

LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes for January 2021

The Parish Council Meeting was due to be held at 7pm at Langford Budville Village Hall on Monday 11th January 2021. However, as a result of the latest Coronavirus COVID-19 emergency isolation, 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:** Agreed .
- 4. Police Blog:** Received & circulated.
- 5. Finance & Legal:**
 - a) **Tree Works Invoice:** Agreed to pay as works completed.
 - b) **Timber Invoice:** Agreed to pay as works completed.
 - c) **Play Inspection Invoice:** Agreed to pay as works completed.

Planning Applications:

Case Ref: 21/21/0001

Proposal: Formation of 2 No. wildlife ponds for Great Crested Newts with formation of earth bunds on land at Runnington Farmhouse, Runnington Lane, Runnington, Wellington.

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

6. Footpaths: Poor surface on Chorwell Lane, owner being contacted.

7. COVID-19 Update: No requests for assistance have been received since the last meeting, but given we have only today recently entered a third lockdown, this may well change.

8. Triangle Tree Works: The planned tree works at the Triangle (removal of dangerous Ash Trees) have been completed. DS & DF have planted the 3 large replacement trees. A number of Parishioners expressed their support & thanks for all the ongoing work to preserve & enhance the Triangle.

9. Bracken & Bramble Clearance: Planned clearance next to Football pitch is due to be completed by AR in January. Remaining small trees can then be planted. The brambles & litter along the road edge up to the salt bin need to be cleared in order to re-lay the hedge.

10. Tone Works: The PC received a telephone update from the SW&T Heritage 'At Risk Team' to inform us that plans are in progress to secure & make-safe the nationally important Fox's Tone works. A young person was seriously injured trespassing a few months ago so it is important that access to the part of the site that falls within our parish boundary is secured for Health, Safety & Environmental reasons. The PC was asked to confirm support.

11. Drainage & Flooding (Chipley & Riverslake): The drains issues & flooding at Chipley still persist despite Highways clearing & jetting the gully prior to Christmas. Further works are being planned by highways along Burn Hill later in the year but Highways & local SCC/SW&T Councillors have been made aware again that the current flooding problem is still present. The drains from Riverslake to the village were cleared of vegetation & other debris by Highways over the Christmas period.

12. Speedwatch: CSW sessions have been suspended until further notice due to the lockdown.

13. Litter: The PC would like to thank the parishioners who have been continuing to pick-up litter. It was noticeable how good the village and Common is looking in comparison to the amount of litter present on the B3187 from Tone to Chipley. SW&T were contacted by DF & have carried out litter removal exercises along the B3187.

14. The Martlet Inn: The pub remains open for Take-away food only. The Hungry Bear van is also hoping to visit on Wednesdays later this month.

15. Langford Budville Good Neighbours Scheme (SWT Community Chest): Deferred until next month.

16. Climate Emergency Fund Update (A Greener Langford Budville): JW has completed the draft bid application with a view to submission after a number of proof reads and checks have taken place. The amount of funds being applied for is in the region of £12,500 and is looking to cover 4 main areas:

- 1) A community consultation & household survey.
- 2) A biodiversity audit.
- 3) A low carbon travel feasibility study.
- 4) A green Langford Budville website.

The eventual outcome will be to encourage behavioural and lifestyle change, reducing the reliance on car travel locally and supporting biodiversity and ecological adaptation and resilience.

17. Wellington Network Partnership Update: No further information.

18. Community Emergency Plan Update (Winter Arrangements): No calls for assistance from volunteers so far this winter.

19. The Play Inspection Company Annual Inspection Report: Overall 'Low Risk' assessment result. Minor items on play equipment & goal posts have been addressed.

Correspondence:

1. PC Response to Anonymous Letter regarding Dog Bins: The bin on the path near to the Village Hall was re-located to a position where it could be emptied by SW&T Council, as it was not

sustainable to continue reliance on volunteers emptying the bin. The location of the nearest bins are explained on the notice, where the re-located dog waste bin used to be sited.

**The next Parish Council Meeting is set to take place on Monday 8th February 2021, at 7pm,
location TBA.**

