

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

8th August 2024

Present	Councillors: Mark Glover John Davies Pat Mitchell Geoff Bond Penny Stowell Jenny Coles Colin Edworthy
In attendance	Linda Davies Parish Clerk. James French.
697	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from, David Ley, Anna Moseby, Cheryl Cottle Hunkin, (TDC) Chris Whateley (TDC), Andrew Saywell (DCC), Melissa Baker (PCSO)
698	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
698.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGAR documents were signed by the chairman on 13th June 2024.• Policies will be sent out prior to meetings - commencing prior to the next meeting.• Confirmation the strip of land outside Church Cottage is not owned by Langtree Parish Council. It has now been cut back. The Chairman will contact owner of Church Cottage in the spring to request delay in cut back until flowers have finished blooming.
698.2	Minutes of meeting held on 13 th June 2024 to be confirmed and signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These were agreed - proposed by Penny Stowell and seconded by Pat Mitchell – duly signed.• There was no meeting on 11th July 2024.
699	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was no declaration of interests.
700	REPORTS
700.1	Police Community Support Officer:

	<p>Crimes – 0</p> <p>Logs – 3 Highway disruptions, 1 suspicious incident and 1 anti-social behaviour (both at the old Travis Perkins site)</p>
700.2	<p>County Councillor:</p> <p>Local Highways Matters – Unfortunately the weather is yet again disrupting the remedial surface dressing works on the B3227... the update I had from the team was that tomorrow (9th August) was looking much better but will depend on road conditions.</p> <p>Devolution – Unfortunately due to the calling of an early General Election there was not enough time to pass the statutory orders to legally create the Combined Authority/Devolution settlement. Nevertheless, the legislation and legal work is ready to go... The new Government is making positive noises about devolution, although they seem to be even keener on Elected Mayors than the last Government. Still TBC as to whether they will go ahead with Devon’s deal as is, or if they try to make changes.</p> <p>Council Restructures/Modernisation – Restructuring and streamlining of the Council continues behind the scenes. The Information Governance and Customer Complaints Team are being merged with the Legal Directorate which should create a more streamlined team and as there is quite a lot of synergy between governance, complaints and legal it, in my view, is a logical merger.</p> <p>Summer Holiday Activities and Food – Holiday activities and food for children who receive free school meals will be available again over the summer holidays. Funded by the Department for Education, DCC have teamed up with over 100 different activity providers across Devon to offer more than 30,000 places to children aged five to 16 years old, who receive benefit-related free school meals.</p> <p>From arts and crafts workshops to sports tournaments and outdoor activities, the programme is designed to keep children engaged, active, and well-nourished during the school break. All clubs will be operating for a minimum of four hours for four days and will include a hot meal. The Council have also increased the number of places for secondary school aged children, with some sessions taking place during the evenings and at weekends.</p> <p>More information on the HAF programme, including booking details and eligibility criteria can be found online here - www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme/</p>

Development of Family Hubs – The Council is changing the way that young families are supported at Children’s Centres, and is inviting those who use the services, as well as professionals and community groups, to help influence the changes. It follows a national move, announced by the Government last year, for Children’s Centres to become Family Hubs, as part of its Start for Life Programme initiative.

In Devon that means **extending** the age range, from current services that deliver targeted support to 0 to 8 year-olds, to future services that provide **universal** as well as targeted and support to 0 to 19 year-olds, or up to 25 year-old young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. And it would mean a wider range of services than present, including support from local community groups, working together to help young families.

Having agreed at the end of last year to make the change in line with national thinking, the Council has been working with families, professionals and community groups to help shape what the new Family Hubs support network will look like in Devon.

Exactly which services will be integrated into a Family Hub will very much depend on the needs of local families. But the kind of services that families could access include early years services and education; Public Health Nursing and Midwifery services; activities delivered by local groups; drug, alcohol and domestic abuse support; mental health support and youth services.

