

**LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes for December 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. The Clerk was granted delegate powers to conduct the business of the Parish Council in consultation with the Parish Councillors:

Cllr. V. Pitman (VP) Acting Chairperson

Cllr D. Faulkner (DF)

Cllr. M. Norvell (MN)

Cllr. D. Sowden (DS)

Cllr. K. Spackman (KS)

The consultation was via electronic means (E-mail and telephone) with representation on any matters affecting the Parish received from Parishioners via e-mail.

The Parish Coronavirus Emergency plan is in place providing assistance to those in need. There are 15 volunteers with many other people assisting their friends and neighbours. The Parish Council would like to record their thanks to all the volunteers, friends, neighbours & local businesses that are supporting the Parish in this time of Crisis but would also like to remind everyone to play their part & follow the guidance regularly being issued by the Government.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** None.

**2. Declaration of Interest:** None.

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Accepted as read & signed by CP.

**4. Police Blog:** Circulated.

**5. Finance & Legal:**

**a) SWTC Quarterly Invoice (Dog Bins, Grass Cutting & Two Ashes).** PC agreed to pay £1396.08.

**b) Precept 2021/2022.** Circulated & PC agreed to the new Precept of £8500 for April 2021.

**c) Tree Invoice.** PC agreed to pay Triscombe Nurseries: £197.85.

**Planning Applications:** None.

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

**6. Footpaths:** Zenah Rowe, Footpaths Officer said that footpaths are mostly in a pretty grim state due to muddy conditions at present. A parishioner has brought up a concern regarding an uneven footpath at Chorwell Lane. Church Lane is also rather treacherous as there is a large amount of both dog and horse droppings which, combined with the rotting leaves, makes the path very slippery. Runnington residents have reported a new set of kissing gates that have been installed on the footpath towards Rockwell Green. They are a vast improvement than the previous stiles and make walking the footpath much easier especially for dog walkers.

**7. Langford Budville Good Neighbours Scheme (SWT Community Chest).** Work on the project is progressing with a view to review by the PC in January.

**8. Trees on the Triangle - Felling of diseased trees & purchase of new trees.** Work delayed – now due to commence 18/12/20 by TS. New trees have been delivered & await planting by DS & DF after tree felling has been completed. Bracken to be cleared in January by AR, to expose Bluebells in Spring.

**9. Finger Post.** No further progress.

**10. Climate Emergency Fund Update (A Greener Langford Budville).** The Climate Change bid is close to being submitted after a lot of work has been completed by many local parishioners, headed up by JW. It is likely that the bid will be submitted before Christmas. The team have requested Parish Council support; if any funds are received then this will need to be administered through the PC. CP has agreed to help with the administration and financial monitoring. Hopefully SCC will allocate funds in the New Year.

**11. Wellington Network Partnership Update.** KS was unable to attend last meeting but submitted completed documents to progress.

**12. Community Emergency Plan Update (Winter Arrangements & Covid-19 Plan).** COVID-19 – There are still 15 volunteers willing to help but thankfully no requests have been received by DS for assistance. Winter arrangements are being finalised. An article was placed in the Roundabout magazine with KS's contact details should an emergency arise.

**13. Broadband.** The project to bring FTTP broadband to the parish is still progressing but slow or little response from 'Openreach' recently. Local MP, Rebecca Pow, has been contacted by several parishioners to request assistance.

**Correspondence:**

**1. Road-works at Chipley:** 18th December 2020. Brought forward to 4-6th December but no progress.

**2. Wellington Winter Wobble 10k Run:** 30th December 2020.

The PC would like to pass on Christmas greetings to everybody with the message to 'take care, stay safe & we hope for a better New Year 2021'!

**The next Parish Council Meeting is planned to be held on Monday 11th January 2021,  
at 7pm at Langford Budville Village Hall, if permitted.**