

# LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

<b>Present</b>	Councillors: Geoff Bond Jenny Coles John Davies Mark Glover (Chairman) Peter Haselhurst David Ley Pat Mitchell Franklin Tucker David Hurley (TDC)
<b>In attendance</b>	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk  0 members of the public
<b>418</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Apologies received from Colin Edworthy and Andrew Saywell
<b>419</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b>
419.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State of sewers. Contact continues with South West Water although on site meetings have been postponed due to Covid. There was a discussion about the minutes recording last month's debate. Although the content was considered as an accurate reflection of what was discussed it was agreed that wording referencing Southlands Drive should be amended as well as a reference to a request that all planning should be stopped until village utilities are brought up to standard. The minutes will be amended.</li><li>• MUGA Netting. Quotes have been received for posts to support proposed netting, but the need for the netting and location of the posts will be discussed at the next MUGA committee meeting. The proposed Section 137 donation from the council is held until after the outcome of the meeting is advised.</li><li>• Jubilee Brazier. A quote from WM Ironwork for £1363 plus VAT has been received. This is far more than anticipated. PM agreed to check pricing and capabilities with some of his contacts.</li></ul>
419.2	Minutes of meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 to be agreed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The minutes were agreed subject to amendments above. Proposed by Peter Haselhurst seconded by Geoff Bond.</li></ul>

420	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None were reported.</li> </ul>
421	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p>
421.1	<p>Police Community Support Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report available</li> </ul>
421.2	<p>County Councillor</p> <p><b>Covid update</b></p> <p>The national picture is one of increasing number of people testing positive. In Devon we are below the national average with 1,132 per 100,000 infections (1,695 for England).</p> <p>This wave is adopting a similar pattern as previous wave, starting in London then going North East/West then coming down the South West so we will be 2-3 weeks behind the peak of London.</p> <p>The good thing for us is it gives more time to get people vaccinated! Rates are going up in all Devon Districts and being driven in younger working adults (20-39yrs). The Public Health Team expect to see a rise in school age children now they are back at school so a rise in rates will continue over the coming weeks.</p> <p>Hospital rates however are only slowly rising with 179 within Devon, and in North Devon just 7 patients at the start of this week, which has remained fairly stable.</p> <p>The key public health messages remain the same; <b>get vaccinated</b>, lateral flow test regularly, hands face space.</p> <p>There is now a change in policy if you have no symptoms and test positive via LFT you need to isolate, you do not get a PCR anymore. If you test negative on day 5 and day 6 you no longer need to isolate.</p> <p>If you have symptoms, then you need to isolate and get a PCR test.</p> <p><b>Non Covid Matters</b></p> <p><b>Budget Preparations</b> – The main work this coming month is around Budget preparation for the next financial year. The Cabinet has set target budgets and draft budgets will shortly be going to the Scrutiny Committees for examination and feedback. There will be an uplift in overall funding for Children’s and Adult Social Care services, along with a small increase for Highways, but it is likely to be a tight budget overall. Final approval will take place in February.</p>
421.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <p><b><u>Beech House Surgery Update</u></b></p>

	<p>As I've previously reported at earlier meetings I will continue to pursue the outcome of the incident at the Beech House surgery in Shebbear in October 2021 when data files, drugs etc were deposited in skips outside the former surgery when conversion of the premises was taking place. I have had several emails from the Community Safety and Public Health Lead Officer at Torrridge informing me that he was trying to contact the CCG to obtain an update. Eventually it was explained by the Senior Primary care Commissioning Manager that NHS Devon CCG are not the data owner and that they had supported the raising of the initial incident with the necessary organisation who are responsible for taking forward any investigation. A request has been made for the contact details of the investigators. I await further info.</p> <p><b><u>OPCC Budget 2022</u></b></p> <p>As part of my OPCC Councillor Advocate role I recently participated in a Zoom meeting to discuss the forthcoming 2022 OPCC Budget. Police precepts as part of the Council tax bill will inevitably rise and the discussion was around best value for money. The 101 service was talked about and also the Public's interaction with the Police. The meeting felt that the re-opening of front desks to the Public at Police Stations was probably not cost effective. There was talk about road shows, safe space rooms and other initiatives but all were based in the South of the County. I asked that more interest was given to North Devon and Torrridge especially as residents were being asked to contribute more to the OPCC budget.</p> <p><b><u>Torrington Swimming Pool</u></b></p> <p>Shut at present due to a water leak from the pool. Currently being investigated. Also faults with the boiler. Parts have been ordered and delivery is awaited.</p> <p>New Leisure manager started recently at TDC. This is in line with the Leisure Company, Active Torrridge, that has been formed to manage the Leisure facilities when TDC assume responsibility for the pools when 1610's contract expires at the end of March.</p> <p>Covid has had, thankfully, a small impact on staff. The waste and recycling teams worked extremely hard over the Christmas period despite some sickness issues. This contrasts well to what has happened to other Councils waste and recycling teams up and down the country.</p>
<p><b>422</b></p>	<p><b>PARISH MATTERS</b></p>
<p>422.1</p>	<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"> <li>• The Parish Council signed copy of the lease has been delivered to Peter Peter and Wright.</li> <li>• The Parish Hall copy of the lease has now been signed.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The safety inspection of Beech Road, Langtree Play Area and MUGA is scheduled for March. The cost is likely to be £98.00 per area. The Parish Council will pay the invoice for the MUGA and look to recover from the MUGA committee.</li> </ul>						
<b>423</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>						
423.1	<p>To consider any planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No planning applications have been received.</li> </ul>						
<b>424</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</b>						
424.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end December 2021</p> <p>The situation at the end of December was:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 824 1385 1039"> <tr> <td>Lloyds account</td> <td>£2376.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td> <td>£4000.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£6377.14</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payment was made to Peter Peter &amp; Wright £534.40, there were no receipts.</li> <li>We are in the process of reclaiming VAT for the year 2021. The anticipated amount is £520.88 to be reclaimed.</li> </ul>	Lloyds account	£2376.73	Reserve account	£4000.41	Total	£6377.14
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424.2	<p>To agree Parish Council budget for FY 2022/2023 and Precept request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The budget for the next financial year was presented, reviewed and agreed.</li> <li>The parish precept requirements were discussed and it was agreed by all that the new precept for FY2022/23 should be £9,200.</li> </ul>						
424.3	<p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are none requested.</li> </ul>						
424.4	<p>To review correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence has been previously circulated.</li> </ul>						
<b>425</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>						

<p><b>426</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The materials for roofing the area between the changing room and container have been received and paid for by the Parish Council. Although this area is becoming the responsibility of the Parish Hall it was agreed that the Parish Council will fund the installation of the roof (approx. cost £600).</li> <li>• It was reported that the track / bridal path known as Primrose Lane (opposite Little Comfort Farm) is partially blocked by a falling tree. DCC to be contacted about removal.</li> <li>• The MUGA Lighting is due to be adjusted when the weather becomes a bit drier.</li> <li>• The meeting closed at 8.40pm.</li> </ul>
<p><b>427</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.</p>