

## Minutes of meeting

Langtree Parish Council

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Members present.** Cllr Glover [Acting chairman] & Cllrs Bond, Edworthy, French, Tucker & Mitchell

**Apologies** from Cllrs Attridge, Coles, Ley & Hurley [TDC]

**Minutes of last meeting** Read and agreed carried nem con.

**Clerk's statement** Mr Evans offered his sincere apologies for his outburst at the previous meeting. He explained that his reaction was to a perceived personal insult when in fact it wasn't. The apology was accepted.

### **Matters arising nil**

**TDC** No attendance this evening from TDC, but Cllr Bond stated that he had attended an open TDC meeting, on our behalf, at our parish hall the previous evening. He raised with TDC the issue of the development adjacent to the hall. He informed that meeting that the development is a shambles, and amongst other problems, the binding S.106 agreement seems to be being ignored. Cllr. Bond stated that the TDC attitude appeared to be that a 'binding timescale' had until March 2018 to run. All in all he reported that it had not been a very satisfactory hearing. importantly. Members thanked him for his actions, and were in agreement with all concerns expressed.

**DCC** No DCC input this month.

**Police** A written report from PCSO Baker was read out. There were no reported crimes in our parish the past month and only four logged incidents of a minor nature. One was a child playing with a telephone and making a 999 call, a hit and run traffic accident, a "road related offence" and a suspicious vehicle. Two "Speedwatch" sessions have been carried out at Stibb Cross, on 21<sup>st</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> August. PCSO Baker does not say at what time of day these checks were carried out, but stated that they were relatively successful and more sessions will be arranged.

**Planning** An application, 1/0907/2017/FUL, to construct a farm building at Homeleigh Farm was discussed. It was agreed unanimously to support this action.

**Finance** Building society balance is now £3060.99, down £2000 on last month. Current account is £2630.04. This includes a VAT rebate of £265.08. The Building Society £2000 was transferred to the current account, and then £6000 was transferred from the current account to the Parish Hall account. This was as a result of LPC previously agreeing to give £6000 towards the fitting out of the proposed changing rooms. It was to add to the already larger sum obtained by the PH Committee for the same purpose. The External audit has been returned confirming our financial status as correct. More urgently, a new accountant is needed owing to the retirement of our previous one, Mr Scott. More bank and building society signatories are required. Cllr French agreed to become a signatory and will liaise with the Clerk to bring this about.

**Items at Chairman's discretion** Cllr Mitchell stated that SWW intended to connect the Butts meadow water on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October.

Cllr French raised a point as to how our comments were passed to TDC in planning issues. The clerk stated that for some considerable time he had entered our comments on the appropriate TDC website, and had ticked the box for the commentators position as "Councillor". Fully agreeing and accepting he wasn't a councillor it was done to show the TDC that it was quite deliberately a parish council response, not just as another member of the public, which was the alternative. To avoid confusion in the future he would revert to the member of the public appellation but would clearly state in the box where the comments were explained that these were the comments of LPC. TDC will be approached to see if the system can be changed to accommodate "Clerk" or similar in the response template. He also raised a point that for one application recently an addendum had been made without consultation with the council members. This was explained as correction of an error in a previous communication that did not in any way alter the context of the council response to that particular application. Had it involved a material change then it would have been put to council before action. It was a change of wording from "a right of access" to "a permitted access".

The Parish Clerk then asked permission to address the meeting. He told the meeting that he was to retire from the post with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. He said that it had nothing to do with the August meeting, but retirement had been on his mind for quite some time now. Some Councillors had been aware of this and the Chairman had been told prior to this meeting. A combination of age and increasing ill health were the sole reasons for his retirement. A letter of intended retirement will be filed in the minutes book.

There being no further business the meeting it closed at 8.30 p.m. Next meeting will be 12<sup>th</sup> October, barring unforeseen problems.

To the Chairman and Councillors of Langtree Parish Council.

September 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

Councillors, I wish to retire from the post of Parish Clerk and to that effect I duly and reluctantly tell you all that I will retire from post with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017,

As some of you are aware I have been mulling over this decision for some months now, and I have finally made up my mind to go. Age and increasing health problems are also taking toll and that also played a part in my decision.

I have carried out the duties of this office for twelve years and it is now time to allow a fresh mind and impetus to continue on. I am immensely proud to have been the Clerk all this time, and will carry with me nothing but pleasant memories and good relationships with the variety of good people who have been Councillors for this Council the past twelve years.



Mike Evans

AGENDA for 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT GB JC CE MG JF DL PM FT

APOLOGIES TA

MINUTES OF LAAST MEETING

MATTERS ARISING

TDC

POLICE

PLANNING 1/0923/2017/OUT Single story home at Withacott Bungalow

FINANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION