

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

13th FEBRUARY 2020

Present	Councillors: Terry Attridge Geoff Bond Jenny Coles Mark Glover Chairman David Ley Pat Mitchell Franklin Tucker David Hurley (TDC) Andrew Saywell (DCC)
In attendance	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 1 member of the public.
242	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Colin Edworthy and from Darren Parish.
243	PRESENTATION BY DARREN PARISH, FIRE SERVICE, TORRINGTON. Community safety and prevention services available and how these can be promoted in the community. Apologies received – talk will be rescheduled.
244	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
244.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new defibrillator has been installed on the Travis Perkins building in Stibb Cross. Electrical works were required to complete the installation and a qualified electrician was employed – their invoice for £90 has been received.• The application for Terry Attridge and Sue Lee to attend the Buckingham Palace garden party was sadly unsuccessful.
244.2	Minutes of meeting held on 8 th January 2019 to be agreed and signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes were agreed – Proposed by James French seconded by Geoff Bond
245	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Parish Clerk advised that he was the nearest neighbour to the Brycourt planning application.

246	REPORTS
246.1	<p>Police Community Support Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report received
246.2	<p>County Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plough <p>As you will have seen, The Plough Arts Centre is in some financial difficulty. It is essential that we keep this key facility going – it is more than just a local arts centre, it will be key to the health and wellbeing agenda in the coming decade and I regard it as an asset for Devon, let alone Torrington Rural.</p> <p>I am working with The Plough and DCC to see whether the Council can support their Crowdfunder initiative... hopeful we can but will involve some technical changes (the project has to become ‘all or nothing’ for it to be supported by DCC).</p> <p>In the meantime if you want to donate please visit the link here - https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/power-the-plough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC Budget <p>Main event this month will be passing the Budget for the next financial year, going to Full Council next Thursday.</p> <p>Our settlement from Central Government was in line with expectations – it will not be a harsh budget. The overall revenue budget will increase from £498m to £541m. Of the three principle services, Adult Care and Health sees a £23.7m increase (10%), Children’s Services £11.5m (8.5%) and Highways £2.8m (5%) increase.</p> <p>These increases take into account inflation pressures. The next financial year also sees in Children’s Services the launch of the ‘Edge of Care’ service which is designed to stop children from being taken into care. Previous financial investments in the last few years have started to have an effect with children being able to come out of high cost placements which is good news – both for the children and also financially as high cost placements were the main drivers behind previous overspends.</p> <p>Finally, on schools funding, as previously reported, the coming financial year will see a very large increase in the Schools Funding budget of £47.7m (total gross budget is £603m) however it is up to the Schools themselves, not DCC as to how this money is spent.</p> <p>Council tax – DCC’s share of the precept is likely to go up by 3.99% - with 2% specifically for Adult Social Care.</p>

I would rather we did not increase the council tax but with the growth in demand for our services to Adults and Childrens – along with Highways – without increasing the precept we won't be able to fund the services adequately.

- **Langtree and Stibb Cross Speed Survey.**

A SCARF meeting was undertaken on the 30th January quite a few sites in Torrington Rural were discussed, including the results from High Bullen.

Stibb Cross

Sites	Speed limit	Mean (mph)	85%ile (mph)	Volume Average	Date of Survey	Type:
7212 Eastbound	30	26.7	32.1	655/24hr	01/10/19 – 07/10/19	SDR
7212 Westbound	30	29.4	35.2	745/24hr		

Action: No further action required data suggests no speeding issue.

Langtree

Sites	Speed limit	Mean (mph)	85%ile (mph)	Volume Average	Date of Survey	Type:
7403 Eastbound	30	27.2	33.8	572/24hr	01/10/19 – 07/10/19	SDR
7403 Westbound	30	27.5	33.5	544/24hr		

Action: No further action required data suggest no speeding issue

- **Potholes**

New feature on the 'Report It' website, when a pothole is reported it goes out to the Pothole Inspector to look at. If it meets the safety defect criteria it will then have a 'roadworks' sign placed on it which you can see on the website along with an estimated repair time.

