

LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 11th February 2019

Present

Cllr J. Middleton Chairperson (JM)
Cllr V. Pitman Vice-Chairperson (VP)
Cllr D. Faulkner (DF)
Cllr M. Perry (MP)
Cllr R. Poole (RP)

Also in attendance:

SCC Cllr James Hunt (JH)
Zenah Rowe (ZR) LB footpath officer
Derek Sowden Clerk (DS)

10 minute discussion on matters affecting the Parish and Agenda.

1 – Apologies

TDB Cllr Roger Habgood – (RH)

2 – Declaration of Interest

None

3 – Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting which had previously been circulated were approved.

4 - Police Report

No criminal activity logged, however, information was received regarding a tent being erected on Somerset Wildlife Trust land in Langford Budville which was asked to be removed.
Patrols are to be increased to deter and identify those using the area in an anti-social manner.

5. Finance & Legal

a. Play inspection report

JM gave an update on the situation regarding the grant from the FA towards the cost of new football posts. The FA was still not in a position to finalise the grant. The play inspection report commented on the need to remove the existing posts and about the quality of the surface by the goalposts. It was agreed to defer discussion on goal surfaces until the new posts are in place.

JM took the other Cllrs through the report in order to discuss in detail those items which were judged above low and very low risk. The report had identified an issue with the closing of the main gate by the play area, but this has been fully resolved by actions taken by DF who was thanked. The report had made comment regarding an old sign, which did not have any contact details. This sign could be removed, as 2 new compliant signs are in place one is situated close to the old sign in question.

The reports made comments regarding about grass matting in the play area, which appear silted up. This is a low risk priority. The PC is aware that resolution of this matter will be costly, and has planned a way of meeting this cost in the future. Sections of the play area have some bolt caps missing. Also, the report comments on the potential for finger entrapment at the top of the climbing frame.

Actions: Clerk to order bolt cap covers to replace any missing or broken.

All councillors are to re-visit the possible finger entrapment reported on, in preparation to discuss at a future PC meeting.

b. De-commissioned seat

Before Christmas the affected seat was de-commissioned, as it is presently standing on 3 legs, the other legs have some element of corrosion. Advice has been taken regarding a way forward. It would be too costly to continuously have the seat repaired. A new replacement bench could be purchased some time in the future. It was noted that the relatively new picnic seat and table already provided extra seating to the area.

The PC voted in favour of the removal of the de-commissioned seat.

Action: Clerk is to obtain a quote for the complete removal and disposal of the seat.

c. Update on quote for side panel on slide.

DS had received a quote from Produlic of Nottingham, the company who had originally supplied and fitted the play area. Replacement of the damaged side panel is £272.80, plus a delivery charge of £27.28. Fitting would be at a minimum cost of £250. Produlic suggested that it could be a consideration to have the panel fitted by a local person.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quote for the fitting of the new panel, plus its disposal. Clerk to order the slide panel and the associated fittings. To ask for a detailed fitting plan for the section of the slide to be replaced.

d. Update of quotation for dog bin emptying from TDBC

DS reported that he had received a quote for emptying the bins but as it was for 3 bins and not 2 that are emptied, he had sent 2 emails querying the quotation, and asking for a correct quotation to be issued. To date no reply has been received.

Action: DS to issue a more formal letter questioning the quotation, and will update PC accordingly at the next PC meeting.

e. Required change in accounting procedures

DS was able to inform the PC following his clerk training day there is now a need to have a more robust accounting system, in order that the PC's account always reflect the full financial position, and also the need to be constantly reconciled with the PC's bank account. It is a requirement the accounts are verified every month by each and every councillor, who will be expected to sign the report to verify the report as a true reflection of the PC's financial position. The PC received a copy of an example report from DS. This procedure will come into effect from 1st April 2019. Councillors will always receive an emailed copy of accounts prior to the meeting when signing is required.

Action: DS is to produce a full financial report monthly from 1st APRIL 2019, and a copy of this report is to be emailed to each councillor on a monthly basis at the same time as a copy of the draft minutes is released to them.

f. Invoice received for materials required to make a temporary repair on the slide panel.

An invoice for £9.43 has been received from JM to cover the cost of tape purchased to allow a temporary repair to the damaged slide panel. It has also been used to make damaged fencing from a falling tree to be made safe in order to protect the public.

The PC agreed for the invoice to be paid.

Action: DS to issue a cheque for the full amount.

g. Invoice received for tree surgery work carried out on the Triangle

An invoice for £250 has been to cover cost of emergency tree removal work following the road being closed near White Post, when during heavy snow a tree from the Triangle fell and blocked the road. After this occurred it was then discovered that the remaining 2 trunks were in danger of falling so they were also felled.

The PC agreed for the invoice to be paid.

Action: DS to issue a cheque for the full amount.

h. Invoice received to cover cost of clearance of ferns/bramble on the Triangle.

An invoice for £35 has been to cover cost of above work.

The PC agreed for the invoice to be paid.

Action: DS to issue a cheque for the full amount.

i. Invoice has been received to cover cost of clerk's one day SALC training

This was for £85.00.

The PC agreed for the invoice to be paid.

