

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th AUGUST 2015
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present

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

Also present were , Councillor Roger Habgood, Councillor James Hunt, Village Agent Nicky Gibbard and 25 members of the public.

10 minute discussion on matters affecting the Parish and Agenda.

The Chairman welcomed the 2 recently elected Councillors Mrs. Jan Middleton and Mr. Mike Perry.

1.08.15 – Apologies

None

2.08.15 – Declaration of Interest

None

3.08.15 – Minutes of the last meeting

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

4.08.15 – Police Report

The Clerk read out the report

Langford Budville

1 x Common Assault and Battery

The area as a whole has been subject to thefts from motor vehicles, sheds and outbuildings. Everyone was reminded to consider their properties security remembering to always lock vehicles and remove valuables from show.

5.08.15 - Village Agent – Nicky Gibbard

The meeting was suspended at 7.45

Nicky Gibbard explained about the purpose of The Village Agent, there will be an article placed in the Parish Magazine with contact details.

The meeting resumed at 7.57

6.08.15– Finance & Legal

a. Play Area Annual Inspection, Sign and Post ties

The Play Area Annual Inspection is now due, 2 quotes have been acquired from companies recommended by the PC Insurers, it was unanimously agreed to accept the lower quote from The Play Inspection Company which was £75 + VAT, it was also agreed that due to the removal of the information sign on the Play Area that another sign would be purchased, the Clerk has spoken with Debbie Arscott who agreed it would be a

good idea to purchase a sign with the outstanding 106 money. During the last month there have been problems with the netting on the goals at the Play Area, post ties have been purchased to secure the nets onto the posts these were at a cost of £10.66.

b. Grass cutting quotes

2 quotes have been received from local contractors regarding the cutting of the grass around the Parish, these quotes were identical, therefore it was unanimously decided that Willis & Grabham would cut the grass as and when needed and that White Post Nurseries would help out if needed, it was unanimously agreed that this was a sensible arrangement which both parties were in favour of.

c. Grass cutting Invoice

The grass around the Parish has been cut by Willis & Grabham at the request of the PC, it was proposed by K. McGrath and seconded by V. Pitman and was unanimously agreed to pay the £120 Invoice.

d. Transparency Code

The Transparency Code came into effect in July, all Parishes with a turnover of less than £25,000 are subject to this code which requires all PC information to be displayed on the Parish web site, and the Clerk is working closely with M. Lilley who oversees the web site to get all the relevant information displayed.

e. Take Art – Contribution

Take Art is a pioneering arts charity, serving towns, villages and rural communities of Somerset,

The meeting was suspended at 8.05

The meeting resumed at 8.07

Zena Rowe explained about Take Art and its benefits to village communities, it was proposed by V. Pitman seconded by M. Perry and unanimously agreed to make a £50 donation to this charity.

6.08.15 - Planning Application

21/15/0005

Conversion and alteration of detached garage into self contained annexe at Rickyard, Bindon Lane, Langford Budville – Support

21/15/0006/LE

Application for a certificate of lawful development for the existing use of land as domestic garden Adjacent to the Old Forge, Langford Budville - Support

Approvals

21/15/0003/CQ

Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to 2 No. dwellings houses (use class 3) at the Potato Store, Bere Farm, Langford Budville.

21/15/0004

Erection of an agricultural building to house machinery and dry fodder at Ramsey Farm Cottage, Holywell Lake Road, Langford Budville

Refusals

None

7.08.2015 - Footpaths

The meeting was suspended at 8.12 for Zena Rowe to speak.

Most of the footpaths in the area are clear and Zena was pleased to report that the main gate at Stancombe Farm is now unlocked.

The meeting resumed at 8.14

V. Pitman reported that Chorwell Lane is now clear and that she is in the process of sorting Church Lane which is very overgrown.

8.08.2015 - Web Site

The meeting was suspended at 8.18 for M. Lilley to speak
The new Web Site is now functioning and can be viewed at
www.langfordbudvillevillage.co.uk

The meeting resumed at 8.20

9.08.2015 – Strimmer Project

Information on the strimmer project was discussed.
The meeting was suspended at 8.23
The meeting resumed at 8.25
One parishioner has expressed an interest in volunteering for this project therefore the Clerk will obtain full details.

10.08.2015 – Parish Questionnaire

J. Middleton proposed that a questionnaire was distributed around the Parish asking for Parishioners views and comments on the Parish, it was unanimously agreed that this was a good idea and will be discussed at a future meeting.

11.08.2015 – Correspondence

It was proposed by M. Perry seconded by K. McGrath and unanimously agreed to pay the £127.50 Invoice from A. Goldsmith for grass strimming around the Parish between May – August.

The meeting closed at 8.30

**The next meeting will be held on September 14th 2015
Everyone is welcome**