

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

11th NOVEMBER 2021

Present	Councillors: Geoff Bond Colin Edworthy Mark Glover (Chairman) Peter Haselhurst David Ley Pat Mitchell David Hurley (TDC) Andrew Saywell (DCC) (part time)
In attendance	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 0 members of the public
398	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Jenny Coles and Franklin Tucker
399	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
399.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">We have received the following from Devon County Council regarding the pot holes in Dragon Hill “Ref W211452524 Pothole, Pothole (Single or multiple) Location: Dragon Hill, Langtree Further to your report made on 17/09/2021 12:53:00 an investigation was completed on the 05/11/2021 08:29:08. Following the investigation, further works at this location have been identified and added to a future programme of planned works.”G Bond had spoken with the council about fitting a street light in Dragon Hill but had been advised that this was unlikely to happen.
399.2	Minutes of meeting held on 13 th October 2021 to be agreed.
400	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">None were notified.
401	REPORTS
401.1	Police Community Support Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none">A report was received midway through last month showing that police recorded incidents remain low in the area.

401.2

County Councillor

- **Devon secures £9.3m for skills, training and jobs** – DCC’s bid to the Government’s Community Renewal Fund has been successful and we’ve been awarded £9.3m by the Government for investment in innovation and employment projects. There will be 13 pilot projects across Devon, backed by the largest funding allocation to any local authority area in England. Project benefits will include retraining for 3,500 people.
- **‘Node’ Enterprise Centre opens** – A new enterprise centre at Roundswell has opened. Known as ‘Node’, the coworking and office space will support SMEs, start-ups, freelancers and local workers in North Devon and Torridge (and Torrington Rural!).

The modern building boasts 37 small and medium offices, a coworking space for up to 50 people, a number of meeting rooms and an on-site coffee shop. It aims to facilitate the changing way people work, by providing flexible workspace for individuals.

- **Covid** – Cases nationally have started to fall and this trend is normally mirrored in Devon a week or two later. In Devon they have stabilised and are starting to fall.

Devon had 442.2 cases per 100,000 in the last seven days compared to 346.5 for England. However, Torridge is 395.8, North Devon 534.8. Highest case rates are in people aged 20 and under, and in the 40s age group.

BUT, Hospital cases remain relatively low, we have not seen a massive increase in hospitalisations as a result of the higher infection rates.

- **Vaccines** – Almost 9/10ths of the 16+ adults in Devon are fully vaccinated. More than 100,000 have had booster jabs. The NHS can only invite people for their booster six months after they’ve had their second dose. When you are invited for a booster please book an appointment immediately.
- **DCC Buildings to get ‘green makeover’** – DCC is planning retrofit schemes for Council owned buildings to help cut carbon emissions and reduce energy use. Plans are to improve building insulation and install solar panels and air source heat pumps, along with mechanical ventilation that recovers heat and LED lighting.
- **Future workforce arrangements** – One of the main issues I am working on as Cabinet Member for Workforce is how we manage the return to the Office. The Council will not return to the old model of everyone in the office ‘9-5’, but will introduce a more flexible working arrangements for staff and officers, depending on their role in the Council. Homeworking will continue but people will be

	encouraged to use office facilities for team meetings, ideas sharing etc.
401.3	District Councillor
402	PARISH MATTERS
402.1	<p>To receive an update on the formal transfer of the MUGA to Langtree Parish Hall and Langtree Hall Players (operating organisation).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lease is ready for signature once the signatories are agreed. It has been suggested that for the Parish Hall these should be the trustees. Geoff Bond is one and it has been agreed that Pat Mitchell will be added to the list. For the council, there will be two signatories (in compliance with Standing Orders) these will be Mark Glover and David Ley. • Arrangements have been made to adjust lighting on the MUGA on Saturday 13th November with the aim of reducing some of the reported glare.
403	PLANNING
403.1	<p>To consider planning application Ref. No: 1/1124/2021/REM Reserved Matters Application for all matters except access (previously approved) for 5 dwellings and associated works pursuant to Planning Application 1/0450/2018/OUT. Land At Fore Street Langtree Devon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that as planning permission is already granted then there would be no objections.
403.2	<p>To consider planning application Ref no 1/1192/2021/FUL Proposed business premises. Land At Chapmans Barn Stibb Cross Torrington Devon EX38 8LN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No objections.
403.3	<p>To consider planning application Proposed No.1 dwelling with associated works (Revised plan & drainage details) The Bungalow Stibb Cross Torrington Devon EX38 8LH Ref. No: 1/0656/2021/FUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that as planning permission is already granted then there would be no objections.
403.4	<p>To consider planning application Conversion of disused and redundant rural building to No.1 dwelling Copps Removals & Storage Cherrywood Park Business Centre Langtree Torrington Devon EX38 8LQ Ref. No: 1/1145/2021/FUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No objections.
403.5	<p>To consider planning application Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning permission 1/1115/2020/OUT - for 1 no. dwelling</p>

	<p>Land Adjacent To Scotts Haven Stibb Cross EX38 8LW</p> <p>Ref. No: 1/1259/2021/REM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed that as planning permission is already granted then there would be no objections. 						
404	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE						
404.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end October 2021</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lloyds account</td> <td>£4181.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td> <td>£4000.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£8181.44</td> </tr> </table> <p>During the month we paid</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">TDC clerks salary £924.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">L Pollinger Pat Mitchell cash (approved at last meeting) £212.00</p> <p>We received nil during the month.</p>	Lloyds account	£4181.13	Reserve account	£4000.34	Total	£8181.44
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404.2	<p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">DALC attendance of annual conference on Zoom £40.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">MJ Baker mowing at Stibb Cross £330.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">MJ Baker mowing in Langtree £870.00</p> <p>Approved</p>						
404.3	<p>To review correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beech Road – quote from TK Play for replacement cradle seat and chains £160.00 plus VAT. Agreed to go ahead. Quotations received from MJ Baker for 2022 for mowing Stibb Cross £330.00 and Langtree £890.00. Agreed to go ahead. 						
405	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION						
406	ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Clerk attended a climate change meeting and possible impacts on parish councils and how they can respond. Last years wreath for laying in the church on Remembrance Sunday has been found. It was suggested that the PC should donate the normal cost of a wreath (£30) to the British Legion – agreed. The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of a beacon in preparation for next years Jubilee. It was asked if the PC are intending to replace the two defibrillators. The units were installed in January 2020 and are on a four year 						

	<p>lease. Both units are regularly checked and inspected. Replacement in 2024 will be made at the time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was concern regarding a tree at Riverton which has been marked for felling but has not been taken down yet.
407	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm.</p>