

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2019, AT 7:30PM.**

Present:

Cllr V. Pitman, Vice-Chairperson (VP)
Cllr D. Faulkner (DF)
Cllr. R. Poole (RP)
Cllr. M. Norvell (MN)
Cllr. J. Hunt (JH)

Apologies:

Cllr J. Middleton, Chairperson (JM)

Also in attendance:

Carly Payne (CP)
1 member of the public.

There was a 10 minute open discussion on matters affecting the Parish and Agenda.

Declaration of Interest: None.

Minutes of the last meeting: Agreed by Councillors and signed by VP.

Police Report: There were 10 calls to police for ASB across the whole of the rural beat in August. That is 5 calls down from last month. No ASB logs for Nynehead, Oake, Bradford on Tone or Langford Budville.

Finance & Legal: Consultation confirming SWTC local plans: The Parish Council is working on their response to this lengthy consultation document. They have asked parishioners to forward any views to the Clerk on the PC website. These will all be considered. The PC is considering a 20 – 30 year plan. Items being considered are protection of listed buildings, any new development, improvements to amenities, moving the parish boundary at Tone (only for the purpose of planning) and the village envelope in Langford Budville. The PC is, at this stage, responding to a draft document from SWTC.

Planning Applications

Application No. 21/18/0018 & 21/18/0019: *Repairs to walled garden and structures with the erection of a single storey holiday let with associated works and landscaping at The Former Walled Garden of Wellisford Manor, Langford Budville.*

This claimant has gone to appeal. The Parish Council support SWTC's decision to refuse the planning application.

Application No. 21/19/0011: *Proposed change of use from agricultural building to 4 No. bedroom dwelling house (Use Class C3) and associated building operations at Unit One, The Stables, Wellisford, Langford Budville.*

This Planning Application was supported by the council and passed two years ago. This resubmission, to make minor change, is supported by the PC.

Application No. 21/17/0006: *Application for approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following Outline Application 21/14/0003 for the development of 8 No. residential dwellings (4 No. affordable housing and 4 No. open market dwellings) on land adjoining The Village Hall, Langford Budville.*

The Parish Council do not support the application. There are 3 main areas of concern, which Councillors raised: 1. The proposed surface water system, 2. The Foul waste system and 3. Parking. All Councillors were in agreement.

All applications can be viewed in full a

<https://www2.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/asp/webpages/plan/plapplookup.asp>

Footpaths report: VP informed the PC that Crownfield had been cut by SWTC so the issue raised previously has been sorted. VP has been on a walk around the village with the new Footpaths Officer. MN shared the news that the overgrown area around the Runnington Noticeboard had fortunately been cut by a local resident.

Hedges: VP mentioned the need for the hedges opposite the School at Swifts to be cut.

Salt bins: *No news so CP to chase up.*

Finger posts – SCC: *No news so CP to chase up.*

Update - VE Day Celebrations: DF gave the feedback that it is too early to discuss specific plans and the Friendship Circle are awaiting a grant application decision, which will come in January at the earliest.

Football pitch – cost of white lines: The goal nets have now been given to the School. SWTC quoted an amount for 'white-lining' the pitch every 3 weeks but the Parish Council felt that the cost was too high. DF continues to mark the corners of the pitch with spray can paint and it is hoped that the School will be able to organise the marking of the whole pitch if and when they play matches.

Clearing of dog bin near Village Hall: RP kindly continues to empty this bin weekly at present.

Church Grant: Last year, the Parish Council gave a donation of £350 to Langford Budville Church and a donation of £300 to Runnington P.C.C. The PC agreed to donate the same amount this year.
CP to transfer money to Churches.

Consultation for Fire Service: DF responded to the survey on behalf of the PC. Councillors agreed that they were concerned about the proposal of the 2nd Fire Engine at Wellington Station reducing to only part-time cover.

Correspondence: Somerset Wildlife Trust notified the PC of the necessary felling of quite a number of ash trees this winter, which unfortunately have ash dieback disease. They are mostly alongside Carriers Lane and the Wiveliscombe Road down towards Bindon House Hotel entrance. Infected ash trees away from the roads, significant paths and other high risk areas will be left and, hopefully, a proportion will recover.

The next meeting will be held on October 14th 2019 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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