

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2020, AT 7PM.**

Present:

Cllr. V. Pitman (VP) Acting Chairperson
Cllr D. Faulkner (DF)
Cllr. M. Norvell (MN)
Cllr. D. Sowden (DS)
Cllr. K. Spackman (KS)
Cllr. G. Wren (GW)

Also in attendance:

Carly Payne (CP)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19 MEASURES:

- Two metres social distancing was maintained at all times and safety signage was clearly displayed in all areas of the Hall.
- High-contact objects were cleaned both before and after the meeting and hand sanitiser was available before entering the hall.
- Hand-washing facilities and paper towels were provided but attendees provided and wore their own face masks. A safe area was also designated should anyone have felt unwell during the meeting.
- The names and contact details of everyone attending the meeting were recorded should they need to be contacted by 'Test, Track and Trace'.

7pm: 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 PC and signed by VP.

Police Report: PCSO Henderson's Blog was shared with Councillors.

Information regarding next year's 'Beat Surgeries':

Place: Langford Budville Village hall.

Time: 10 – 11am.

Dates for 2020: 29/04, 27/05, No June date, 22/07, 19/08, 16/09, 14/10, 11/11 & 09/12.

"Come along and meet your local Neighbourhood Policing Team. You can talk to us about issues or concerns and get crime prevention advice".

Who will be attending: PCSO Vicky Henderson 7632 —07889655302.

Finance & Legal:

a) Parish Grant 2020/21: £850 grant was paid to Langford Budville PC by SWTC.

Planning Applications:

Case Ref: 21/20/0009: Proposal: Replacement of agricultural storage building with the erection of 1 No. detached dwelling with associated works at Three Ashes, Langford Common Road, Langford Budville. *The decision has been deferred.*

Case Ref: 21/20/0013: Proposal: Replacement of dwelling with formation of driveway at New Barn Nurseries, Runnington, Wellington. *The PC supports this eco-friendly development.*

Case Ref: 21/20/0015: Proposal: Erection of an agricultural barn for storage of hay/machinery on field south east of Oddmeads, Privet Drive Way, Langford Budville. *The PC has no objections.*

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

6. Footpaths: A tree has split on a Runnington bridleway, possibly on David Toogood's field. There is also stock fencing that should not be there. *CP to contact land owner.*

7. Emergency Plan – Winter Arrangements and COVID-19: DS updated the PC. There are 12 volunteers and many people are looking after their neighbours. KS is the new coordinator for the emergency plan.

8. Langford Budville Good Neighbours Scheme (SWT Community Chest): KS informed the PC about the scheme, which is working well in other communities. KS will put a proposal document together since funding is available, and it would be great if the PC qualify for some.

9. Update on The Martlet Inn: The aim is for The Martlet Inn to reopen on 28th October. The Hungry Bear takeaway van is currently operating from the Martlet car park on Thursdays from 5 – 8pm.

10. Hedges (opposite School & Courtlands): The hedge opposite Courtlands has been trimmed. CP has emailed Duncan Lane regarding the hedge opposite the School, which still needs to be done.

11. Trees on the Triangle: DF informed the PC that David Galley and Tom Sellick have marked up the trees that have to come down for safety reasons or due to ash dieback. David Galley gave permission to go ahead with the felling. Tom Sellick quoted £2250 for all works, which the PC agreed on and money from the PC savings account will be used to pay for this. The PC decided not to accept works, amounting to £600, for grinding and removal of 2 stumps. The PC also agreed on prices for new trees from Triscombe nurseries: English oak, 10ft - £85; Lime, 7ft - £45 lime; and Hornbeam, 8ft - £50. The PC will reuse wire from the seating area to protect the trees but we will need to pay for new stakes. The payment for these trees will also be taken from the savings account. The PC will also be donating 4 walnut trees, 1 oak tree and 1 horse chestnut tree. Palettes from DS and VP will be used. DF and DS have volunteered to plant the trees.

12. Finger Post: Jo Sharp is no longer working for the Highways team. Kate Brown is the new contact, whom CP will attempt to contact regarding a site meeting for the Runnington finger post.

13. Runnington Noticeboard: DF researched the cost of replacing the noticeboard. It would be £1000 upwards for another ready-made wooden one. More research necessary therefore. Using Wellington Timbers was suggested. The current noticeboard will last a few more winters.

14. Dog Waste Bin: DS informed the PC that the current post is specific for dog waste bins only. DS will have to dig it out and knock off the concrete. The dog waste bin is not bolted, however. DS will carry out works on Wed. 21st Oct.

Correspondence:

1. Hedge-cutting by Church: The hedge on the corner has been cut.

2. Speed of Tractors through Village: The seemingly quick speed at maize-cutting time was discussed. However, Speed Watch has shown that the tractors have all been within the speed limit.

3. Sandra Smith from Spark Somerset asked for an update on the PC's response to Covid-19 and DS responded.

4. The next litter pick was planned for Sunday 29th November, 10am at The Triangle. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this is not happening.

The next meeting will be held on 9th November 2020 at the Village Hall at 7pm. All welcome.