

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

11th MAY 2023

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL	
Present	Councillors: Geoff Bond Jenny Coles John Davies Colin Edworthy Mark Glover (Chairman) David Ley Pat Mitchell Penny Stowell Cheryl Cottle–Hunkin (TDC) Chris Wheatley (TDC) Andrew Saywell (DCC)
In attendance	Leigh Pollinger – Parish Clerk 1 member of the public
	Welcome and Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly the two new representatives of Torridge District Council and expressed his and the Parish Council’s thanks to David Hurley who had been the previous representative for TDC for a number of years.• The Chairman also welcomed all councillors after being re-elected on 4th May 2023.• There were no apologies received.
	Election of Chairman and Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Glover was re-elected chairman and John Davies was elected vice chairman. Both councillors were elected unanimously to their new posts.
	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 councillors were re-elected on 4th May meaning that there was a vacancy for a councillor. Anna Moseby was nominated to fill the vacant post and she was duly elected unanimously onto the Parish Council.• This meeting was then closed by the Chairman.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	
556	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal Parish Council business commenced at 7.45pm. • Melissa Baker (PCSO) had advised she would not be able to attend but had forwarded a report.
557	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p>
557.1	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Clerk had delivered flowers to Matt and Clare at Union Inn to thank them for hosting the Stibb Cross defibrillator – they were quite touched by the gift. • Other matters covered below.
557.2	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 13th April 2023 to be confirmed and signed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes were proposed by John Davies and seconded by Jenny Coles. Approved.
558	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No interests were declared.
559	<p>REPORTS</p>
559.1	<p>Police Community Support Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report from the PCSO was read out.
559.2	<p>County Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks were given to David Hurley for his support in the parish. • The repairs on the B3227 from Watergate to Stibb Cross are planned during June and information is coming out from Highways of exact dates of road closures. It was pointed out that there are some potholes in Fore Street which could be filled at the same time, Andrew agreed to take this away (repairs subsequently carried out). • It is also hoped that some additional work can be carried out on Browns Lane over the next few weeks. • The DCC Budget activity for this financial year has been completed.
559.3	<p>District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks were again given to David Hurley for his many years of help and support. The Chairman welcomed Cheryl Cottle–Hunkin and Chris Wheatley to the meeting. As both were very

	new to their posts they were unable to give an update on TDC activities at this stage.
560	PARISH MATTERS
560.1	<p>Update on Langtree Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The swing that had been condemned by ROSPA has been removed, thanks to Mark Glover and Pat Mitchell for organising. • A discussion was held regarding Friends of Langtree Park a group which used to have responsibility for Langtree Park but no longer exists. The PC were advised that FOLP have a bank account which holds approximately £1000. The Parish Council also holds £2000 on account within the Parish Council funds. • It was suggested that feelers should be put out in the community to see if the FOLP group can be resurrected and invited to the next PC meeting to discuss plans. • It was proposed that a Parish Councillor should be a bank account signatory. • Grant opportunities were discussed but until requirements are agreed and costs obtained then any work on grants is academic at this stage.
560.2	<p>Updates on council elections of 4th May 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In summary, 8 councillors had been re-elected unopposed.
560.3	<p>Other matters impacting the parish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last Parish Council meeting a letter from the Phipps Charity had been read out explaining that they were looking for a trustee and representative from the Parish Council. David Ley agreed to take on this role and was duly nominated.
561	PLANNING
561.1	<p>Any updates on potential planning application for land at The Crescent, Langtree. (Holding item only, no discussion anticipated).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quick explanation was given to the new TDC councillors of the issues surrounding any application on this site.
561.2	<p>To consider any planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new planning applications have been received.
562	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE
562.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end April 2023.</p> <p>The position at the end of April was:</p>

	Lloyds account	£5,406
	Reserve account	£6,516
	Total	£11,922
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the finances look positive at this time the councillors were reminded that we will have to pay approx £5,800 (including VAT) for repairs to the War Memorial clock in June / July. • Payments in the month were to DALC £236.75, Peter Peter & Wright £471.40 and ROSPA £270.00. • Receipts were the Precept from TDC for £4,875 and one allotment holder of £15 – I have monies from 2 other allotment holders which will be paid in shortly. 	
562.2	<p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Sanders auditor £95.00 • Zurich Insurance £401.00 (previously with BHIB £584 including MUGA and playing area). • Leigh Pollinger £40.00 flowers for Union Inn. • All were approved. 	
562.3	<p>To sign off AGAR (audit and accounts) documentation for financial year 2022/2023 (if documentation has been received back from auditor).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The documentation has been received back from our auditor and will be presented for approval at the next meeting. 	
562.3	<p>To review correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No correspondence that has not been previously circulated has been received. 	
563	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a brief discussion regarding grants and details had been forwarded to Mark Glover. 	
564	<p>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Saywell advised that the consultation regarding mobile libraries closes on 26th May and there is still time to put in views. It is not thought that the mobile library comes to Langtree. • David Ley proposed that a new box file should be gifted to the Langtree Park group. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Glover advised that the PTA need a new notice board. It was agreed that the Parish Council and Andrew Saywell will make a contribution.• The meeting closed at 8.30pm.
565	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date of next meeting is Thursday 8 th June 2023.