

## LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors: Geoff Bond Jenny Coles James French Mark Glover Chairman Pat Mitchell Franklyn Tucker
<b>In attendance</b>	Mr Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 3 members of the public
<b>63</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The meeting opened at 7.30pm. Apologies were received from Cllrs Terry Attridge, Colin Edworthy, David Ley, Dave Hurley (TDC), Andrew Saywell (DCC).</li></ul>
<b>64</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b>
64.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Items are covered later in the agenda.</li></ul>
64.2	Minutes of meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 to be agreed and signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes agreed, proposed by Cllr Jenny Coles seconded by Cllr Franklin Tucker.</li></ul>
64.3	Minutes of extra-ordinary meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 to be agreed and signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes agreed, proposed by Cllr Jenny Coles seconded by Cllr James French.</li></ul>
<b>65</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cllr Franklin Tucker advised that he is directly related to the applicant applying for planning permission ref 1/0611/2018/OUTM.</li></ul>
<b>66</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>
66.1	Police Community Support Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No report.</li></ul>
66.2	County Councillor

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See report at end of document.</li> </ul>
66.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report.</li> </ul>
<b>67</b>	<b>PARISH MATTERS</b>
67.1	<p>To receive an update on progress of Langtree Meadows building works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk gave the meeting an update on correspondence between TDC and LPC following the extra-ordinary meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June (proposed changes to Section 106 agreement). It is anticipated that TDC will provide further details on how to apply for housing in the next few weeks.</li> <li>• Work on the lane along the side of the development is planned to take place shortly.</li> </ul>
67.2	<p>To receive an update on progress of Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning permission has been approved.</li> <li>• Communities Grants details have been provided. Frithelstock PC have confirmed that they are willing to jointly apply for grant, this will be approved at their next PC meeting after receipt of completed grant application form from Langtree PC.</li> <li>• Toby Rowlands of DAA has been contacted to give update on status – aim is to complete works before clocks go back.</li> </ul>
67.3	<p>To discuss ways of managing the future on-going maintenance of the recreation field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Ley has applied fertiliser and arranged weed control to the football field. He will forward invoice for work next month (approx. £200)</li> <li>• The meeting reviewed noted the contents of the report produced by the Clerk.</li> <li>• Cllr Mitchell advised that he was investigating the cost of purchasing a gang mower.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the Parish Council will be responsible for minimal maintenance of the football field until such time as responsibility can be transferred to the football club / team.</li> </ul>
<b>68</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>
68.1	<p><b>Reserved matters application to confirm access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to application 1/0873/2017/OUT</b> Land Adjacent To The Oaks Stibb Cross Devon</p>

	<p>Ref. No: 1/0641/2018/REM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no objections to this application.</li> </ul>
68.2	<p><b>Outline application for the erection of five dwellings and associated infrastructure, with all matters reserved except access</b>  Land At Stibb Cross Devon  Ref. No: 1/0611/2018/OUTM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Franklin Tucker left the meeting.</li> <li>• The plans and proposals were considered.</li> <li>• The Parish Council had no objections to the siting of the entranceway to the proposed development although did have a concern about pavement provision.</li> <li>• However the PC were concerned about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The number and types of houses proposed as these do not contribute to the vision of the area of having mixed housing. There was also a lack of affordable housing in the proposal.</li> <li>○ The recreation areas and proposed s106 agreement and the likelihood that this will result in costs to the PC if not fully funded by the developer.</li> <li>○ The cutting out of the Old Cattle Market from the proposal, the site should be considered as an integrated whole.</li> <li>○ The proposals regarding routing of sewerage.</li> <li>○ The general provision of utilities and services in the area and lack of infrastructure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• As a result of the above the PC objects to this planning application.</li> <li>• After the deliberations were completed Cllr Tucker rejoined the meeting.</li> </ul>
68.3	<p>Consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As at 11.00am no other planning applications have been notified, however there is a planning application in the pipeline for a 2 storey house at Lazy Acres, Stibb Cross.</li> </ul>
<b>69</b>	<b>CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE</b>
69.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end June 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank balances at end of June</li> </ul>

