

**LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes for March 2021**

The Parish Council Meeting was due to be held at 7pm at Langford Budville Village Hall on Monday 8th March 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.

**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) St. Peters Church, Langford Budville Grant:** The PC agreed to the annual grant of £350 towards graveyard maintenance (paid by cheque).

**b) St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Runnington Grant:** The PC agreed to the annual grant of £300 towards graveyard maintenance.

**c) Grass Cutting & Dog Bin Emptying Quote & Contract:** The PC accepted a revised quote of £3784.09+VAT from SW&T. No alternative viable quotes were received.

**d) VAT Return:** £1027.54 received (in the Savings Account).

**Planning Applications:**

**Case Ref: 21/21/0004** – Proposal: Erection of summer house at Toms House, Langford Budville Road, Langford Budville (retention of part works already undertaken). *The PC's objections have been submitted.*

**Case Ref: 21/21/0005** – Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of the ancillary accommodation known as Cosy Cot at Toms House, Langford Budville Road, Langford Budville. *The PC's objections have been submitted.*

**Case Ref: 21/21/0006** - Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of dry cattle feed at North Gundenham Farm, Milverton Road, Langford Budville (retention of part works already undertaken). *The PC has no objections.*

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

**6. Footpaths:** There is a collapsed tree on the WG6/20 pathway across the fields from LB church to Runnington, just the other side of the foot-bridge.

**7. Climate Emergency Fund Update (A Greener Langford Budville):** Before the next meeting, the group should learn whether the bid has been successful as it is to be announced later this month. It is anticipated that the proposed carbon footprint survey will be available to be included in the April edition of the Round About parish magazine. Proposals for greater community use of the Triangle are being drawn up for discussion.

**8. Unitary Consultation:** The Stronger Somerset & One Somerset proposals were discussed without consensus. The consultation survey will need completing before Monday 19th April. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/proposals-for-unitary-local-government-in-cumbria-north-yorkshire-and-somerset>

**9. Somerset Day – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021:** Information has been shared with both parish Churches so that they may 'fly the flag' if they are able. Langford Budville Church does not have one, but will look into possibility of purchasing a flag.

**10. Census – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021:** A date for the diary and information is being sent to each household - <https://census.gov.uk/>

**11. Hedging Saplings for the Triangle:** 200 hedging saplings were kindly donated by the SW&T Climate change team. DF collected them from the Nursery and they were planted on the Triangle, along with further saplings donated by a garden centre through one of the team of volunteers. The PC wish to record their thanks to all involved.

**12. Fingerposts:** Repair and refurbishment of the 2 broken fingerposts due to commence on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**Correspondence:**

1. Temporary Road Closure: Station Road, Wellington - works to commence is 6th April 2021 and is expected to last until 9th April 2021 between the hours of 18:30 - 23:30.
2. Possible fly tipping reported, but it is on private land.

**AOB:**

**The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021, at 7pm. Location TBC.**

**England is still in a national lockdown. You must stay at home, leaving only where permitted by law, and follow the rules in this guidance.**

**From 8<sup>th</sup> March, some of the rules on what you can and cannot do will be changing:**

1. **You will be allowed to spend time in outdoor public spaces for recreation on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble. This means you can sit down for a drink or picnic. You must continue to maintain social distance from those outside your household. This is in addition to outdoor exercise, which is already permitted.**
2. **Pupils and students in all schools and Further Education settings will be able to return to face-to-face education.**

3. **Wrap-around childcare can reopen and other children's activities can restart for all children where it is needed to enable parents to work, attend education, seek medical care or attend a support group. Vulnerable children can attend childcare and other children's activities in all circumstances. Students on practical Higher Education courses at English universities who have not already returned and would be unable to complete their courses if they did not return to take part in practical teaching, access specialist facilities or complete assessments will be able to return.**
4. **There will continue to be restrictions on international travel. Holidays will not be a permitted reason to travel.**
5. **Those seeking to leave the UK must complete an outbound declaration of travel form ahead of departure.**
6. **The rules on visiting care homes will change to allow regular indoor visits for a single named visitor.**
7. **No further significant changes will be made on 8<sup>th</sup> March and restrictions requiring you to stay at home will remain in place.**

Later changes, including from 29<sup>th</sup> March, are set out in the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021>

The Clinically Extremely Vulnerable are advised not to attend work, school or education until 31<sup>st</sup> March.

