

## LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held outdoors at **6:30pm** at  
Petersmead, Langford Budville on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 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.**

### Present:

Cllr. V. Pitman (VP) Acting Chairperson  
Cllr D. Faulkner (DF)  
Cllr. D. Sowden (DS)  
Cllr. M. Norvell (MN)  
Cllr. K. Spackman (KS)

### Apologies:

Cllr. G. Wren (Milverton & District Ward)  
Cllr. R. Habgood (Monument Ward)

### Also in Attendance:

Carly Payne (Clerk) (CP)

**Declaration of Interest:** None.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Accepted By Councillors and signed by VP.

**Police Blog:** Shared with Councillors.

### **5. Finance & Legal:**

**a) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Annual Report:** Oct 2019 - Apr 2020. Report shared with PC.  
**b) Checklist for Holding an In-person Council Meeting:** NALC Checklist conducted to the PC's satisfaction. It was agreed that the PC will hold a face-to-face meeting in October. The PC will re-evaluate this decision following the first council meeting held, and where necessary the risk assessment and risk management activities will be updated.

### **Planning Applications:**

**Ref: 21/17/0006 – Refused:** Application for approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following Outline Application 21/14/0003 for the development of 8 No. residential dwellings (4 No. affordable housing and 4 No. open market dwellings) on land adjoining The Village Hall, Langford Budville.

**Ref: 21/20/0011/AGN: Approved without the need for consultation with PC:** Application for prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for storage of agricultural equipment and machinery at Orchard Haven, Wellisford Manor Road, Langford Budville.

All applications can be viewed in full at:

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

**6. Footpaths:** Church Lane has been cut. DF and Sheila Faulkner kindly cleared cuttings. Crownfield has also been cut. The same footpath as discussed in August's meeting, across the cornfield, is being monitored as currently it is overgrown with stinging nettles but it appears that it may be cut soon.

**7. Top Soil:** DS informed the PC that he did not have any leftover top soil so the PC will wait until the autumn and see whether any is actually needed.

**8. Finger Post:** No further information to add. It will be sorted next year when the backlog has been dealt with. VP has tried to contact Martin Stone but no reply as of yet.

**9. Unitary Authority for Somerset:** A single unitary body is highly likely and therefore more work will be devolved to the PC.

**10. Update on The Martlet Inn:** It is understood that negotiations are ongoing.

**11. Runnington Noticeboard:** In working order now but will need replacing in approximately 1 year. The CIL money could be used to buy a new board.

**12. Website Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG):** The 2018 piece of legislation, regarding public websites having to have an accessibility statement/guideline, was discussed.

**13. Covid-19 Arrangements for using Village Hall in October:** The October Parish Council meeting will be held in the main hall at the Jubilee Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 & will be managed within the COVID-19 secure guidelines produced by Government & Hall committee requirements. A COVID-19 risk assessment has been carried out by the Clerk. Two metres social distancing will be maintained at all times and safety signage will be clearly displayed in all areas of the Hall. High-contact objects such as tables, chairs, door/window handles and light switches will be cleaned both before and after the meeting and hand sanitiser is available before entering the hall. Hand-washing facilities and paper towels will be provided but attendees must provide and wear their own face masks. A safe area is also designated should anyone feel unwell during the meeting. Under no circumstances should anyone feeling unwell or displaying COVID-19 symptoms come to the meeting. The names and contact details of everyone attending the meeting will be recorded should they need to be contacted by 'Test, Track and Trace'. The 10 minute 'Public Question Time' will start at 19.00. A maximum of 28 people only can be accommodated in the Hall at any one time, including the Councillors. To comply with this, and to manage equipment correctly, the PC will need to know numbers in advance. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Clerk, either by phone: 07491 138 324 or email: langfordbudvillepc@gmail.com before the 9th October 2020.

**14. Hedges:** The Leylandii hedge surrounding the house on the corner by the Church has been reported to the PC as it is overgrown and therefore dangerous for drivers coming up over Church Hill (since visibility is compromised). *CP to write a letter to the owners to request that the hedge is trimmed.*

**15. Trees on the Triangle:** VP met Tom Sellick (Tree Surgeon) as most trees have ash dieback and most are under a tree preservation order. For safety, Tom & VP chose 8 trees, which were deemed dangerous, and these will be removed. Before this happens, David Galley wants to have a meeting but he is not back from his holiday until the end of October so this will take place on his return. It has been suggested that Hornbeam, maple or oak trees will replace the ash trees. A quote of just under £200 has been gained from Triscombe Nursery for 3 trees.

**16. Road Closures:** Tonedale railway bridge will be closed to vehicles between the dates of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**17. Dog Bins:** DS will move the dog bin on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Oct or Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October. It will be moved from the Village Hall and will be repositioned opposite The Martlet Inn. SWTC will then need to be informed so that they can remove the dog waste.

**Correspondence: None**

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020,  
at 7pm at Langford Budville Village Hall.**