		Lloyds Bank balance at 30/6/18	£3042.93
		Lloyds Number 2 account	£1.00
		Nationwide balance at 30/6/18	£3062.79
		Total	£6106.72
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payments during month totalled £720.00</li> <li>• Receipts of £30.00 for allotments have not yet been banked.</li> </ul>	
69.2	To request approval for BACS Payments and cheques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No payments are due this month.</li> </ul>		
69.3	To review correspondence received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspondence / documents from TDC and DCC have been circulated.</li> <li>• Discussions were held regarding the fire escape at the back of 15A Fore Street. Cllr Mitchell agreed to talk with the owner.</li> </ul>		
<b>70</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comments from the public</li> </ul>		
<b>71</b>	<b>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further points were raised by Councillors.</li> </ul>		
<b>72</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING –</b> NOTE: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.30pm		

## **Cllr Andrew Saywell – Report to Langtree Parish Council, 12 July 2018**

Dear councillors,

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend your meeting tonight but I'm having to attend Buckland Filleigh Parish Council which is meeting at the same time to update them on the latest situation regarding the 'dip'.

There are three main issues I would like to update you on.

### **Conduct of County Councillors**

Following the news recently of a senior County Councillor being censured for sexual misconduct I would like to assure the Parish Council and members of the public that I and my

fellow County Councillors are doing, and will do, whatever is necessary to ensure that DCC is a safe environment for our staff to work in. It goes without saying that any form of sexual harassment is completely unacceptable.

### **A3124 Road Closure**

Although this does not directly affect Langtree, you may like to know that a major road closure is planned for the A3124 between Rosemoor Gardens and Beaford. Currently the proposed dates are from 10<sup>th</sup> September until the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

The main diversion route will be via the A386 for HGVs, with a secondary diversion route for light vehicles along the B3217 from Dolton Beacon to the B3227 at Athrington back to Torrington.

The reason for this closure is that there is a length of embankment along the road to the south of Rosemoor Gardens that is showing signs of deterioration and has caused cracking in the carriageway. The section where the road is cracking also has no support in the form of a retaining wall. This road closure is proposed so that the County Council can build a new retaining wall to strengthen the integrity of the carriageway.

I should add that this is not the section of road that was resurfaced earlier in the year! Nonetheless these works are essential otherwise we will end up having a serious risk of a complete structural failure of the carriageway.

In order to construct the retaining wall it has been decided that a road closure is required, to safeguard both the contractor and members of the public. However, as soon as it is practically possible, the council will re-open the road and replace the road closure with traffic lights.

During the closure the emergency services will be allowed access should the need arise. RHS Rosemoor will also be open throughout the closure – residents driving from Langtree and Torrington through to Rosemoor will not be blocked by the closure.

I held a meeting today with the DCC Engineers and the surrounding Town and Parish Councils to discuss the closure and should there be any updates I will let the Parish Council know ASAP.

### **DCC Economic Strategy**

One other update this month. DCC has begun work on producing a new Economic Development Strategy.

The Council has identified a number of key challenges and opportunities around Devon's productivity, wage levels, business growth and demographic challenges with an ageing population. This new strategy is intended to guide the County Council in how it can address those respective challenges and opportunities as well as tackling issues relating to social mobility and inclusion.

Officials at County Hall have assured me that the new Strategy will recognise the importance of our rural market towns in Devon, such as Torrington, and the need to ensure rural areas like Torridge get their fair share of support.

I also recently met the new Economy Officer at Torrington District Council – Chris Fuller – and am hopeful we can co-ordinate efforts between both the District and County Councils so that we do not have both organisations working in silos and not joining up their strategies.

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

Best wishes,  
Andrew

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