

## LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held outdoors at **6:00pm** at  
Petersmead, Langford Budville on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020**.

**Matters affecting the Parish: We are all experiencing very difficult times at the moment, being affected by the Coronavirus COVID-19 Emergency isolation, and the Parish Council have suspended public meetings in accordance with the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting of 18th March 2020 & information/legislation from the Government, NALC & SALC.**

### Present:

Cllr. V. Pitman (VP) Acting Chairperson

Cllr D. Faulkner (DF)

Cllr. D. Sowden (DS)

Cllr. M. Norvell (MN)

Cllr. K. Spackman (KS)

### Apologies:

Cllr. R. Habgood

### Also in Attendance:

Carly Payne (Clerk) (CP)

**Declaration of Interest:** None.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Accepted By Councillors and signed by VP.

**Police Blog:** Beat Crime Statistics - June 2020: 51 crimes were recorded in this beat [15 for ASB, 1 bicycle theft, 4 burglaries, 10 criminal damage –arson, 1 other theft, 10 public order, 1 vehicle crime and 9 violent crime].

### **5. Finance & Legal:**

- a) Quarterly Bill for Grass Cutting & Dog Bin Emptying:** Councillors agreed to pay £1088.59 to SWTC for this invoice.

### **Planning Applications:**

**Appeal Ref: APP/D3315/C/18/3211485:** Land to the East of Stancombe Farm, Langford Budville, Somerset, TA21 OSD - *Myra Spalding, Planning Enforcement Officer at SWTC visited the site on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and met with the owners. The enforcement notice is now complied with and the case will be closed.*

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

**6. Footpaths Report:** DF kindly cut back some of the overgrown vegetation along Church Lane. KS noted that the path leading up to the Church from Runnington (where the footbridge links the fields) is impassable. *CP has emailed Mr Cottrell about cutting it to make the footpath more visible.*

**7. Top Soil:** Although grass has grown, matting can still be seen. Therefore, DS will take some more top soil and sort.

**8. Finger Posts:** The post on the junction to Runnington was discussed at the July meeting and it was agreed that a site meeting with Highways is necessary to move forward. Jo Sharp was contacted and email was chased up. The Hendy family were contacted to discuss the 'Langford Lakes' sign. Due to the backlog in orders, the fingerpost will not be refurbished until at least next spring. *CP copied James Hunt into the email to Highways.*

**9. Unitary Authority for Somerset:** Wellington Town Council to meet via Zoom.

**10. Update on The Martlet Inn:** The Owner, Mr Payne, phoned DF and it is going to be on sale through Christies and Co. in the future. The bins have not been emptied and vermin spotted near the rubbish will be reported to Environmental Health. The gardens have been tidied. *CP has informed Environmental Health.*

**11. Somerset Rivers Annual Report:** Report was circulated to Councillors and DF uploaded it to the website.

#### **Correspondence:**

**1. Loose Ferret:** A ferret, which may be a pet, was spotted near The Old Forge, Langford Budville on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**2. Lower Chipley Drain Blockage:** In response to this, the parishioner was made aware of the website to report drain blockages: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-blocked-drain-on-the-road/> & floods/debris on the road: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-mud/> If similar cases arise and if an immediate response is necessary, the website says to phone 101 for urgent matters.

Highway's email address: [countyroads-tdeane@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:countyroads-tdeane@somerset.gov.uk)

**3. Fly Tipping:** DF confirmed that the 3 lots of fly-tipping that he reported on the Milverton road near the Tone Bridge & at Malhouses have been collected by SWTC.

**4. Musgrove Hospital Letter:** Newsletter regarding recent fundraising in Musgrove shared with PC.

**5. LB Village Hall Risk Assessment:** Form shared with PC and a decision about when to hold the meetings in the Village Hall again will be made in the coming weeks.

**6. County Roads Grit Bins:** DF to check accuracy of the map showing salt bin locations and send back any changes to County Roads. MN mentioned a sign to post in the Runnington box to inform parishioners about the location of salt in Runnington.

**7. COVID-19:** Parishioners have done well so far to comply with prevention measures and national guidance relating to coronavirus so it is vital that we all keep it up and to work together to help prevent a second peak by maintaining social distancing, regularly washing our hands and wearing face coverings in enclosed spaces.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020,  
at 6:30pm, at Petersmead, Langford Budville.**