

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING 10TH MAY 2018

Present:	Councillors: Terry Attridge Geoff Bond Jenny Coles James French Mark Glover David Ley Pat Mitchell Franklyn Tucker Dave Hurley (TDC) Andrew Saywell (DCC)
In attendance	Mr Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 4 members of the public
42	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting opened at 19.30. Councillor Attridge outgoing Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.• Apologies were received from Cllr Colin Edworthy and PCSO Melissa Baker.
43	ELECTION OF CHAIR AND RECEIVE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Attridge invited prospective candidates to the role of Chairman. Cllr Mark Glover agreed to take on the role, proposer Cllr Ley, seconded Cllr Bond and unanimously accepted.• Vice Chairman was agreed to be Cllr James French.• Cllr Glover thanked Cllr Attridge for his work as chairman and then chaired the remainder of the meeting.
44	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
44.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposal for placing a Dog Waste Bin at end of Latch Lane was put on hold – see correspondence below.
44.2	Review of Draft Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 th April 2018 (minutes will be agreed and signed at next Annual Parish Meeting)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting agreed that the minutes should be published on the Langtree.News web site
44.3	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 12th April 2018 to be agreed and signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted without change, Proposer Cllr Bond, seconded Cllr French
45	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None were declared
46	<p>REPORTS</p>
46.1	<p>Police Community Support Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCSO Melissa Baker sent apologies.
46.2	<p>County Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Saywell advised that there was little new to add to his report of last month although DCC are likely to have a new Deputy Leader soon
46.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a by election recently at East of the Water The TDC Waste & Recycling Roadshow will be at Langtree on 24th May Westward Ho! Beach is now closed to dogs for the summer The Local Plan should be adopted by the end of July Currently TDC does not have sufficient land banks for housing to meet its 5 year needs. However this will be linked with North Devon in the new Local Plan which will cover this requirement. In the interim it may be expected that developers will push for house construction in areas that are not currently identified as appropriate in order to circumvent the Local Plan being adopted. It was DCC not TDC that were looking to do work on the Green Dragon tree in May as reported on Facebook.
47	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p>
47.1	<p>To receive an update on situation regarding the tree outside Green Dragon</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was considerable discussion regarding the tree and email of 8th May from Bob Stevenson of DCC. • It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would write to DCC advising them that the Parish Council was content with the revised plans for trimming the tree, notify them of birds nesting, and that work should be carried out at the end of the year when the tree is dormant. • It was agreed that the potential to transfer the ownership of the tree to the Parish Council could be considered in future.
47.2	<p>To receive an update on progress of Langtree Meadows building works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work on laying out and seeding the new football pitch has been completed. Everyone was very impressed with the work that has been carried out on the pitch. • It appears that the developers are keen to finalise their Section 106 obligations. • The process for how local people could apply for the affordable housing was discussed. Cllr Hurley to check with TDC and advise LPC.
47.3	<p>To receive an update on progress of Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planning application for the lighting mast has gone in to TDC. • Quote received from MAT Electrics for £5558.59 +VAT for all electrical and installation works. • Total costs to complete the work are estimated at £5925.59 +VAT (total £7087.31) • Funding of work is DAA Grant of £2823.27, plus Community obtained funds of £802. • The balance required is £1933.32 and Clerk will investigate TAP Grant funding further when details are available. • Note VAT is recoverable
47.4	<p>To receive an update on progress regarding the Play Area in Beech Road, Stibb Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TK Play have been instructed to replace the fireman's pole and child's seat at a cost of £558 • It is reported that play equipment needs cleaning and treating – an email has been sent to a resident in Beech Road suggesting

	that perhaps the local residents would like to set up a work party to undertake this.
47.5	To consider annual rental fee for Butt Meadows allotments (currently £15.00 per annum). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to maintain allotment rentals at current levels: £15.00 per allotment per annum.
48	PLANNING
48.1	1/0352/2018/FUL Langtree Parish Hall Southlands Drive Langtree Devon EX38 8RH Erection of an emergency lighting column for Devon Air Ambulance night-time landing operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For clarity this application is sponsored by the Parish Council. There are no objections.
48.2	1/0415/2018/AGMB Red Barn Farm Stibb Cross Torrington Devon EX38 8LW Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural buildings to 3 No. dwellings under Class Q <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no objections. Because of the size of the proposed properties it was wondered whether these were holiday lets, this will be added to the response to the Planning Department.
48.3	1/0443/2018/CPE Land And Buildings At 1 Berry Cross Langtree Devon Lawful Development Certificate for the retention and use of a static caravan as a residential dwelling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council objects to this application. Acceptance of this application would set a precedent for installing caravans as a method of overcoming planning requirements to ensure suitable house building. The static caravan on this site is not suitable for the length and shape of the site and is not conducive to maintaining the look and feel of the surrounding environment and area.
48.4	1/0450/2018/OUT Land At Grid Reference 244680 115428 Fore Street Langtree Devon Outline application for the erection of 5 new dwellings with all matters reserved except access

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council had no objections to this proposal however in the response to the Planning Department it will be commented that this continues the ribbon development along Fore Street, and that these houses should be connected to the main sewer in the event that it is installed along Fore Street. 								
48.5	<p>Consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other applications have been received up to the time of the meeting. 								
49	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE								
49.1	<p>To receive and approve the Financial Year Accounts for 2017/18 and sign off Annual Return documentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Clerk ran through the papers that will be submitted to LPK Littlejohn, auditors, detailing the performance of the Parish Council and its financial standing. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Cllr Ley and Seconded by Cllr Tucker. Unanimous. Graham Carswell has agreed to forfeit his fee for carrying out an external audit of the accounts. The Council thanked him for his work and gesture. 								
49.2	<p>To receive update on financial position at end March 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank balances at end of April <table border="1" data-bbox="528 1355 1385 1657"> <tr> <td>Lloyds Bank balance at 30/4/18</td> <td>4416.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds Number 2 account</td> <td>1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nationwide balance at 30/4/18</td> <td>3062.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>7479.66</td> </tr> </table> Payments during month totalled £1625.83 Receipts were £3038.00 being 6 month Precept. It was noted that there are changes to how the PC pays the clerks salary – in future this will be by invoice rather than as a deduction from the precept. A No 2 account has been set up to manage DAA monies. 	Lloyds Bank balance at 30/4/18	4416.87	Lloyds Number 2 account	1.00	Nationwide balance at 30/4/18	3062.79	Total	7479.66
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49.3	<p>To request approval for BACS Payments and cheques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment approval requested for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Custom Construction Plans Changing Rooms £300.00 ○ BHIB Insurance Renewal £328.94 • These payments were approved.
49.4	<p>To review correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence has been received regarding the fencing off of land at the bottom of Latch Lane. This land is believed to be owned by the Highways Authority. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will write to DCC Highways Authority to notify them of the situation. • The TDC Waste & Recycling Roadshow will be at Langtree on 24th May
50	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A question was raised regarding the long term maintenance of the football pitch and surrounding area. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for detailed discussion at the next meeting.
51	<p>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Councillors thanked Cllr Attridge for his work as Parish Council chairman. • The meeting closed at 21.15
52	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING –</p> <p>NOTE: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 14th June 2018 at 7.30pm</p>