

LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for May 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)

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:** Accepted by VP, DF, MN & DS and signed by CP.

4. **Police Blog:** Circulated.

5. **Finance & Legal:**

- a) Deferred Quote for Stabilising Undermined Seat on Triangle and Repositioning Damaged Finger Post - Councillors decided to defer the decision.
- b) BHIB vs Zurich Insurance Quotes 2020/21 – The Council have decided to go for the cheaper 1 year quote provided by BHIB this year. They will, however, welcome another quote from Zurich next year when they may contemplate a 3 year deal. Councillors agreed to pay £539.25 to BHIB for the Local Council Insurance Renewal 2020/21.
- c) Casual Vacancy – CP contacted SW&T. Due to Coronavirus restrictions, the PC are not permitted to advertise for a casual vacancy at present. As the PC remains quorate, the advertisement will need to wait until restrictions are lifted.
- d) Invoice for Uncontested Election Fee - SW&T are permitted at their discretion to charge administration fees for an uncontested election. They may not have done so in the past but have chosen to for the 2019 elections. All Councillors agreed to pay the £100 invoice, as they felt that they had no other option.

Planning Applications

Case Ref: 21/20/0004: Erection of an agricultural building for housing of livestock and machinery with associated hardstanding at Orchards, Chorwell Lane, Langford Budville - *Revised plans have been submitted by the applicant and the PC has no new comments to make.*

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

6. Footpaths Report – No report given.

7. Emergency Plan Update - The Parish have 23 volunteers available and, since inception, the volunteers have been able to help 4 parishioners who would not have been supported through other means. Following a suggestion from a volunteer, a Coronavirus Library has been started in the Church porches of Langford Budville and Runnington and they have been well stocked with books and magazines. There has also been a 'thank you' letter left in the library in Langford Budville by an appreciative parishioner.

8. Forthcoming Roadworks - Nynehead Road, Wellington, Somerset: 11 May - 14 May. Delays likely - Diversion route.

Correspondence

1. Noise Complaint from Runnington Resident - Information was provided to the resident on who to contact regarding this noise/nuisance complaint.

2. Garden Waste Fly-tipping Collected by SW&T - With the recycling centres still closed & green garden waste bins not being emptied, there have been a few incidents of fly-tipping in the Parish. Each incident has been reported & collected by SW&T, with the exception of about 20 tyres dumped on the SWT Langford Heathfield reserve, opposite two Ashes triangle. SWT are aware but cannot arrange collection & disposal until disposal sites are opened.

3. VE Day celebrations, Friday 8th May 2020 – The Coronavirus crisis affected & cancelled the original plans for celebration events that were due to take place at the village hall & ringing of bells at the Church. Revised plans were discussed in the Parish to encourage other forms of celebrations to take place, within the social distancing guidelines.