This will likely lead to a change in how some of the current Children’s Centre buildings are operated but I want to make it very clear that this is not about cutting or reducing services. Indeed, for rural areas I see this as an advantage because if the services provided by the Family Hubs can be delivered through outreach services directly in rural communities, that is better than making a family travel into Bideford to access the service from a building there.

Family Hubs are likely to be located in areas of greatest need, with outreach services extending from them into local communities. Much of the support families currently receive will still be available.

New Interchange Railway Station for Okehampton – The DCC Cabinet approved plans to build a new ‘Interchange’ station at Okehampton which will be located near the industrial estates on the road heading towards the A30. It should have 200 parking spaces and will be an easier station for people to get to and use than the existing historical station which has few parking spaces. The reopening of the Okehampton Line has been one of the most successful re-openings in the country and I

	<p>hope this new station will make it an even more attractive option for local people to travel by rail to regional and inter-city destinations without having to travel all the way down to either Exeter or Tiverton Parkway or take lengthy connections from Barnstaple or Umberleigh. I appreciate in Beaford Okehampton might be too far away but overall, I still think this is good news for the wider area.</p> <p>As work had already started on this, this scheme shouldn't be affected by the new Government's budget cuts. However, it looks as though both the Tavistock rail link and the new station at Collumpton have been axed. Given this climate I'd be highly surprised if any progress is made now on re-opening the Bideford-Barnstaple railway line...</p>
700.3	District Councillor: Not present.
701	PARISH MATTERS
701.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Langtree Park. – the Chairman gave a vote of thanks to all concerned in the provision of the new swings. • James would like a key to the litter bin in the park.
701.2	<p>Other matters impacting the parish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been no update in the planning dispute at the properties at Barley Hayes, Langtree Week – Clerk will contact TDC for update on their visit. • Willows in Langtree Park need to be tidied up. • Work needs to commence at Play Park in Stibb Cross and Travis will be contacted to arrange when the park will be closed. Hopefully all works can be scheduled together. • Parish Council will tidy the allotments and advertise plots for rental. • Councillors reported a tree growing in the wall of the church yard, which will need to be removed before it damages the brickwork. • Councillors reported that the car park in The Crescent was being used by people from other parts of the village. Causing issues for those that usually park there. It was agreed that LPC has no jurisdiction in this matter.
702	PLANNING
702.1	Any updates on potential planning application for land at The Crescent, Langtree. - There is nothing new to report.

702.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/0656/2024/FUL Covering of existing yard: Council Support application. 1/0657/2024/FUL Covering of existing yard: Council Support application. 						
702.3	<p>To consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received. 						
703	CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCE						
703.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at end July 2024.</p> <p>The position at the end of July was:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="435 752 1385 972"> <tr> <td>Lloyd's account</td> <td>£4299.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td> <td>£1564.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£5863.92</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments approved by Chairman by email as no meeting in July: £2580.00 Hags – SMP swings. (also approved by Langtree Park Chairman) £100.00 Payment to Tim Sanders - Audit. In addition, there is £1,548.35 in the Langtree Park account after £2,150.00 was transferred for payment of swings. £52.50 received for allotment rental. 	Lloyd's account	£4299.33	Reserve account	£1564.59	Total	£5863.92
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703.2	<p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No payments to be made. 						
703.3	<p>To review correspondence received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Sarah Hamer ref Funding application for Langtree Park. Email from Sally Lewis ref allotment rental. 						
704	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No public participation. 						
705	<p>ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was discussion around funding applications for Langtree Park – as applicants must have a bank account that matches the 						

	<p>name on the application. Therefore, Langtree Park cannot apply in their own right.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council agreed that in future Langtree Park committee members would complete the applications and submit the documents to Parish Council for discussion and approval at a full Council meeting. <p>This would mean however that the administration of the funding and the year end accounts would be added to the Clerk workload.</p> <p>As this would be outside of the Clerk’s agreed salary contract, it would need to be monitored, and additional hours paid if required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting closed at 8.45pm.
<p>706</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date of next meeting is Thursday 12th September 2024</p>