

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING 14th JUNE 2018

Present:	Councillors: Terry Attridge Geoff Bond Jenny Coles James French Mark Glover Chairman David Ley Pat Mitchell Franklyn Tucker Dave Hurley (TDC)
In attendance	Mr Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 2 members of the public
53	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apologies received from Andrew Saywell, Colin Edworthy and PCSO
54	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
54.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning Application for 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 Lawful Development Certificate for the retention and use of a static caravan as a residential dwelling has been withdrawn. Reviewing the correspondence it appears that the mobile home will be removed.• Allotments: 4 monies received. 1 allotment returned to PC and propose to let to Naomi Lethbridge of 6 The Crescent. 1 allotment awaiting a response.
54.2	Minutes of meeting held on 10 th May 2018 to be agreed and signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes agreed Proposed by Jenny Coles, Seconded by Franklyn Tucker
55	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was noted that several members of the Parish Council were also members of the Parish Hall Committee.
56	REPORTS
56.1	Police Community Support Officer

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
56.2	<p>County Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See written report attached to these minutes which were read out at the meeting.
56.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the TDC AGM, David Hurley was confirmed as Deputy Leader There have been a number of issues with the newly introduced changes to waste collection in the district Blue Flag status has been awarded to Westward Ho! Beach Efforts are on-going to find suitable new and alternative Travellers Sites A new economic development officer is now in place Proposed 2% increase in TDC Councillors allowances have been rejected, it was made clear that the widely reported 15% increase in allowances applied to DCC councillors only. The Langtree Meadows affordable housing contact at TDC is Rachel Webdell.
57	PARISH MATTERS
57.1	<p>To receive an update on situation regarding the tree outside Green Dragon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited trimming work has been completed by Devon County Council. It is thought that the next inspection of the tree will be carried out in two years time.
57.2	<p>To receive an update on progress of Langtree Meadows building works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is underway on completing the Affordable Housing The football pitch is looking good and the first cut will take place after the first dose of fertiliser has been given.
57.3	<p>To receive an update on progress of Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning application is under consideration. TAP funding (now Community Grants) available for Langtree is £1467, Frithelstock £646 – total £2113. This covers the balance required of £1933 (as reported last month). When confirmation of amounts is received the Parish Clerk will confirm further with Frithelstock PC that they wish to participate and complete the necessary application form.
57.4	<p>To receive an update on progress regarding the Play Area in Beech Road, Stibb Cross</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of Firemans Pole and Child swing seat and chains complete. Cost £600 + £120 VAT • General comment on area has been provided by TK Play as follows: “gates not closing with no rubber stops, equipment needs cleaning down and re-staining, the surfacing fails all compliance laws as the grass mats are sunken ,I don’t think the park has been maintained in 15 ish years” • TK Play to be contacted to provide quote to bring area up to standard. • It was thought that a request through the Facebook page for volunteers to help maintain the area may be a way forward.
57.5	<p>To discuss the fly-tipping events in Langtree Park play area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues with small scale fly tipping in the play area have been resolved. • Need to confirm location of dog fouling bin at the end of Latch Lane as previously requested.
57.6	<p>To discuss ways of managing the future on-going maintenance of the recreation field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The field needs to have fertiliser applied in the next few weeks. Parish Clerk to arrange. • A specification for on-going maintenance of the field needs to be determined so that tenders can be sought. Parish Clerk to investigate. • A decision on ownership of the future maintenance contract will be agreed in due course.
58	PLANNING
58.1	<p>1/0014/2018/NMAT Langtree Parish Hall Southlands Drive Langtree Devon EX38 8RH</p> <p>Non material amendment to planning permission 1/1050/2000 - replacement doors and replacement window with bi-fold door.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No objections
58.2	<p>Consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As at 11.00am on 14th June, no other applications received
59	CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCE
59.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end May 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank balances at end of May

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59.2	<p>To request approval for BACS Payments and cheques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of £720.00 to TK Play for Stibb Cross play area repairs Approved 								
59.3	<p>To review and approve Data Protection Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Data Protection Policy was approved and adopted by the Council 								
59.4	<p>To review correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter received from Langtree Park was read out. This referred to comments in the ROSPA report regarding standards of some of the equipment. Jim French will investigate and report back. 								
60	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments received. 								
61	<p>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues with vehicles having to be pulled out of ditches at Longclose between Forches Cross and Berry Cross were reported. Parish Clerk to notify DCC Highways • The Village Gate stone at the entrance to the village needs repair. Parish Clerk to notify DCC Highways • Notification that the Defibrillator at the Parish Hall needs replacing (owned by Parish Hall). At some point the equipment at Travis Perkins will also need replacing (owned by Parish Council). • Access to the playing field needs to be clarified • It was stated that 2 people were found wandering through farmyards in the areas, this will be reported to the Police. <p>Meeting closed at 20.45</p>								
62	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING –</p>								

NOTE: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 th July 2018 at 7.30pm

Cllr Andrew Saywell – Report to Langtree Parish Council, 14 June 2018

Dear councillors,

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend your meeting tonight. There are a number of issues I would like to update you on.

Tree outside Green Dragon

As you know the remedial works on the tree took place following the last Parish Council meeting. I believe the works were observed at the time by Cllrs French and Edworthy. There is little more that I can add at this stage and I am still waiting to hear back from officers as to whether the ownership of the tree can be transferred to the Parish Council.

North Devon Link Road

The County Council was successful in its £83 million funding bid to the Government to upgrade the North Devon Link Road between South Molton and Barnstaple. The funding will go towards a £93 million scheme which will widen the North Devon Link Road from South Molton to Barnstaple to provide more overtaking opportunities. Junction improvements and safety upgrades will also be carried out from South Molton to Bideford.

A planning application is now due to be submitted later this year, with a Full Business Case being submitted in 2020, which would potentially allow construction to start in late 2020.

Major Road Network

Earlier this year the Department of Transport consulted on the creation of a 'major road network'. Currently there is the strategic road network (motorways, dual carriageways etc.) and then local authority maintained roads.

The intention of creating a 'Major Road Network' would be to allow for dedicated funding from the National Roads Fund to be used to improve the middle tier of the UK's busiest and most economically important local authority 'A' roads.

The Government's initial consultation had the North Devon Link Road and the A39, along with the A380 in South Devon, classed as major roads.

Devon County Council has responded to this and requested that both the A386 from Plymouth to Bideford, and the A388 from Launceston to Landcross are included in the Major Road Network.

If accepted this will (hopefully!) boost connectivity and funding for two of Torridge's most important roads.

New Deputy Leader

As reported at the last Parish Council meeting, Cllr James McInnes who represents the Hatherleigh and Chagford Division, is the new Deputy Leader of the County Council. Cllr Rufus Gilbert is the new Cabinet Member for the Economy and Skills and has made a commitment to visit Torridge to gain a greater understanding of the issues and challenges we face in this area compared to other parts of Devon.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,
Andrew

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