

**LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2019**

Present

J. Middleton – (JM) - Chairperson
V. Pitman – (VP) - Vice Chairperson
R. Poole – (RP)
M. Perry – (MP)
D. Faulkner – (DF)
D.Sowden – (DS) - Clerk

10 minute discussion on matters affecting the Parish and Agenda.

1 – Apologies

TDB Cllr Roger Habgood – (RH)
Zenah Rowe – (ZR) - Footpath Officer

2 – Declaration of Interest

None

3 – Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting which had previously been circulated were approved.

4 - Police Report

13/12/2018 Criminal damage – road signage

5. Finance & Legal

a. Play inspection report

Items raised by the report focussed on a seat which had badly corroded. This seat has been de-commissioned, and a further discussion will take place to agree a way forward with this and other aspects of the report. JM raised the point that there was no mention of an area of damage on one side of the slide, but should still be a concern, and this was agreed by the PC. It was felt there was no immediate danger to a user, and it needs to be repaired. The council agreed: 1. Cllrs are to individually take a look at the damage, and the matter will be discussed again. 2. DS is to obtain a quote for a new panel from the company who supplied it.

Action: DS is to contact the supplier

b. Play inspection invoice

Invoice received in relation to the completion of the above report and the PC agreed invoice can be paid

Action: DS to issue a cheque for the full amount

c. Runnington Fingerpost update

Matter relating to actual finger post has been resolved. DS had picked it up on Friday 11th January, and is presently being stored in the DS's workshop. JM gave the background information to the fingerpost. A parishioner found the snapped pieces of the finger element of the sign, and had had it restored and replaced. This person did not know the PC had paid for a new sign to be made. Also, they were unaware there had been a considerable delay to its production at the foundry. All of which had been minuted, recorded and notification had been placed in the Roundabout magazine. Hence the need to store the sign the Parish had paid for.

d. Langford Budville Village Hall invoice

Invoice for £45 has been received from the Village Hall for use of the meeting room for a 6 month period. The PC agreed the invoice can be paid

Action: DS to issue a cheque for the full amount

e. Costs relating to gifts for retiring clerk

Payment of invoice of £62.50 for Clerk's leaving present from the Parish, and the PC agreed invoice can be paid

Action: DS to issue a cheque for the full amount

Planning Applications

None

All applications can be viewed in full at:

<http://www1.tauntondeane.gov.uk/tdbcsites/plan/plapplookup.asp>

Approvals

None

Refusals

None

6. Footpaths report

ZR not present at the meeting

7. Broken Stiles, Runnington

VP had been in contact with Glenn Martin Footpath Officer TDBC at the request of ZR. GM is to review the footpaths in the Runnington area. The PC will be informed when the broken styles and signs have been repaired or replaced.

8. Emptying of dog bins – village hall

The position of the dog bins near to the Village Hall needed to be discussed, and a temporary rota put in place for its emptying until a firm decision can be made regarding its final location and its subsequent emptying. SCC would not be in a position to empty the bin as it was too far from the highway. JM and DF agreed to be available if required to empty the bin. The PC discussed whether a change of location should be considered. It was felt an approach should be made to the landowner regarding the usage of their land for the new placement, and JM is to discuss with the landowner the potential to place the Village Hall dog bin on their land in the future. RP stated he wished to continue with his collection duties. He was thanked for carrying out this task thus far.

Action: JM to discuss as above, and the PC to discuss at the next PC meeting

9. Triangle fencing

DF and MP had a discussion and a site meeting with a fencing contractor regarding extending the fencing on the Triangle, in order to try and create a deterrent to stop people from driving their vehicles onto the main grass area. There had also been a site meeting with Wessex Water with JM and DF present to discuss the location of the drains in the area. The PC agreed that due to the fact that the number of incidents of vandalism being small, and the fencing was costly and only a deterrent the PC voted against fencing the area discussed.

Action: DS is to write to the fencing contractor and thank him for his time, but inform him the PC did not require his services for the moment, but may do so in the future.

10. Football post update

DF gave the PC an update regarding the purchasing of the football posts. There had been contact with Somerset FA who still had the matter in hand. The cost of the new posts would be in the region of £550 plus costs for the erection of the new posts and disposal of the old ones. JM was able to make the PC aware of an anonymous donation from a Parishioner of £200, who wished for it to be used specifically to assist with such costs. The PC is extremely grateful for this generous donation.

11. Langford Budville fingerpost damage

VP introduced this topic. The finger post in need of repair is on the road between Langford Budville and Runnington. The PC agreed to involve SCC in plans for the repair or replacement. The PC agreed to try and get Jo Sharpe of SCC to complete a site visit with the PC in attendance to advise and discuss options to resolve the matter.

Action: DS to contact Jo Sharpe and invite her to attend a site meeting at a mutually convenient time and date.

12. Grit and bins update

Main Point: JM made the PC aware of the up to date position regarding the location of the bags of grit recently purchased by the PC, and the locations the majority of the bags went to are as follows: Runnington, Wellisford, near the church in Langford Budville, near to the blind bend on Ritherdons Lane, and also at the top of the incline. There are a few bags still available for local road use by parishioners. Notices will be placed around the Parish making parishioners aware of where small salt bags can be found. The Parish is on the rota for large bins to be filled by SCC. Hopefully this will be before any ice or snow arrives. The PC's concerns about the delay in the refilling of the salt bins have been made to SCC.

Action: Clerk to laminate 4 such notices.

13. Tonedale Heritage Site update

JM made the PC aware of a meeting at TDBC relating to the Tonedale Heritage Site. JM was grateful to RH for inviting her to meet Dr Jo O'Hara who works for TDBC. The mill on the Langford Budville side of the River Tone is of special historical interest. It is listed as a grade II* site. Dr. Jo O'Hara, on behalf of TDBC, is liaising with the landowner and Historic England regarding the future of the site. Hopefully there will be progress.

14. Cutting back of hedge row on Triangle

Western Power have informed the PC of their intention to cut back some road side hedges on the triangle.

15. Correspondence

A thank you card from the retiring clerk was received and shared with the PC

AOB

An invoice was given to DS to settle in full from Morelock Signs Ltd for some speed related signs, which they produced at a cost of £139.10. Funding for this had already been received. The PC agreed the invoice can be paid.

Action: DS to issue a cheque for the full amount, and then arrange for the VAT of £23.18 to be reclaimed.

JM thanked MP for putting 'No Parking' signs in place at the triangle, and the car park sign at Reynolds car park.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th February 2019 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.
All welcome**