

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

12th OCTOBER 2022

Present	Councillors: Geoff Bond John Davies Mark Glover (Chairman) Peter Haselhurst Pat Mitchell Franklin Tucker David Hurley (TDC)
In attendance	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 0 members of the public
486	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from Melissa Baker, Colin Edworthy, David Ley and Andrew Saywell.
487	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
487.1	Matters Arising There were no matters arising
487.2	Minutes of meeting held on 14 th July 2022 to be confirmed and signed Minutes were proposed by Peter Haselhurst and seconded by John Davies.
488	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were no declaration of interests.
489	REPORTS
489.1	Police Community Support Officer The report from the PCSO was read out to the meeting.
489.2	County Councillor Report received subsequent to meeting. Changes to bus services in Torrington Rural – You may have seen that Stagecoach gave notice to cease operating a number of the subsidised bus services in Devon, including the 5B bus which runs through

Winkleigh and Torrington onto Barnstaple. From looking at the changes, it would appear Langtree's and Stibb Cross's current Stagecoach services are unaffected, but if there are any queries over local services in the Parish please don't hesitate to contact me.

Unfortunately Stagecoach announced they were stopping some of their subsidised services before the results of the tender had been announced and this did cause a lot of concern within the community and in Devon, however I did put out a lot of posts on Facebook to reassure people that the County Council was actively looking to get the service replaced and I'm pleased to confirm this has happened.

DCC successfully retendered for the services and the current Stagecoach 5B service in Torrington Rural will be replaced by a new service operating under a very similar timetable and capacity. The new route number will be **315** and will be operated by **Plymouth City Bus**, who will be operating a new branded service (exact name TBC), starting at the end of October.

More information on the changes to other bus services in Devon can be found online here as well - [Changes to Bus Services in Devon from 30th October 2022 - Travel Devon](#)

The new timings and frequency of the new services will be very similar to the existing services, so I hope this will reassure everyone who currently uses a Stagecoach route that is due to change at the end of the month.

Main updates across DCC

- Jan Shadbolt, former County Solicitor is now the interim Chief Executive of DCC following the retirement of Dr Phil Norrey. Jan will be in place until the end of February to oversee the stabilisation of this year's budget and setting a budget for the next financial year.
- Recruitment of a permanent Chief Executive has now started with advertisements agreed and longlisting due to take place at the end of October, shortlisting early November and a final appointment towards the end of November, with a start date in March/April.
- **Budget situation** – good progress has been made so far on stabilising the budget. The current overspend has been reduced from £40 million to £15 million. More work to be done but at the latest Budget Monitoring meeting this month it was reported for the first time that Children's Services had started to reduce their overspend and had achieved a £3.5 million saving on Children in Care placements. This and further savings coming through will reduce the £15m down further...

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next challenge is to set the budget for the next financial year and work on this is now underway. • The Councils Digital Transformation and Organisational Change Team are going to be embedded alongside Children’s Services and Adult’s Services to look at how we can deliver their services more efficiently and effectively by eliminating unnecessary processes, bureaucracy etc.
489.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <p><u>Torrige Finances</u></p> <p>TDC like many other Councils up and down the Country are under tremendous financial pressure. There are numerous reasons for this including the 22/23 pay award, increased Utilities costs and construction price inflation. In addition providing temporary accommodation for the homeless is proving to be very costly. Various suggestions which were supported by Councillors at a recent Full Council meeting and were proposed by a sub committee at Torrige including increasing and introducing parking charges in some car parks, increasing green bin collection annual charge from £45 to £52 (was increasing to £50 next year), removing discretionary rate relief for village halls and additional C/T premiums for second homes. DCC are suffering similar pressures with regard to their budgets.</p> <p><u>Beech House Shebbear Update</u></p> <p>I was made aware some time ago that another Body had become involved in the data dumping investigation. As such, a couple of weeks ago I wrote to the Nurse and Midwifery Council to request an update on their investigation. I received a reply this week thanking me for my request and went on to declare the timeframes for them to give a more full response. I now await that response.</p> <p><u>PC Planning Training</u></p> <p>The Planning Manager is at present on leave so I am unable to confirm a date for the planning training. I will chase this up as I believe she returns next Monday.</p> <p><u>Nat Grid / Western Power</u></p> <p>I am attending two meetings with Nat Grid formerly known as Western Power and they will be discussing amongst other topics future investment as they are responsible for connecting new homes and businesses to the network to support huge volumes of Low Carbon Technologies such as solar, wind and, increasingly, electric vehicle charge points and heat pumps, that are helping to facilitate the transition to net zero.</p> <p><u>TDC Meetings in Town Hall</u></p> <p>For the past couple of years since the covid pandemic struck,</p>

	<p>Caddesdown has been the venue for TDC meetings. IT at the Town Hall in Bideford where meetings took place prior to the pandemic, has not been compatible with the latest standards hence meetings have continued at Caddesdown. I understand that quotes had been obtained to upgrade the system in the Town Hall and I note that several committee meetings are now taking place in the Town Hall so I presume that the upgrade has been completed.</p>
490	PARISH MATTERS
490.1	<p>Any matters concerning the football field / MUGA that may impact the Parish Council.</p> <p>The process for selling the field to the Trustees of the Parish Hall is now in the hands of the solicitors.</p>
490.2	<p>Application for new street name in Stibb Cross (see details attached)</p> <p>The name Chapel Close was deemed acceptable.</p>
490.3	<p>Application for new street name in Langtree (see details attached)</p> <p>It was suggested that the proposed name Meadow should be changed to May's Meadow as the land had been previously owned by the May family and this will maintain continuity in the village.</p>
490.4	<p>Other matters impacting the parish.</p> <p>None were reported.</p>
491	PLANNING
491.1	<p>Proposed roof over existing 1st cut silage clamp. Planning Application Homelea Farm Langtree Torrington EX38 8NB Ref. No: 1/0970/2022/FUL</p> <p>This was approved</p>
491.2	<p>Proposed roof over existing 2nd cut silage clamp. Planning Application Homelea Farm Langtree Torrington EX38 8NB Ref. No: 1/0971/2022/FUL</p> <p>This was approved</p>
491.3	<p>Suddon Farm</p> <p>There were no objections</p>
491.4	<p>To consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p>

	No other applications had been received.						
492	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE						
492.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end September 2022. The position at the end of September was:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lloyds account</td> <td>£7,628</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td> <td>£4,001</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£11,629</td> </tr> </table> <p>The TDC Precept of £4600 was received during the month, payment was made to A Symons of £48.22 For information we received during October £972 being VAT repayment. We have spent £3547 so far this year. An estimate for the rest of year is: Salary £1050, mowing £1100, solicitors £500, others £500 = £3150. It was agreed that we will look at Section 137 payments next February It was agreed to purchase a wreath to be placed on the Halifax memorial on remembrance day- £50 It was agreed that the council will contribute £1500 towards the repairs of the church clock. This is equivalent to the estimated cost of carrying out works on the hands and mechanism which on subsequent investigation has revealed that this is the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Clerk reported on his attendance of the DALC AGM.</p>	Lloyds account	£7,628	Reserve account	£4,001	Total	£11,629
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492.2	To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques No payments were requested.						
492.3	To review correspondence received						
493	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.						
494	ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION Pat Mitchell has offered a greenhouse to the Community Garden / Allotments area. It is proposed to locate this on the right hand side in about 6 month, time Meeting ends at 20.40						

495	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date of next meeting is Thursday 10 th November 2022
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6th October 2022

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