.</li></ul>
<b>165</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr Edworthy advised that his property was subject to a planning application which will be discussed later in the meeting.</li></ul>
<b>166</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>
166.1	Police Community Support Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PCSO Melissa Baker was unable to be at the meeting but had forwarded a document detailing police activity in the area over</li></ul>

	the past 12 months with comparison statistics for the previous 12 months. This was reviewed.
166.2	<p>County Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Saywell was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a note that Rural Torrington area had been selected to be part of a pilot trialling different ways of working in Highways.</li> </ul>
166.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although Cllr Hurley arrived later in the meeting, his report is placed here for consistency.</li> <li>• Cllr Hurley was congratulated on his re-election.</li> <li>• The building control officer is due to meet the developers regarding the affordable houses today.</li> </ul>
<b>167</b>	<b>PARISH MATTERS</b>
167.1	<p>To receive an update on progress of Langtree Meadows building works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that progress was slow and no one had moved in yet to the affordable houses.</li> </ul>
167.2	<p>To receive an update regarding on-going maintenance of the recreation field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The football pitch needs to have weed killer applied. Pat Mitchell and David Ley to arrange.</li> <li>• Apart from acknowledgement of our application for a Sports England grant, no other correspondence has been received to date.</li> </ul>
<b>168</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>
168.1	<p>To consider planning application 1/0330/2019/FUL Proposed Conversion Public House to 2 Residential Units &amp; Erection of x 2 three bedroom dwellings in grounds Green Dragon Fore Street Langtree Torrington Devon EX38 8NG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Edworthy stepped out of the meeting at this point for the duration of the discussion.</li> <li>• A general discussion was held. A letter from a parishioner was reviewed and the parishioner was asked to forward this to the Planning Department.</li> <li>• There was concern about traffic access at the junction between Fore Street and Dragon Hill and the capacity of the drains in Fore Street to manage this development as well as the new housing in Southlands Drive.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was also felt that although there was sympathy for the pub landlord the village could ill afford to lose an important amenity because once the amenity had gone it would not be replaced.</li> <li>• The Parish Council was not supportive of this application as there is concern over infrastructure and the loss of important village facilities.</li> <li>• This was put to a vote: 5 councillors agreed that the Parish Council could not support the application with 2 abstentions.</li> <li>• Cllr Edworthy returned to the meeting.</li> </ul>								
	<p>1/0359/2019/TRE Felling of one large Ash tree and replanting either an Ash or Beech tree Nik Nak Cottage Dragon Hill Langtree Torrington Devon EX38 8QZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No objections</li> </ul>								
168.2	<p>To consider any planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No other applications have been received</li> </ul>								
<b>169</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</b>								
169.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end April 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank balances at end of April 2019</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="528 1032 1385 1335"> <tr> <td>Lloyds Bank balance at 30/04/19</td> <td>£3371.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds Number 2 account at 30/04/19</td> <td>£0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nationwide balance at 30/04/19</td> <td>£3065.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£6436.87</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note that £2500 of funds are allocated to Langtree Park works</li> <li>• Payments during month totalled £7658.71. To Parish Hall £6000, TDC £1044.00, ROSPA £168.60, RAW Piper £30.60, DALC £215.51, Langtree Community Garden, Little Acorns, Parish Hall Players, Torridge Methodist Circuit, £50.00 each</li> <li>• Receipts during month were £7400, being Grantscape £2500, Parish Players £1000, TDC Precept £3900.</li> <li>• It was noted that the monies in the Nationwide account has not been transferred yet.</li> </ul>	Lloyds Bank balance at 30/04/19	£3371.02	Lloyds Number 2 account at 30/04/19	£0	Nationwide balance at 30/04/19	£3065.85	Total	£6436.87
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169.2	<p>To review and approve the end of year accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External auditor Mr Tim Sanders had reviewed the parish records for the previous financial year. His main comment was that we need to develop a risk register.</li> </ul>								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The annual governance and accountability return for 2018/19 was agreed and approved. The Chairman signed off the documents.</li> </ul>
169.3	<p>To request approval for BACS Payments and cheques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payment requested for following bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adrian Hinchcliffe for millennium garden green waste £35</li> <li>Tim Sanders Auditor £95</li> <li>BHIB Insurance £415.37</li> </ul> </li> <li>Approved</li> </ul>
169.4	<p>To review correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No correspondence for discussion has been received.</li> </ul>
<b>170</b>	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments regarding the dog walking area were received. It was suggested that there should be wire netting along the fence, the gate appears to be stiff and the walking area is rough to walk over. It was responded that this is all work in progress and issues will be resolved over time.</li> <li>It was suggested that a dog waste bin should be located in the dog walking area.</li> </ul>
<b>171</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was suggested that a sign should be attached to the gate into the dog walking area.</li> <li>There was a comment on a vehicle with a long bed which is parked in the parish hall car park should be moved to improve access.</li> <li>Suggestions that the agreed fence around 15A Fore Street should be higher had been received.</li> <li>It was reported that vandalism to the playground equipment in Langtree Park had taken place, repairs have been ordered.</li> <li>There is increasing concern regarding vehicles speeding through Fore Street and several pets have been killed recently on the road. There is local interest in introducing Speedwatch.</li> <li>The caravan at Berry Cross has not been removed.</li> <li>The meeting closed at 8.45pm</li> </ul>
<b>172</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019.</p>