

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

12th JANUARY 2023

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| Present | Councillors: Geoff Bond Jenny Coles John Davies Mark Glover (Chairman) Peter Haselhurst David Ley Pat Mitchell David Hurley (TDC) Andrew Saywell (DCC) |
| In attendance | Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 0 members of the public |
| 516 | WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Colin Edworthy and Melissa Baker |
| 517 | MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING |
| 517.1 | Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These are covered below. |
| 517.2 | Minutes of meeting held on 8 th December 2022 to be confirmed and signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes were agreed – proposed by Jenny Coles and seconded by David Ley. |
| 518 | DECLARATION OF INTERESTS |
| 519 | REPORTS |
| 519.1 | Police Community Support Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An emailed report from Melissa Baker was read out to the Council. |
| 519.2 | County Councillor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new Chief Executive for DCC has been working part time for the past month and will fully take over her role in February.• After a lot of work the council looks like it will balance this years budget. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2023/24 budget has been agreed and with increased spend to cover Childrens Services and Adult Social Care DCC are likely to be looking for the fully permitted uplift (4.99%) for this coming year. • The request for a 20mph speed limit through Langtree is still in place and will be added to this coming years bids for available monies (£150k total). • Following a debate on potholes in the area Andrew confirmed that he can only follow these up if he is notified of them in writing and particularly if it is felt that the work carried out is below standard. |
| 519.3 | <p>District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Devon and Torridge community resilience planning and flood warden training workshop <p>Devon Communities Together are contacting all the priority places at risk of flooding or without a community plan in North Devon and Torridge to ensure that they are aware of the training, support and grants that are available including for emergency planning and flooding.</p> <p>The workshop takes place on Tuesday 28th March, 5.00-8.00pm at Weare Giffard Village Hall, There will also be flood warden training, led by The Environment Agency, for new wardens or those wishing to update their knowledge.</p> <p>Register at: North Devon Community Emergency Planning and Flood Warden Training Tickets, Tue 28 Mar 2023 at 17:00 Eventbrite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beech House. <p>Saga continues. I attended a pre arranged appointment with the PCC Alison Hernandez in Exeter just before Christmas to bring her up to date with the situation. Unfortunately this is not a Police matter. In addition I have written once again to the Nurse and Midwifery Council asking for an update regarding their investigation. I'm told I have to wait a further two months for any information in that direction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Chief Constable <p>Will Kerr joins Devon & Cornwall Police from Police Scotland. Prior to that role he served for 27 years in the Police Service of Northern Ireland. His way of policing is by all accounts totally different from his predecessor, Shaun Sawyer, and much is expected of him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Planning Enforcement Officer <p>A new Enforcement Officer joined Torridge in December. Her</p> |

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| | <p>name is Helen Mason and she replaces Nicola McGill who has changed roles within TDC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed areas for building new homes <p>In December it was announced that Torridge were looking at proposals to build new homes on land that the council owns. I have stressed at various meetings that I have attended that these plans were only proposals. I have now been informed that due to this years Local Councillor Elections in May (and pre election period) “the Business Case and Options report will not be presented to Full Council until at the earliest summer 2023. The timing will also ultimately depend on the outcome of the election.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo ID required to vote in May Elections. <p>For the first time, residents in Torridge and North Devon districts, and across the UK, will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's local elections, which take place on 4th May. The forms of ID include a UK passport or drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.</p> <p>Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for a free ID online or by completing a paper form when the application process opens in a few weeks' time.</p> |
| 520 | PARISH MATTERS |
| 520.1 | <p>Any matters concerning the football field / MUGA that may impact the Parish Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of Land. Our solicitor has responded to requests for further information on 9th December and the matter is currently with Parish Hall solicitors. |
| 520.2 | <p>Other matters impacting the parish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No others were raised at this time. |
| 521 | PLANNING |
| 521.1 | <p>Any updates on potential planning application for land at The Crescent, Langtree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was covered in David Hurley’s report above. |
| 521.2 | <p>To consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other planning applications have been advised. | | | | | | |
| 522 | CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE | | | | | | |
| 522.1 | <p>To receive update on financial position at end December 2022.</p> <p>The position at the end of December was:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lloyds account</td> <td>£2,071</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td> <td>£6,503</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£8,574</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We paid MJ Baker £1,310 for grass cutting. No income was received during the month | Lloyds account | £2,071 | Reserve account | £6,503 | Total | £8,574 |
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| Total | £8,574 | | | | | | |
| 522.2 | <p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no requests for payments this month. | | | | | | |
| 522.3 | <p>To agree 2023 /24 Parish Precept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council were taken through the budget and finances for the current financial year and the proposed budget for the financial year 2023/24. The major expenditure item for next year are repairs to the church clock face which have been costed at £5.7k including VAT. This year's precept is £9200 and it was agreed unanimously to uplift this to £9750 (4.9%) which will make a contribution to the cost of the clock. It was agreed that Section 137 grants will be discussed at the next PC meeting. | | | | | | |
| 522.4 | <p>To review correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No correspondence that has not been previously circulated has been received. | | | | | | |
| 523 | PUBLIC PARTICIPATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. | | | | | | |
| 524 | ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Haselhurst advised the PC that he is intending to resign as a councillor and will not be looking for re-election in May as he is planning to move out of the area. It was agreed that the PC will start canvassing for new councillors initially through Facebook. | | | | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting closed at 20.45. |
| 525 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date of next meeting is Thursday 10 th February 2023. |