

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

10th FEBRUARY 2022

Present	Councillors: Geoff Bond Jenny Coles John Davies Colin Edworthy Mark Glover (Chairman) David Ley Pat Mitchell David Hurley (TDC) Andrew Saywell (DCC)
In attendance	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 4 members of the public
428	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Apologies received from Peter Haselhurst, and Melissa Baker (PCSO)
429	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
429.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">The fallen tree in Primrose Lane has been dealt with.
429.2	Amended minutes of meeting held on 9 th December 2021 to be signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Amendments were read out and document was signed. Minutes of meeting held on 13 th January 2022 to be signed <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes approved, proposer David Ley, seconded by John Davies.
430	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">None were declared.
431	REPORTS
431.1	Police Community Support Officer An emailed report has been received reported Crimes – 0, Logs – 1 domestic incident.
431.2	County Councillor

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The A386 is partially re-opened after the recent rock fall and work continues. • Devolution: Devon is shortlisted with 9 other Counties, but details TBC. • The DCC Corporate Plan has been published. • BUDGETS: £629m revenue budget, 10.5% increase (£29.6m) for Adults, 10.8% (£17m) for Childrens. Small 0.7% for Highways, though more money has been found for drainage maintenance. Very TIGHT, pressure on Adults and Childrens, we have to look at changing the way we provide these services otherwise long term it will not be sustainable. • Covid – infections have been rising again, mostly primary school children and younger working age groups. Infection rates for 60+ much lower. Current figures is 209 (3 in HDU) in hospital but this is a downward trend. North Devon has 11 in hospital with no one in HDU. • There has been investigations into introducing more 20 mph scheme around schools and the A3227 outside Langtree Primary School is one that is being considered.
431.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <p><u>Devon Rail forum</u></p> <p>I attended via Zoom the Devon rail Forum and was interested to hear that passenger numbers travelling on the recently opened Okehampton to Exeter line had exceeded expectations. The recently introduced bus link from Tavistock to Okehampton to coincide with train times has also assisted with passenger numbers. Students travelling to and from Exeter and Saturday shoppers are at present helping to show that the reopening of the line was the correct decision. There is shortly to be an interruption to services when a bridge is replaced, further trackwork and bank stabilising repairs are carried out. Services will then resume and the 1 hour service will hopefully commence.</p> <p><u>Informative training for PC'S</u></p> <p>I recently had a conversation with a PC Chairman with regard to PC's comments about planning applications. The conversation centred about what was appropriate and what wasn't. I agreed to talk with the Planning Manager and ask if some training could be given to PC's. Recently TDC Councillors were invited to attend a virtual session when Enforcement Training was imparted. This training Torrridge are looking to deliver virtually via Zoom to Parish Clerks and Chairs of Parish Councils throughout Torrridge and I ask you to look out for their e-mail giving more details that will be sent soon? The Planning Officer agreed that it is a good idea to give training regarding planning comments and this</p>

	<p>training would follow similar lines as to what is stated above.</p> <p><u>Finally</u></p> <p>Bridge Buildings in Bideford has now been sold, waste and recycling is still coping despite rise in absence due to positive Omicron sickness and as ever at this time of year the Budget discussions for 2022/23 are now taking place. Cold callers are targeting residents in Torrridge with offers of free insulation and claim to be working in partnership with TDC. However, Torrridge operate a strict 'no cold calling' rule with their partners so if residents have been approached in this way they are advised to be wary and contact Torrridge District Council to report the call.</p>
432	PARISH MATTERS
432.1	<p>Any matters concerning the football field / MUGA that may impact the Parish Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None were reported. However after the meeting we were advised that the roofing between the container and changing room has been completed and will be invoiced in due course. • The council were advised that the Parish Hall committee has successfully applied for grants to install a path between the MUGA and the school fencing to link the back entrance of the school to the field.
432.2	<p>To discuss fire arrangements for Queen's Jubilee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotations have been received to construct a suitable brazier, however as quotes were between £1100 and £2100 this was far more than the council expected especially for an item that was likely to be used once. It was therefore decided that the use of a brazier as a beacon was not the right way to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and it was therefore proposed that a bonfire preferably mounted on a mound of earth was more appropriate. • It was suggested that a bench should be purchased as a more permanent and practicable item to the celebrate the event and this should be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.
433	PLANNING
433.1	<p>To consider any planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <p>1/1434/2021/FUL Change of use of existing garage to additional bedroom and addition of boiler house to rear of garage Stowford Meadow Langtree Torrington Devon EX38</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council had no objections.

434	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE						
434.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end January 2022.</p> <p>The situation at the end of January was:</p> <table border="1"> <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> <p>There were no payments or receipts during the month.</p>	Lloyds account	£2376.73	Reserve account	£4000.41	Total	£6377.14
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434.2	<p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no payments due. 						
434.3	<p>To review correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was considerable discussion around correspondence with DCC and the PCSO and the Community Facebook regarding vehicles speeding through Langtree and Stibb Cross. • There was an open debate with members of the community who were attending actively involved in discussions. The main points raised were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ it was agreed that vehicles were travelling too fast or were felt to be travelling too fast possibly due to their size, through the village; ○ Andrew Saywell advised that DCC were considering a 20 mph speed limit to be introduced adjacent to the primary school; ○ a Speedwatch team is to be set up and initially the Parish Clerk will liaise with the PCSO; ○ ideas around signage entering Langtree was discussed; ○ and speeding through Stibb Cross must not be forgotten. 						
435	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items had been covered above. 						
436	ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoff Bond advised that a number of rubber tyres and wheels had been dumped in Browns Lane – he was advised to contact TDC as this was considered flytipping. 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Coles asked if the £2000 from the sale of land behind 15A Fore Street was still available to Langtree Park. It still is and money is held partly in reserves and partly in available cash. • Mark Glover advised that he had been contacted by a parishioner regarding some building work in Stibb Cross, he will advise the parishioner to contact TDC planning. • The meeting closed at 8.45pm.
<p>437</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm.</p>