

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

12th May 2022

Present	Councillors: Geoff Bond Jenny Coles John Davies Mark Glover (Chairman) David Ley Pat Mitchell Andrew Saywell (DCC)
In attendance	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 7 members of the public
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL	
	Welcome and Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">Apologies received from Colin Edworthy, Peter Haselhurst, David Hurley, Andrew Saywell will be running late.
	Election of Chairman and Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mark Glover put himself up for re-election as Chairman – elected unopposed.Peter Haselhurst put himself up for re-election as Vice Chairman – elected unopposed.
	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none">It was agreed to cover AOB within the content of the meeting.
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	
458	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
458.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">A dog poo bin for the top end of Church Lane has been requested from TDCThe amount of section 106 monies attached to the building work at the Green Dragon are £11,916.33 and are directed at the sports and play activities in the village. TDC have been asked at what point will the monies been paid.

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458.2	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 14th April 2021 to be confirmed and signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes proposed by David Ley and seconded by Pat Mitchell. Approved.
459	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 462.2 (planning at East Browns) has been applied for by Councillor Geoff Bond
460	REPORTS
460.1	<p>Police Community Support Officer</p> <p>A report was received after the meeting – there were no crimes recorded and incidents in the area remain at a low level.</p>
460.2	<p>County Councillor</p> <p>Andrew Saywell gave an update of events and activities at Devon County Council.</p>
460.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <p>David Hurley could not attend the meeting but issued the report below.</p> <p><u>Planning Training</u></p> <p>I have mentioned previously that Parish Council planning training via Zoom had been agreed with the Planning Manager Shaun Harrington. Shaun is leaving Torridge shortly and has passed my request for PC training to another planning officer. I will be meeting with her shortly to finalise plans for a Zoom training session.</p> <p><u>Grant Settlement</u></p> <p>This year's Grant Settlement from the Government to Torridge was 1.1% This sits well below the 4.3% average for all Shire districts. TDC's Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer, together with our MP, met with the Government Minister of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities with a responsibility that covers Local Government Finance. The meeting was requested by Torridge District Councillors who are concerned that a settlement of just 1.1%, with inflation around 7% and rising, could see the Council drifting into deficit and needing to draw on reserves over the next two years. Torridge is one of the most deprived areas in the UK ranking 67th out of 267 authorities. The average increase for similarly deprived areas was 7%. With the present level of inflation the 1.1% increase represents a significant decrease in spending power in real terms.</p> <p>Torridge's delegation also took the opportunity to raise wider concerns affecting this area around second home ownership, holiday lets avoiding</p>

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	<p>business rates and the housing crisis affecting this area. Answers are expected shortly.</p> <p><u>Energy Rebate Payments</u></p> <p>TDC to commence first automated £150 Energy Rebate Payments for Bands A-D from Monday 16th May to customers who pay their C/T by DD. Forms will be available on the TDC website on the same day for those customers who pay by cash.</p> <p><u>Temporary Accommodation</u></p> <p>Further to my comments above regarding TDC finances, let me add that TDC's spend on temporary accommodation has increased dramatically over the last year. Because of the shortage of long term property, temporary accommodation is becoming more than temporary. Housing Benefit Subsidy can be claimed from the Government but to deter Councils turning temp into long term a much reduced subsidy compared to actual cost is given. As a result of the housing crisis and few properties being available the overall cost to Torridge to subsidise the Housing Benefit shortfall in 20/21 was £200K. The projected figure for 21/22 is nearer £500K.</p> <p><u>New Library in Bideford</u></p> <p>Work to transform the Bideford Arts Centre building into a community hub complete with a modern library is to commence in June. The existing adult education services will continue to be housed in the same building and the cost of redevelopment and modernisation of the building will be £1.7million.</p>
461	PARISH MATTERS
461.1	<p>Any matters concerning the football field / MUGA / Jubilee Celebrations that may impact the Parish Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Peter and Wright have been asked to check lease wording to confirm that it allows short term and partial rentals of the sports facilities. Once details are received these will be forwarded to the Parish Hall committee for comment. Sue Lee will set up a separate joint meeting between councillors and the parish hall committee to discuss. • Advertising of events in Langtree is underway with posters and Facebook messages. • Pat Mitchell has been offered a skipful of wood for the Jubilee bonfire. • It was agreed to buy a bench / seat to commemorate the Jubilee.
462	PLANNING

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462.1	<p>Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwellinghouse and associated building operations under Class Q Barn At Grid Reference 246713 114154 Langtree Devon Ref. No: 1/0429/2022/AGMB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council has no objections. However Councillors were not aware that this is attached to a childrens' care home. The planning department should be asked to confirm that processes have been followed to convert the use of the premises to this new usage. 						
462.2	<p>Erection of new barn for housing of calves. East Browns Langtree Torrington Devon EX38 8NN Ref. No: 1/0392/2022/FUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council has no objections. 						
462.3	<p>To consider any planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other planning applications have been received. 						
463	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE						
463.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end April 2022. The position at the end of April was:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lloyds account</td><td>£3887.86</td></tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td><td>£4000.51</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>£7888.37</td></tr> </table> <p>Payments during the month were MJ Baker £125.00, DALC £196.72, BHIB £584.15, TDC £1044.00. There were receipts of £4600.00 being the half yearly precept.</p> <p>The audit has been completed and documentation should be back to us in the next few days.</p>	Lloyds account	£3887.86	Reserve account	£4000.51	Total	£7888.37
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463.2	<p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques.</p> <p>There are no requests for payment.</p>						
463.3	<p>To review correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other correspondence has been circulated to councillors. 						
464	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other comments were received. 						

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465	ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No other comments were received.• The meeting closed at 20.40
466	DATE OF NEXT MEETING <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm.</p>