

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

9th NOVEMBER 2023

Present	Councillors: Jenny Coles John Davies Chairman Colin Edworthy David Ley Pat Mitchell Anna Moseby Penny Stowell Andrew Saywell (DCC) Chris Whateley (TDC)
In attendance	Leigh Pollinger –taking minutes on behalf of Linda Davies Parish Clerk 0 members of the public
617	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apologies were received from Mark Glover, Geoff Bond, Melissa Baker, Cheryl Cottle Hunkin.
618	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
618.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The work on the church clock is now completed in time for the remembrance service. The Cumbria Clock Company invoice for the work will be approx. £5742 inc VAT. There is approx. £950 of VAT in this cost and it is suggested that the reclaiming VAT activity (HMRC Form 126) should start at the end of the month.• It was reported that there were no rough sleepers recorded in the parish.
618.2	Minutes of meeting held on 12 th October 2023 to be confirmed and signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These were agreed and the minutes were signed.
619	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no declaration of interests.
620	REPORTS
620.1	Police Community Support Officer

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report was received and read out to the meeting.
620.2	<p>County Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mobile library service will be wound down at the end of February. The main concern was the poor take up of the mobile libraries being on average less than 1% of the communities. It is planned that community library pilot sites will be identified and Langtree is one of these which will be able to access £15k of community funding (across the whole of Devon. DCC will contact Sue Lee shortly. Work will need to include processes for lending books, and the cost of shelving to be agreed. • Devolution – there might be an announcement later this month • Budget – there is a projected overspend of £13.6m and DCC working on trying to reduce this and come out with a balanced budget.
620.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is well underway to restore the Pannier market in Market House in Great Torrington funded by government prosperity fund. This is greatly welcomed and will have a positive impact on the town centre. • There also lots of exciting new play equipment in Bideford Victoria Park, total cost of £280,000 partially funded by central government grant and £100k from Bideford Trust and £10k from Bideford Town Council. • TDC draft strategic plan (2023-2028) which is still out to consultation though closes soon on November 14th. Please email your views to: consultation@torridge.gov.uk We are pleased to see that mental health is now formally recognised along with Physical health. Cultural enrichment and Northern Devon cultural strategy is now included in the Plan. We would like to hear from you, so feedback is most welcome. • Devon Mobile Library Service has unfortunately been axed in Devon following the decision of DCC cabinet Meeting on November 8th in Exeter. • The start of the redevelopment of the old Torrington Creamery demolition to commence this November and last for 8 months. This project is being carried out by the joint administrators of Waterside Construction Southwest Ltd and Valley Estates South West Ltd (in administration) that own the site, with support of Farm Finance Ltd, TDC assistance, Devon and Cornwall Police and Devon and Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service. Des Ltd have been engaged to carry out the demolition. This move has been welcomed by Torridge District Council.

620.4	<p>Torrige Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was asked whether TDC will support – ev charging points in the parish. It was suggested that TDC will support. • It was asked whether the MUGA will be promoted and supported as part of the health plan. It was suggested that TDC will support.
621	PARISH MATTERS
621.1	<p>Update on Langtree Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are aware that money's from the old Langtree Park bank account will be transferred to the new account shortly (approximately £1100) • There have been questions about the state of the path leading into Langtree Park. The issue is moss not grass as reported. It was agreed that moss killer will be sprayed on the path.
621.2	<p>Other matters impacting the parish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defibrillator. It was agreed that the PC will purchase two defibrillators, one for Langtree Parish Hall the other for The Union at Stibb Cross. The Parish Hall will give the Parish Council £1000. • It was agreed that the PC will donate £50 to the British Legion for remembrance day. The previous year's wreaths will be laid at the Parish Church and the 1943 aircraft crash memorial. • It was agreed that the new quotes from MJ Baker for grass cutting should be accepted. • South West Water are putting inspection cameras down the sewage pipes in Fore Street, Crescent and Church Lane as part of a regular survey in the area.
622	PLANNING
622.1	<p>Any updates on potential planning application for land at The Crescent, Langtree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is nothing new to report. It was noted that car parking in Church Lane and The Crescent is getting worse.
622.2	<p>To consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new planning applications have been received.
623	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE
623.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end October 2023.</p>

	<p>The position at the end of October was:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lloyds account</td> <td>£7,495</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td> <td>£4,542</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£12,037</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a payment of £924.00 to TDC. • In addition there is £2,004 in the Langtree Park account. 	Lloyds account	£7,495	Reserve account	£4,542	Total	£12,037
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623.2	<p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJ Baker for cutting grass in Langtree Park and Church Lane £935 and £350 for cutting grass at Beech Road, Stibb Cross. Approved. • All Coast Media £50 for Langtree.News web site – Approved. 						
623.3	<p>To review correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from William Hogg regarding speeding on Shebbear Road, Stibb Cross. His comments have been forwarded to Andrew Saywell. 						
624	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 						
625	<p>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was reported that parking in Church Lane was getting worse. TDC who own the land where there is parking in The Crescent should review extending the parking area so that more vehicles can be parked there and reduce the pressure on the road. • The hedge on Fore Street beside the school and is believed to be owned by them, is encroaching onto the pathway. It is proposed that the school should be approached to arrange cutting back the hedge. • It was reported that a number of road signs need cleaning. However there have been incidents that this work is not allowed due to health & safety issues. • There is flooding on the B3227 between Langtree and Stibb Cross at a location known as Waterham Pits. It is believed that the pipe under the road is likely to be blocked. • The hedgerow towards Stibb Cross at Wonders Corner is blocking visibility of traffic coming from that direction if entering the road from Langtree direction. It is proposed that this should be reported to DCC Highways. 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting closed at 8.40pm.
626	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date of next meeting is Thursday 14 th December 2023.