

LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes for November 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)

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.

The Parish Coronavirus Emergency plan is in place providing assistance to those in need. There are 15 volunteers with many other people assisting their friends and neighbours. The Parish Council would like to record their thanks to all the volunteers, friends, neighbours & local businesses that are supporting the Parish in this time of Crisis but would also like to remind everyone to play their part & follow the guidance regularly being issued by the Government.

1. Apologies for Absence: None.

2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting: Accepted as read & signed by CP.

4. Police Blog: Circulated.

5. Finance & Legal: a) **Internal Audit Invoice:** £40. PC agreed to pay.

b) **Clerk Salary & Office Expenses:** It was picked up during the audit that due to COVID curtailing meetings, the PC had failed to raise, agree & implement the Clerk's salary in line with National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) pay scales for 2020-2021 Spinal point 12 that were to be implemented from 01.05.20. Office expenses should also be in-line with guidance. PC unanimously agreed to pay the Clerk the correct salary & backdate to 01.05.20.

c) **Defibrillator Funding:** Majority agreement to grant £295 towards funding of purchase of new defibrillator.

Planning Applications:

Case Ref: 21/20/0016/T – Notification to carry out management works to one Cypress tree within Langford Budville Conservation Area at Croxhall, Langford Budville.

Response from PC not required but no objections.

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

6. Footpaths: No comments.

7. Emergency Plan - Winter Arrangements and COVID-19: There was an article in the interim Parish Magazine about there being a team of volunteers available, and anyone needing help should contact DS directly on his mobile. 1 parishioner asked DS for help, which has been implemented. KS is in the process of contacting existing volunteers for winter arrangements and will set up a document for the Community Emergency Plan, as she has some questions with which she needs assistance. A draft of the plan will be available by end of next week.

8. Langford Budville Good Neighbours Scheme (SWT Community Chest): KS is in the process of completing the Community Emergency Plan and will then continue with setting up the GNS and liaise with DS and the PC. This will probably be in early December.

9. Update on The Martlet Inn: The Pub was opened on Monday 2/11/20 but shut for lockdown 2.0 on 4/11/20. However, it is offering a takeaway menu on Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays during Lockdown 2.0. Menu & arrangements are on the village website & have been circulated. Initial feedback was that there was a reasonable uptake of take-away food over the first weekend.

10. Trees on the Triangle: Awaiting notification of commencement of tree works from TS.

11. Finger Post: No further information – awaiting confirmation from Highways.

12. Dog Waste Bin: Bin moved to the new location by DS/DF & servicing by SWTC has been changed to twice weekly on all 4 bins.

13. Somerset Climate Application: DS held a Zoom meeting last Wednesday during which JW detailed the ideas put forward, and these were discussed during the meeting. All participants were requested to email JW & DS with their top 3 choices in order of preference. The most popular choice would be put forward for the bid. Another Zoom meeting is being held at 8pm on Wednesday 11th November during which the chosen item will be fully discussed with a view to helping JW to write the bid application. No monetary contribution will be expected from the Council & DS would like to feel that the PC will be happy to give its backing in principle to whichever item is chosen. However, other members of the Council reserved the right to review the details of the proposal before commenting.

14. Bird Nesting Boxes: Defer discussion until December meeting.

15. Virtual Training Session for Parish Councils (Role as Ward Member & Phosphates): 6pm, 10th November. KS will attend & DF is hoping to attend.

16. Wellington Network Meeting: KS will attend and give feedback to PC.

17. Reynolds Car Park: Tidy-up works to the car park were completed by local community volunteers. The PC wishes to thank the volunteers. The Fencing will need to be replaced at some point in the future.

Correspondence:

1. Langford Lakes Christmas Tree Farm Signage: Unanimously agreed to support.

The next Parish Council Meeting is planned to be held on Monday 14th December 2020, at 7pm at Langford Budville Village Hall, if permitted.