

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present**

K. McGrath - Chairman  
J. Middleton – Vice Chairperson  
R. Poole  
V. Pitman  
M. Perry  
C. Hake – Clerk

Also present were District Councillor Roger Habgood and County Councillor James Hunt plus 16 members of the public

10 minute discussion on matters affecting the Parish and Agenda.

**1.05.16 – Apologies**

None

**2.05.16 – Declaration of Interest**

None

**3.05.16 – Minutes of the last meeting**

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

**4.05.16 – Police Report**

None

**5.05.16 – Finance & Legal**

**a. Annual Audit**

The Annual governance statement and the Annual internal audit report were both signed by the Chairman, these will now be sent off to the auditors and displayed on the web site.

**b. Parish Precept**

The precept of £7,011 has been paid into the parish account; this includes a grant of £171.00

**c. Adoption of Model Standing Orders, Complaints Policy and Financial Regulations**

A copy of these had been distributed to each Councillor; they were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**d. Aon Insurance renewal**

It was unanimously agreed to pay the £565.45 insurance renewal.

**e. Grass cutting quotes**

Two quotes have been received for the cutting of the grass around the play area, it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Taunton Deane. It was also agreed to accept the new quote from Taunton Deane regarding the grass cutting on the triangle.

**f. Grass cutting Invoice**

It was unanimously agreed to pay the £120 grass cutting invoice to Willis & Grabham.

**g. Fourace Bros Invoice/Tree picket fencing**

It was unanimously agreed to pay the £12.35 Invoice for the picket fencing around the newly planted tree on the triangle.

**h. Marmalade Designs Website hosting Invoice**

It was unanimously agreed to pay the £85 Invoice for the website hosting.

**i. Extra Dog bin**

It was agreed that a dog waste bin would be useful at the top of Crown field near the footpath, firstly it has to be established who's land the bin would need to be placed on and gain permission, there would also be a problem with the emptying of the bin as TD will not venture off the roadside, Mr. Poole kindly offered to empty it if there is one placed in that area.

**Planning Applications**

None

**Approval**

None

**Refusals**

None

**6.05.16- Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations/Plaque for Tree**

It is hoped that the PC, Church and Village Hall will be able to arrange something together to celebrate the occasion. A plaque is to be erected near the newly planted Oak tree to commemorate the occasion, this will be unveiled by Rebecca Pow.

**7.05.16 – Triangle**

Mrs. Pitman has been in touch with Mr. Gally of TD, who is happy to come over and mark the trees on the triangle which need coppicing. It was noted that the nets on the goal post keep breaking. The furniture on the picnic area has been treated and the Chairman thanked the Councillors who carried out the work. It was suggested that someone is employed to trim under the play equipment, this will be looked into. It was also mentioned that advertising signs are being erected on the triangle it is feared that if nothing is done this may set a precedence, it was unanimously agreed that a letter would be written to whom it may concern requesting its removal.

It was noted that there is also an advertising board being placed at Two Ashes triangle, this land however belongs to The Wildlife Trust .

**8.05.16 - Correspondence**

A letter was received from Jo Sharpe, Traffic Engineer SCC who has recently had a meeting with Mr. Perry.

Pinch point by Church lay-by. Without yellow lines, there is nothing to prevent vehicles from parking at this location. Yellow lines would not be a viable option as there are no other yellow lines in Langford Budville which means enforcement would not be possible. Cars parking here do have the positive effect of slowing traffic down. The Parish Council could erect 'No Parking' signs on the wall at this point with the landowner's permission. Speeding issues. The main area of concern was the Langford Common Road adjacent to the children's play area. It may be possible to extend the 30mph speed limit to cover this area but this would be dependent on speed readings. Accident data shows that there was one accident at Three Ashes in 2010. No accidents have been recorded on Langford Common Road in the past 5 years.

Visibility onto Langford Common Road from the road north of the triangular green from Three Ashes (also called Langford Common Road). It is SCC's responsibility to ensure that visibility splays are correct on all SCC owned roads. The erection of the wooden fence does mean that visibility is slightly reduced at this point but visibility when turning right to Wiveliscombe is good and as with all junctions, care needs to be taken when pulling out.

Concerns re fast traffic on road where footpath to common is crossed (Langford Budville Road). There are no recorded accidents at this point in the past 5 years. The Playground warning sign north of Hill Top by the track is mounted incorrectly and measures will be taken to get this sign lowered. We did talk about deer warning signs on this road. Milverton Parish Council has also requested deer warning signs on the B3187. I have asked Milverton PC to get back to me with the frequency of accidents involving deer as SCC would not put signs up for isolated incidents. I would ask for confirmation of the number of incidents that have occurred on the Langford Common Road before erecting signs. I would also require confirmation of the approximate crossing points of the deer to ensure the signs cover the correct locations. We would be able to paint 'SLOW' on the road adjacent to these signs and this could help to slow traffic down at this point.

30mph repeater signs in the village. These repeaters are required under DfT regulations to enable the 30mph speed limit to be enforced because there is no street lighting in the village. If the village did have street lighting, then the 30mph speed limit would be by virtue of street lighting which is not the case in Langford Budville. The signs are to remind vehicles of the 30 speed limit. They are not telling the driver they must drive at 30mph. Vehicles should drive according to the conditions of the road.

The meeting closed at 9.30

