

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING 13th DECEMBER 2018

Present:	Councillors: Terry Attridge Geoff Bond James French Mark Glover Chairman David Ley Pat Mitchell Franklin Tucker
In attendance	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 0 members of the public.
113	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apologies received from Dave Hurley (TDC), Andrew Saywell (DCC), Jenny Coles, and Colin Edworthy.
114	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
114.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Item 94.1 damage to Langtree Gate pillar south side See County Councillor report• Item 94.1 grant funding for WW1 memorial Trees received and in storage. Langtree School contacted and are interested in being involved in the planting in January 2019.• Item 94.1 fire escape at the back of 15A Fore Street First request to Land Registry to confirm ownership of Langtree Park field unsuccessful. A second request has been sent.• Item 107.5. Beech Road grant application No further information available• Item 111. The large shrubs in the Millenium Garden need cutting back. This is still to be done.
114.2	Minutes of meeting held on 22 nd November 2018 to be agreed and signed.
115	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None reported
116	REPORTS
116.1	Police Community Support Officer
116.2	<p>County Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only a short update this month as it has been relatively quiet but regarding the village 'gate' sign – an order has been placed for it to be repaired from the sign maintenance budget by the end of this financial year (end of March). I understand though that DCC's Highways Contractor, Skanska, only have one team in this part of Devon for this type of masonry work and they are quite busy repairing bridges and retaining walls at the moment so it might be a few months before they do this. • I also reported the pothole on Church Lane, let me know if it has not been repaired. (<i>Note work has been carried out</i>). • Can I wish you and all members of the Parish Council a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I look forward to working with you all during 2019.
116.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Illegal Fly Tipping</u> <p>Illegal fly-tipping has never been condoned by Torridge or by residents as a whole. However it has, and is, always difficult to catch perpetrators. I can now tell you that Torridge have started to use covert cameras to video these law breakers in action. Fines have been increased to the maximum allowable by law. £300 to £400...£180/250 if paid within 10 days.</p> <p>Littering fines also increased to between £50 and £150. Non payment can result in a court appearance with a possible max fine of £2,500.</p> <p>Litter from cars. Until now difficult to prove who had disposed of litter. Law changed to make the driver responsible. Fine £150 to be paid within 28 days. £100 if paid within 14 days.</p> <p><i>Question raised regarding fly tipping –how is this reported and what information is required, email to be sent.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Annual Parking charges review</u> <p>No change to parking fees. Some parking m/c's to be fitted with new front panel to enable credit/debit cards to be used. Four in Bideford, one in Westward Ho!, Manor car park in Holsworthy and Sydney House car parks. Minimum charge £3. This will cover transaction charges and hopefully encourage people to stay in</p>

	<p>town for longer periods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p><u>Christmas Refuse + Recycling collection Dates</u></p> <p>Christmas collection times of both refuse and recycling available to view on TDC website.</p> <p><u>Riverbankhouse</u></p> <p>The refurbished RBH was officially opened on 20th November by Chairman of the Council Cllr Simon Inch. The obligatory tree was duly planted to mark the occasion.</p> <p><u>London Meeting</u></p> <p>Last week I travelled to London to attend a meeting of the Coastal Special Interest Group at Smith Square in the Headquarters of the Local Government Association. This committee, of which Torridge are part, consists of Elected Councillors and Officers from a variety of Councils up and down the Country who are concerned with matters coastal. As Lead Member for Internal Resources I attended with an interest on an agenda item regarding landfill sites near the coast. In this instance Northam Burrows. An interesting update was given including the fact that moving the landfill from its present location to a safer site inland would incur a Landfill Tax of £86 per tonne.</p> <p><u>Berry Cross</u></p> <p>I raised the concerns that the Chair (Mark) had with regard to the occupation of the new build at Berry Cross with Planning Enforcement. The answer I was given is as follows:-</p> <p>“The Enforcement Instruction is currently still with the Legal team for the drafting of an Enforcement Notice. Once the Notice is served, I understand that the compliance period will be 3 months (subject to any appeal).” I'll keep an eye on this.</p>
117	PARISH MATTERS
117.1	<p>To receive an update on progress of Langtree Meadows building works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no updates available at this time.
117.2	<p>To receive an update on progress of Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled installation on 9/12/18 delayed again to 9/1/19. Note it is DAA who are coordinating construction.
117.3	To receive an update regarding on-going maintenance of the recreation field.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing grants for work on the changing room and fencing need to be used by 25/2/19. Soil samples on the field were taken on 13/12/18. Potential for more tests are to be considered. Confirmation of grant of £6900 has been received from Grantscape. Parish Clerk will work with Pat Mitchell (container) and Geoff Bond (mower) to purchase equipment early in New Year. 								
117.4	<p>To agree responsibility for on-going maintenance of the Changing Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Glover and Parish Clerk held a meeting on 26/11/18 with Sue Lee and Pat Mitchell representing Parish Hall committee to discuss future responsibilities. Agreed to have regular meetings to start in February 2019. 								
118	PLANNING								
118.1	<p>1/1268/2018/FUL. Extension and renovation of existing dwelling, with improvements to existing access. Wonders Corner Farm Langtree Torrington Devon EX38 8LQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council has no objections 								
118.2	<p>Consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No other plans had been submitted by the time of the meeting 								
119	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE								
119.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end November 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank balances at end of November <table border="1" data-bbox="528 1469 1385 1771"> <tr> <td>Lloyds Bank balance at 30/11/18</td> <td>£5227.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds Number 2 account</td> <td>£2954.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nationwide balance at 31/11/18</td> <td>£3062.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£11,244.78</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monies in No 2 account are ring fenced for DAA expenditure Payments during month totalled £1404.00 (TDC £924, MJ Baker £455 & £60, DALC £25) 	Lloyds Bank balance at 30/11/18	£5227.99	Lloyds Number 2 account	£2954.00	Nationwide balance at 31/11/18	£3062.79	Total	£11,244.78
Lloyds Bank balance at 30/11/18	£5227.99								
Lloyds Number 2 account	£2954.00								
Nationwide balance at 31/11/18	£3062.79								
Total	£11,244.78								
119.2	To request approval for BACS Payments and cheques								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment requested for: Mail Order Trees (Memorial Trees) £736.17 Cartridge People (Printer Ink) £22.98 Payments to be made to Parish Clerk who paid on behalf of Parish Council • Approved
119.3	<p>To review budget for 2019/20 and agree precept requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors were taken through 2018/19 forecast spend of £7555 and 2019/20 budget. Anticipated spend in the year will be approx. £7600. • Agreed and approved unanimously to apply for a precept of £7800 for the new financial year.
119.4	<p>Notification that local elections polling day will be 2nd May 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For information only.
119.5	<p>To review correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email correspondence received regarding parking in Latch Lane. Agreed that as the land is owned by Devon County Council then it is their responsibility to review and resolve. • Notification of proposed road closure - Road from Forches Cross to Berry Cross - 25/03 - 29/03/19 a road closure to complete SWW Utility works outside of Longclose cottage. These works, subject to approval from Devon Highways additionally early entry dates of 11/02/19 – 15/02/19 have been requested.
120	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
121	<p>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was proposed and agreed that North Park should be renamed North Park Recreation Field. • The meeting ended at 20.20.
122	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th January 2019.</p>