

## LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held outdoors at **6:30pm** at  
Petersmead, Langford Budville on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 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) Co-opted at this meeting  
Cllr. G. Wren (GW)

### Also in Attendance:

Carly Payne (Clerk) (CP)

**Declaration of Interest:** Completed by KS.

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

**Police Blog:** None.

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

- a) **New Councillor:** Public notice was given for a casual vacancy after the resignation of Councillor Roger Poole. This notice was displayed on the parish noticeboards to advise parishioners that any ten registered electors could have given notice in writing, within 14 days, requesting that an election be held to fill the vacancy. Because less than 10 requests to hold an election were received, the PC were able to fill the vacancy by co-option. Consequently, proposed by DF and seconded by DS, it was resolved that Mrs Katie Spackman be co-opted as a Parish Councillor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Roger Poole.
- b) **Notification of Exempt Status, 2020:** Received the automated message to notify us that PKF Littlejohn LLP have received and logged the notification of exempt status for the year ended 31 March 2020.
- c) **Invoice:** SALC & NALC Affiliation Fee = £141.51. Councillors agreed to pay this annual fee.
- d) **Bench Purchase and Installation (using CIL funding):** £574 (including VAT) paid to Glasdon UK Ltd. on 16/06/20 for Phoenix Seat Bench for Triangle after all Councillors agreed on the purchase and payment via email. Quote for £420 (+ VAT) from Apps Maintenance and Construction to form a new concrete base for the bench and anchor it accepted by Councillors.

- e) **Finger Post Repositioning and Repair (using CIL funding):** Quote for £340 (+VAT) from Apps Maintenance and Construction to remove existing finger post, dig a new hole and reinstate the post accepted by Councillors via email. Quotes for refurbishment, repair and replacement works to finger posts on the Wiveliscombe Road and at the Runnington turning for £1010 (+VAT) and £885 (+VAT) respectively were accepted by the Councillors.

## 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 PC has no objections to this planning application.

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

**6. Footpaths Report:** MN mentioned that it has again been noticed that the barbed wire fence, down from Ramsay Lane, is too close to the fence where the path runs alongside. Hopefully this will be cut back in September.

**7. Relocation of Dog Waste Bin:** The PC is grateful to Roger Poole who empties the dog waste bin near the Village Hall since it is too far from the road for SWTC to empty it. The PC would like to take this chore off of his hands by relocating the bin to opposite the Martlet Inn where it can be accessed and emptied by SWTC. DS will look into the cost and practicality of relocating the bin himself.

**8. Runnington Notice Board:** DS will kindly repair the notice board, which has rotted in places.

**9. Cycling & Walking Manifesto:** The PC support the local group's letter outlining the desire for a new cycle path. DF will reply to both the local and county groups to confirm the PC's support.

**10. Bird Boxes:** GW mentioned local sessions that will take place in December, during which bird boxes can be made. The PC hopes to purchase or make some bird boxes to put up on the triangle.

**11. Top Soil:** Deferred to August agenda.

**12. Finger Posts:** The post by the Triangle has been moved a couple of feet back and raised. The post on the junction to Runnington was discussed and it was agreed that a site meeting with Highways is necessary to move forward. Jo Sharp has been contacted. Hendy family has been contacted to discuss the 'Langford Lakes' sign.

**13. Hedge-cutting Opposite School:** After chasing up the original request which was not carried out, Duncan Lane confirmed that the team will cut it by 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**14. Play Area:** After discussion, it was agreed that the play area should remain closed until further advice & guidance received.

**Update after the PC meeting:** Subsequent to the July meeting, Government advice was amended Friday 17/7/20 & following completion of risk assessment a decision to open the play area on 21/7/20 was taken. The netting was removed by DS & signs were placed in the play area by DF.

**15. Broadband:** A local group has been set up to pursue faster broadband for the Parish. Following advertising in the Roundabout magazine & leafleting to the parish, over 100 people have joined the group. A website is now up and running to keep people up to date.

**16. Speedwatch:** The police gave permission for Speedwatch to start up again at The Triangle from 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**Correspondence:**

1. There was a request from a parishioner to find out about what is happening at The Martlet Inn. KS to contact the owner.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 6pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at Petersmead.**