

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

9th July 2026

Parish Council Meeting

Present	Councillors: John Davies (Chairman) Jenny Coles David Ley Pat Mitchell Penny Stowell (Vice Chairman) Mark Glover Chris Wheatley (TDC)
In attendance	Clerk – Linda Davies, 1 member of the public.
	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from. Colin Edworthy Geoff Bond James Fishleigh Cheryl Cottle Hunkin, (DDC)
917	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
918	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
918.1	Matters Arising • Church Bank had been cut. • Allotment letters had been issued.
918.2	Minutes of meeting held on 11 th June 2026 to be confirmed and signed. • These were agreed - proposed by David Ley and Seconded by Penny Stowell. – duly signed.
919	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS • None.
920	REPORTS

920.1	<u>Police Community Support Officer:</u> No report - Place holder
920.2	<u>County Councillor Report:</u> No Report Received.
920.3	<u>District Councillor Report:</u> Torrridge District Council - Councillors attended a Member Briefing Meeting with XLinks recently on 22nd June 2026 where we first became aware of XLinks proposed Torrington AI Data Centre/Campus and storage. In Torrington we received an update letter from XLinks regarding the AI Data Centre/Campus. XLinks have stated that the consultation has been extended however no new dates for the drop-in days yet. A petition has gained 23,000+ signatures already. The PIDS (Public Information days) has been put back to allow more time. It is envisaged that XLinks are to submit their Planning Applications in the New Year. There are many more questions to be answered along with details regarding the Data Centre and Storage. The potential sheer size and other many other factors are of concern. LICENSING COMMITTEE We are pleased to announce a License was approved for the historic Black Horse Inn in Torrington in the main square. The premises have been closed sometime and the applicants met TDC officers and the Police with a positive outcome. The pub must undergo some work before opening, and will support local suppliers, create employment and a safe venue along with working with the local community.
921	PARISH MATTERS
921.1	Update on Langtree Park: New climbing frame is complete.
921.2	Update on Beech Road Play Park: Our solicitor has been instructed to contact Crown Estates re the land at Beech Road Play Park.
921.3	Pothole Volunteer Registration: A handbook had been received and the Clerk explained what is involved in this registration: Council would ensure each monthly meeting includes time for parishioners to give details of potholes that are within the 30-mile zone of the parish, and do not qualify for DDC to fix. A spreadsheet would be compiled. Once there are several in one location the Road warden would contact the neighbourhood highways

	officer and carry out a risk assessment and ensure DCC's method statements are followed. Training would be provided for three people – one person would act as the administrator (Road Warden) and could then supervise two other volunteers. If three people trained, then we could have 9 volunteers in total. The training is Chapter eight traffic management – and includes instruction on temporary traffic management, safety signing, lighting and guarding on UK Highways. This course takes two days. The qualified road warden (expected to be a member of the council) can then organise minor works and supervise the works to be carried out. Third party insurance would be provided by DCC. Tools (Tamping bars, drain rods, shovels to name but a few) and PPE, plus materials would need to be obtained. Cold lay tarmac would be delivered on a pallet but has a limited shelf life therefore we would need to liaise with another Parish Council to get them to take some of the 20 kg bags and arrange transport ourselves. It is expected that the parish council fund all of this themselves and then claim it back as a grant from The Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund. Potholes are expected to be the first stage and additional works I.E. clearing gullies, clearing weeds, cleaning signs, cutting grass, repairing finger posts are all expected to be added. DCC would really prefer the Parish to employ a parish funded Lengthsman to carry out these tasks on a regular basis. This is a cost cutting measure by DCC. It is due to this funding issue that Langtree Parish Council have voted not to join this scheme at the moment.
921.4	Other Matters impacting the parish – Jenny raised the issue of cars parking on both sides of Church Lane. Hedge trimming is not being carried out this summer, but it was agreed this is Highways responsibility. Individual cases can be reported via the DCC website.
922	PLANNING
922.1	Any updates on potential planning application for land at The Crescent, Langtree – Holding item - None
922.2	Applications for discussion – • 1/0443/2026/PIP – Conversion of buildings. Mr Duncan attended the meeting and discussed the conversion at Stapleton Farm. Council were happy with his points and agreed to state that we had no objection on the planning portal. • 1/0304/2026/FULM – change of use amendment – planning re submitted with extra drainage plans added – Council had no objection to original and therefore do not object to the amendment.

922.3	• Applications received between issuing the agenda and the meeting. • None.						
923	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE						
923.1	To receive update on financial position at the end June 2026 The position at the end of June was: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lloyd's account</td><td>£8727.65</td></tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td><td>£ 4,093.33</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>£12,820.98</td></tr> </table> • In addition, there is £1,501.07 the Langtree Park account.	Lloyd's account	£8727.65	Reserve account	£ 4,093.33	Total	£12,820.98
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923.2	To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques. Payments to be approved: none Payments made: • A Hinchcliff - £57.00 • TK Play – £17,436.00 • Bank charge - £4.25						
923.4	To review correspondence received. • Notification that the external auditors have received the accounts. • Landing site survey date. • Torrington Pannier market has been taken over by North Devon Handmade Collective. • Piggotts Flags. • North Devon Records Office open day invite. • Patrick and David both received an anonymous letter concerning a caravan in the quarry, (owned by David Wood) which is being lived in. Mark agreed to contact Mr Wood.						
924	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. • Public participation – None						
925	ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION • Penny will contact the school to get the hedge cut along the path. • Mark commented that other councils are using the.GOV.UK email addresses. Clerk to investigate cost. • The meeting closed at 8-36 pm.						
926	Date of next meeting – Thursday 13th August 2026						