Example below, from Putshole Lane outside East Browns...:

Potholes with Contractor for repair

Instruction Reference: D203505018

Created Date: 05 February 2020 10:22

Expected Repair Date: 04 March 2020 23:59

Detail: POTHOLE (Safety)

There is though a massive backlog at the moment so it is taking time for repairs to come through. Extra gangs have been put out on pothole repairs though recent inclement weather conditions will not

	<p>have helped. I would say though if you have reported something and after a month nothing has happened then please tell me and I <u>will</u> investigate!</p> <p>I have chased why some of the potholes on Putshole Lane have not been logged, I know they are large and they are big, I reported some of them myself... this prompt will hopefully see more prompt attention from the pothole gangs...</p> <p>Reminder that the link to report potholes, blocked drains, fallen trees is here - http://devon.cc/report-it</p>
246.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to prevent vessels mooring along the quay wall fronting Clarence Wharf Car Park & Brunswick Wharf, a floating buoy barrier with buoy-mounted signage has been installed. This creates a clear visual barrier and will create easier access for repairs to be made to the quay wall in preparation for the regeneration of this site in the near future. They stretch out in the water about 8ft from the quay wall. • The precept for TDC is likely to be 2% or £5 for a Band D property and should be agreed shortly. • The financial settlement with Kivells is still being discussed. • Defra has just approved Torridge's latest air quality report which shows that the air quality across the districts 380sq miles is well below nationally set levels for harmful pollutants. <p>The main pollutant affecting air quality is usually nitrogen dioxide which is produced by petrol and diesel vehicles. However even in the worst hotspot in Torridge the recorded average of around 28 parts per billion (ppb) sits well below the national target figure of 40 ppb.</p>
247	PARISH MATTERS
247.1	<p>To receive an update regarding the recreation field activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been notified by ROSPA that they will carry out the annual review in March of play equipment at Langtree Park and Beech Road. • The cost of using the pitch and changing room needs to be calculated and agreed. The PC is to carry out some research and report back on what other organisations charge. • The need to advertise the facilities was raised again.
248	PLANNING

248.1	<p>To consider planning application Ref. No: 1/0030/2020/FUL Demolition of existing shed and erection of dormer bungalow and detached garage. Site Adj To Brycourt Church Meadow Langtree Torrington Devon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application was considered and no objections were raised. 						
248.2	<p>To consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other planning applications have been received. 						
249	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE						
249.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end January 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank balances at end of January <table border="1" data-bbox="491 766 1348 987"> <tr> <td>Lloyds Bank balance at 31/01/20</td> <td>£1110.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds Number 2 account at 31/01/20</td> <td>£6702.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£6812.60</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note £2500 is reserved for Langtree Park purchases • Payments were made to PKF of £240, and South West Ambulance Service for £3360. There were no receipts. • Application sent for repayment of VAT incurred in 2019 of £1233 	Lloyds Bank balance at 31/01/20	£1110.27	Lloyds Number 2 account at 31/01/20	£6702.33	Total	£6812.60
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249.2	<p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Mitchell for £360.00 for fuel and various materials used on football pitch and carpark area. Central Devon Electrical Services Ltd £90 for installing defibrillator at Travis Perkins, Stibb Cross. Agreed. • The Council considered Section 137 grants currently awarded to FOLP, Langtree Short Mat, Community Garden, Langtree Players, Local History, Little Acorns, Torrington Methodist Circuit, Parochial Church Council (8). It was agreed to advertise the availability of some monies to ensure that the Council has picked up all local community groups. This item will be considered at the next meeting. 						
249.3	<p>To review correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter received from the MCC regarding The 98th Land's End Trial - 10th/11th April 2020 The Club once again proposes to use the unclassified road at Langtree known to us as Orange as an 'observed section' 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer received from Michael Harrison of Devon and Cornwall police for a talk regarding policing in Devon and Cornwall. Talk is to be requested. • Letter received from Highways Maintenance regarding drainage responsibilities to be circulated.
250	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wreaths still attached to the war memorial was raised and whether they should be removed. David Ley agreed to investigate (subsequently David has advised that they will remain for another couple of weeks until after the Bush Fire coffee morning).
251	<p>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franklin Tucker advised that people are walking through the Leader Room with muddy boots – should the door be locked and notices put up. • Terry Attridge advised that £500 had been received by the Parish Hall which will be put towards a VE tea party. • James French suggested that the Parish Council should send a get well card to Colin Edworthy. • Pat Mitchell pointed out the number of potholes on Dragon Hill. He also wondered whether all the local footpaths had been recorded – Mark Glover to investigate • Leigh Pollinger advised that the Community Garden team were keen on installing a Composting Toilet in the Community Garden – this will have to be grant funded which the Community Garden team will apply for but will need support from the Parish Council (agreed). • The meeting ended at 8.40pm
252	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th March 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of rotary games night, proposed and agreed that the next meeting is Wednesday 11th March.