

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

14th JULY 2022

Present	Councillors: Geoff Bond Jenny Coles John Davies Colin Edworthy Mark Glover (Chairman) Peter Haselhurst David Ley Pat Mitchell Franklin Tucker David Hurley (TDC) Andrew Saywell (DCC)
In attendance	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 3 members of the public
476	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Melissa Baker (PCSO)
477	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
477.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">The dog poo bin for Church Lane originally ordered on 2nd May has been chased up several times. David Hurley was asked if he could follow up.
477.2	Minutes of meeting held on 9 th June 2022 to be confirmed and signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were proposed by Peter Haselhurst and seconded by Pat Mitchell. Agreed.
478	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">None were declared.
479	REPORTS
479.1	Police Community Support Officer Details of the submitted PCSO report were read out.

479.2	<p>County Councillor</p> <p>Councillor Saywell outlined to the Council the retirement of the Chief Executive at the end of August, with an interim Chief Exec coming in for six months and a new permanent Chief Executive appointed in the New Year to start in March/April.</p> <p>The current financial pressures on the Council are considerable with DCC looking to draw down from reserves to make up the shortfall.</p> <p>The 20 mph proposal which although not successful this round, Langtree was ranked 17 out of 105 so will hopefully get looked at in future rounds.</p>
479.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <p><u>PC Planning Training</u></p> <p>I postponed, after consultation with the Planning Manager, the planning training session for Parish Councils that was due to take place at the end of June. This was due to the fact that I was made aware of several parish councillors who would not be able to attend and would like to. The training session is now proposed to take place at the end of October. I will advise Parish Clerks in due course of the date of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Beech House Shebbear</u></p> <p>Quite a bit happening in the background which is quite convoluted to insert in this report. Suffice to say this is ongoing and the Officer at Torridge and I am still pushing for answers.</p> <p><u>TDC and Housing Crisis</u></p> <p>Torridge District Council has received £173,574 funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to provide three modular homes. The modular homes are fully furnished and can be used to house an individual or small family in a temporary capacity whilst longer term accommodation is arranged. Members at Full Council recently approved two sites, Windmill Lane in Northam and Springfield Car Park in Bideford to advance such accommodation, Officers will now seek the necessary consents to implement these plans as quickly as possible.</p>
480	PARISH MATTERS
480.1	<p>To discuss any outcomes from meeting with Parish Hall committee on 6th July 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Glover opened the discussion by describing the outcome of the meeting with the Parish Hall committee. The Parish Hall committee was now looking to purchase the recreation field rather than have a long term lease as previously advised.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was considerable discussion around the table which came to the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Both the Parish Council and the Parish Hall were looking for the same outcomes for use of the recreation field. ○ There was some logic for the recreation field to be under the same umbrella as the Parish Hall. ○ Any sale of the land would be to the Trust which had holding responsibility for the Parish Hall and its land. ○ The wording around the Trust need to be updated if they were to purchase the land. ○ Any recreation field purchase would include all items on the field including MUGA, Changing Room, Container, DAA landing light. • The following proposal was put to the Parish Council • The Parish Council agrees to sell the Recreation Field (football field and dog walking area) to the Trust that has responsibility for the Parish Hall in principle, subject to the wording of the Trust taking into account the additional land. • Sale activity will not start until the Parish Council has had sight of the updated Trust documentation.
480.2	<p>Any other matters concerning the football field / MUGA that may impact the Parish Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed clearance around the MUGA has been nearly completed. • An insurance claim has been put in to claim compensation for damage to rotors (£764) to the grass mower.
481	PLANNING
481.1	<p>Discharge to watercourse from attenuation basin relating to application 1/1124/2021/REM Planning Application Land At Fore Street Langtree Devon Ref. No: 1/0552/2022/FUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council does not have the technical expertise to comment on this application so have relied on Environment Agency report (rejects application).
481.2	<p>Conversion of stable (equestrian) to single dwelling (C3) Planning Application Foxglove Barn Langtree Devon Ref. No: 1/0550/2022/FUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No objections.
481.3	<p>Proposed agricultural shed to cover existing silage pit Planning Application Lower Collacott Farm Langtree Torrington Devon EX38 8NE Ref. No: 1/0524/2022/FUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No objections.

481.4	<p>Erection of a purpose agricultural hay/straw storage shed (Amended Plans and Red Edge) Planning Application Land At Grid Reference 247667 115085 Langtree Devon Ref. No: 1/1324/2021/FUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On reviewing the agricultural report the council have decided to object to this application. 						
481.5	<p>To consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other applications have been received. 						
482	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE						
482.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end June 2022.</p> <p>The position at the end of June was:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="435 824 1385 1039"> <tr> <td>Lloyds account</td> <td>£3007</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td> <td>£4001</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£7008</td> </tr> </table> <p>Figures are approximate</p>	Lloyds account	£3007	Reserve account	£4001	Total	£7008
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482.2	<p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques</p> <p>Andrew Symons - £429.29 (possibly covered by insurance)</p> <p>Tim Sanders audit accountant £95</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments approved. 						
482.3	<p>To review correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Michelle Harding the new Torrington 100 representative was read out. It was agreed to send her a welcome email. An email from a parishioner regarding heavy vehicles using Dragon Hill was read out. Andrew Saywell agreed to take the issue to Highways for signs or other means which would divert vehicles away. 						
483	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comments were raised. 						
484	<p>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Haselhurst raised the issue of the lack of water pressure in Stibb Cross. It was thought that this issue has existed for some years and is due to lack of capacity in the pipes. It is probably a 						

	result of lack of investment in infrastructure and increased building demand in the village. Unfortunately it was felt that the Parish Council had no powers to change the situation.
485	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date of next meeting is to be confirmed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to holidays there is no meeting planned for August. The next meeting will be held in September, date to be confirmed.