

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

8th JUNE 2023

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| Present | Councillors: Jenny Coles John Davies Mark Glover (Chairman) David Ley Pat Mitchell Anna Moseby Penny Stowell Cheryl Cottle–Hunkin (TDC) Melissa Baker (PCSO) |
| In attendance | Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 1 member of the public |
| 566 | WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Apologies were received from: Geoff Bond Andrew Saywell (DCC), and Chris Wheatley (TDC). |
| 567 | MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING |
| 567.1 | Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Phone calls have been held with Cumbria Clock Company regarding a date for work to commence on finishing the church war memorial clock. All parts are ready, they are just waiting to finalise a date with the abseiling team.Stibb Cross defibrillator was used during the last month. |
| 567.2 | Minutes of meeting held on 11 th May 2023 to be confirmed and signed <ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes were approved and signed off |
| 568 | DECLARATION OF INTERESTS |
| 569 | REPORTS |
| 569.1 | Police Community Support Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Melissa Baker gave us an update on matters in the parish. Generally Langtree and Torrington are quiet areas although there are issues within Torrington town.The Parish Clerk had received several complaints about the speed of contractors farm vehicles passing through the village, |

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| | cyclists, walkers and horse riders. Details were passed onto the PCSO who would advise the contractors (Hutchings). There has been a noticeable improvement in the past few weeks. |
| 569.2 | County Councillor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no report this month from Andrew Saywell, DCC. |
| 569.3 | District Councillor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors are continuing to settle into their new roles with Chris Wheatley being on the planning committee. • TDC is under no overall control. |
| 570 | PARISH MATTERS |
| 570.1 | Update on Langtree Park. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James French was asked to give an update on the Langtree Park position. There is no committee at the moment but is looking to resurrect committee with perhaps 4 to 5 people wanting to be involved. • There was discussion whether Langtree Park should be independent or as a sub committee of the Parish Council with a member of the PC being a member of the LP committee. • The accounts and back up papers of the previous LPC group (disbanded in 2017) were handed to the Parish Clerk. • It was discussed whether a new bank account should be set up as it was believed that up to £1k was held in the old LPC bank account. The Parish Clerk to investigate. Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin suggested that she would talk to Adrian Avery responsible for community groups at TDC. |
| 570.2 | Repairs to the B3227 Watergate to Stibb Cross. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has started on Phase 1, Watergate to the Green Dragon. It is noted that the original schedule from 5th June has been extended to 12 days from the previous 9. |
| 570.3 | Other matters impacting the parish. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a red car parked in Church Lane which has been there for many months. Penny Stowell agreed to investigate if the vehicle is taxed. • The Langtree PTA have received a quote for £666 for a new notice board. It was agreed that the Parish Council will make a donation. It was agreed to hold over to the next meeting when Andrew Saywell would be asked whether DCC will match fund the Parish Council donation. |

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| 571 | PLANNING | | | | | | |
| 571.1 | Any updates on potential planning application for land at The Crescent, Langtree. (Holding item only, no discussion anticipated). | | | | | | |
| 571.2 | <p>1/0396/2023/FUL, Erection of 1 no. dwelling to replace barn, Wood View Stibb Cross, Devon EX38 8LR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously this was planning application 1/0331 (approved). • The Parish Council did not support this application as it is not in keeping with the original plans and barns, and local needs are not satisfied. | | | | | | |
| 571.3 | <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. | | | | | | |
| 572 | CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE | | | | | | |
| 572.1 | <p>To receive update on financial position at end May 2023.</p> <p>The position at the end of May was:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lloyds account</td> <td>£3,826</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td> <td>£6,520</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£10,346</td> </tr> </table> | Lloyds account | £3,826 | Reserve account | £6,520 | Total | £10,346 |
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| 572.2 | <p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last month £1044 to TDC for Parish Clerk wages was missed from the list for approval. There are no payments for this month. | | | | | | |
| 572.3 | <p>To sign off AGAR (audit and accounts) documentation for financial year 2022/2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AGAR for 2022/23 was agreed and approved by the Council. Documentation was duly signed off. | | | | | | |
| 572.3 | <p>To review correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No correspondence has been received. | | | | | | |
| 573 | PUBLIC PARTICIPATION | | | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments were received. | | | | | | |
| 574 | ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION | | | | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Coles requested a no dogs sign to be erected at the football pitch end to Langtree Park. Pat Mitchell will take up with Parish Hall committee. • It was commented that people are erecting tents at Watergate along the Tarka Trail. • It was requested that a dog poo bin should be placed at the top end of Church Lane with a further one by the footpath adjacent to Rectory. Parish Clerk to request. • The Parish Clerk gave an overview of a meeting he had attended with South West Water regarding their plans for the next five years. For local people the main points were: Average monthly water bills are forecast to rise from a current £40 to £49 per month by 2030 mainly paying for investments and taking into account future inflation. 8% of a water bill goes in dividends, 8 % in interest and 11% in tax therefore over 27% of a water bill does not go towards supplying water or sewerage services. • The meeting closed at 8.45pm |
| 575 | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date of next meeting is Thursday 13th July 2023.</p> |