Action: DS to issue a cheque for the full amount.

- j. At January's PC meeting the council decided they would not proceed with some additional fencing near White Post, this having previously been agreed with the fencing company. Due to circumstances beyond the PC's control, the fencing work was completed before terms for cancellation could be negotiated. Following this, the fencing company also completed emergency repairs on 5 smashed fencing panels destroyed when a tree fell across the road in heavy snow. The invoice for both items of work will now be submitted by the company in time for the next PC meeting.

Planning Applications

23/18/0043 – Erection of agricultural building for hay and equipment storage at Bindon Home Farm, Langford Budville Road, Langford Budville, Wellington

The PC agreed not to comment on this planning application. It was established that the site was not in our parish. The site is in Milverton and Milverton Parish Council had not been consulted. Langford Budville Parish Council alerted Milverton Parish Council to the situation and they have now visited the site.

21/18/0027/CQ Prior approval for the proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (class 3), and associated building operations at agricultural buildings to the north east of Malthouses, Runnington.

This was a new application for this site, a previous application for a 3 bedroomed dwelling had been passed.

The council agreed to object to this application for the following reasons:

The change from a 3 bedroomed dwelling to a 5 bedroomed dwelling was considered to be over development of this dwelling.

The narrow road leading to the property would be used by a large number of vehicles due to over development.

The narrow road/path to the property led to a bridle-path / footpath and increased traffic would be a hazard.

The narrow road is in front of a number of terraced properties that open straight out onto this road. The narrow road joins the main road at a busy and dangerous junction where visibility toward Langford Budville is compromised.

The proposed building as a dwelling is out of character with the houses in the immediate area.

All applications can be viewed in full at:

<http://www1.tauntondeane.gov.uk/tdbcsites/plan/plapplookup.asp>

Approvals

None

Refusals

None

6. Footpaths report

ZR made the PC aware of her concerns regarding some overgrown bramble on a footpath which takes the walker from the Triangle to the lime kiln area, and as a consequence the path becomes narrow and difficult to navigate. This is the responsibility of the landowner. ZR also made the PC aware of a rickety stile near a local farm. VP was able to inform ZR that she was aware of the situation, and it seems a solution is in hand. VP was also able to give some details regarding other improvements, which had been or were in the process of being made by the County Footpath officer.

7. Update from clerk on site meeting with Jo Sharpe

DS had nothing further to add, as, despite sending 3 emails to Jo Sharpe, DS had not received a reply. JH was able to advise DS that no site meetings are permitted for TDBC staff, and no direct email should be sent to individual staff members.

Action: DS is to contact the main TDBC Highways function asking for advice only.

8. Update on the appeal concerning land East of Stancombe Farm.

TDBC planning confirm that the appeal is proceeding. The appeal is against the Enforcement notice and is going to a public enquiry. Parishioners have until 20th March 2019 to put their objections in writing. Any objections need to be relevant to the specifics points given as objections by the site owner and stated by the planning department. Any parishioner wishing to do this should do so by going to: teame2@pins.gov.uk quoting the appeals reference: APP/D3315/C/18/3211485
OR by post to: MS M Milton-Newland

The Planning Inspectorate
Room 3A Eagle,
Temple Quay House,
2 The Square
Bristol BS1 6PN

9. Fencing at Reynolds car park

MP made the PC aware that up to 8 posts holding the surrounding fencing are in various degrees of disrepair, and should be replaced to avoid any potential damage to cars parked in the car park. The PC agreed to get 2 quotes before corrective work can be taken.

Action: Clerk to obtain 2 quotations for completion of the above work

10. Dates of litter picks this year.

Sunday 17th March 2019. Meet at 10 a.m. by the play area on the Triangle. If it is raining or snowing then the litter pick will be cancelled.

Sunday 1st December 2019. Meet at 10 a.m. at the village hall.

11. Update of data protection re-storage of minutes etc at the Somerset Heritage Centre

The PC have agreed to keep the last 8 years of minutes and agendas locally, and everything else is to go into storage at the Somerset Heritage Centre.

Action: Clerk to contact the Heritage centre and arrange for delivery of the paperwork.

12. Update of the filling of salt/bins

JM was able to confirm the bins were filled 4 days before the snow arrived. JM thanked TDBC Cllr Roger Habgood for his support and continuance, along with the PC, pressurising for the bins to be filled. It was made clear that bins will not be refilled this winter.

13. Update concerning the possible relocation of dog bin near the village hall.

The PC is grateful to the landowners for agreeing to relocation of the bin onto their land opposite the Marlet Inn. It was made clear that this would only occur should circumstances relating to emptying the bin require it.

Correspondence:

DS made the PC aware of the following road closures.

- a. Road closure Milverton Road, Langford Budville 20th February 2019 19:30 to 23:30
- b. Langford Budville Road, Langford Budville 20th February 2019 19:30 to 23:30
- c. Butts Lane, Langford Budville on 18th February 2019 for 3 days.

JM stated that whilst the PC was grateful to social media users for posting information regarding the recent fallen tree blocking the road. In the future should an emergency occur it would be most helpful if a member of the Parish Council could also be directly contacted so that correct action could be taken.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.
All welcome**