

LANGTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

10th October 2024

Present	Councillors: Mark Glover John Davies Pat Mitchell Geoff Bond Anna Moseby David Ley Jenny Coles Penny Stowell Colin Edworthy Chris Whateley (TDC)
In attendance	Linda Davies Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.
717	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from. Andrew Saywell (DCC) Cheryl Cottle Hunkin, (TDC) Melissa Baker (PCSO)
718	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
718.1	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travis Perkins have replaced the fencing in Beech Road play park.• Tree in church yard wall will need to be cut down.• Standing orders policy has been updated on the website.• Skittle alley will be used to reinforce the walls of the shed in the Methodist church grounds.
718.2	Minutes of meeting held on 12 th September 2024 to be confirmed and signed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These were agreed - proposed by Geoff Bond and seconded by Penny Stowell – duly signed.
719	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no declaration of interests.
720	REPORTS
720.1	<p><u>Police Community Support Officer:</u></p> <p>Report received -</p> <p>Crime – 1 Actual bodily harm, 1 harassment.</p> <p>Logs – 3 violence, 2 harassment.</p>
720.2	<p><u>County Councillor:</u></p> <p><u>Update Report for Langtree Parish Council October 2024</u></p> <p>Devolution – I am delighted to say that the new Government has confirmed Devon’s Devolution Deal is going ahead, as previously agreed with the former Government. This is good news for Devon, and it means the start of a journey of having greater powers devolved down to Devon. Immediate measures include £16m worth of additional funding for projects involving ‘green’ jobs, homes, skills and business growth. The new Combined Authority will have devolved powers and direct control of adult education to create up to 50,000 new training and retention opportunities by 2030.</p> <p>The Government is also offering a strong partnership with Homes England to use the ‘Affordable Housing Programme’ and ‘Brownfield Infrastructure and Land Fund’ to create a joint action plan for affordable housing schemes for local people.</p> <p>The plan is for the Government to pass the necessary legislation in the autumn, with hopefully the first meeting of the CCA being held in January.</p> <p>OFSTED Inspection – The Council’s Children’s Services are currently being inspected by OFSTED. It will be some time before their final report is issued but their inspection is due to finish by the end of this week, and we should hopefully be given some indicative feedback as to whether the Children’s Services Department is improving in its performance compared to its last inspection...</p> <p>Local Highways Matters – Apologies there will be another closure on the B3227 for stud renewal and associated works from 11th – 16th October, however these will be overnight closures (7pm – 6am) so i hope disruption will be kept to a minimum. Am aware of a wedding taking place this weekend but the family have been given the contact details of the</p>

	<p>contractor who is keen to ensure they don't cause any disruption for the evening party!</p> <p>Patching (as in resurfacing style repairs) continues to be carried out, including in this Parish. So far this year we have seen over 4,800 square metres of patching carried out in Torrington Rural alone.</p>
720.3	<p><u>District Councillor:</u></p> <p>The new Torridge District Council Operations Centre was recently granted planning permission based in East-the-Water Bideford opposite Alverdiscott Industrial Park Estate. The new Site will embrace vehicle workshops, parking for vehicle fleet, education resource centre. There will be no black bag waste or processing onsite. Further info available on our TDC website.</p> <p>Environmental Working Group</p> <p>Phil Topham from Torrington Change Room attended to provide details of Torrington Change room, which was setup to fundraise, building control, project planning for a building in the Trust gardens as a local facility for information about climate change impacts and opportunities. TDC is involved and has been working with Phil for over 12 months.</p> <p>TDC Biodiversity Plan and Tree Planting</p> <p>The Sustainability Climate Sustainability Officer presented this item and after discussions a need was identified for suitable Land to invest and availability for funding and tree planting. It was confirmed land maps are in process of being integrated to a new IT system and once completed could be examined to identify areas suitable for tree planting.</p> <p>LANGTREE SPECIFIC Case no - 577310403 The Crescent Langtree - Drains have been cleared and potholes filled in..</p>

721	PARISH MATTERS						
721.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Langtree Park. - The team are busy putting together funding bids for approval. 						
721.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willow tree in Langtree Park needs to be cut back as it is now too big to bend into an igloo shape. Grass in top half of church yard has not been cut and is very long. Chairman will discuss with church. Road past Homeleigh Farm has very bad potholes, Clerk will report to DCC. Waste bin at entrance to Southlands drive has been broken. – this was flagged by a parishioner and reported to TDC. 						
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722	PLANNING						
722.1	Any updates on potential planning application for land at The Crescent, Langtree – None						
722.2	Applications for discussion – None Received						
722.3	<p>To consider any other planning applications received between issuing of agenda and meeting. -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/0849/2024/FUL Removal of chimney – Council approve application. 						
723	CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCE						
723.1	<p>To receive update on financial position at the end September 2024</p> <p>The position at the end of September was:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1449 1386 1666"> <tr> <td>Lloyd’s account</td> <td>£9325.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve account</td> <td>£1567.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£10,892.80</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Payments have been made. £ 5026.00 Precept received. In addition, there is £1551.81 in the Langtree Park account. 	Lloyd’s account	£9325.33	Reserve account	£1567.47	Total	£10,892.80
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723.2	<p>To request approval of BACS Payments and cheques.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment of £1,277.10 to TDC – Clerk salary. Payment of £970.00 and £365.00 to M Baker for grass cutting, Langtree and Stibb Cross. 						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment £50.00 to RBL for Poppy Appeal. • Payment £200.00 to Royal British Legion Industries for 'Tommy' remembrance soldier statue.
723.3	<p>To review correspondence received.</p> <p><u>Circulated prior to meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDC = Listed buildings and conservation areas in Torridge. – for information. • Peters Marland Council request Langtree council write to DCC re signposting on roads from Tarka Springs. • Letter from TDC emergency planning officer re Langtree Emergency Plan. – To be discussed at a future meeting. • Letter from DCC re snow wardens. Geoff Bond is our contact. <p><u>Not pre-circulated:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDC requires non-elected members for their Overview and scrutiny and Audit and Governance committees. • Air Ambulance require notification if there are plans to use the landing site for Bonfire night events. • Southwest Heritage Trust are seeking funding. Clerk to contact to clarify amounts and purpose. • RBLI (Royal British Legion Industries) catalogue for remembrance products.
723.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies Review: Freedom of information policy agreed to be updated on website. Health and safety policy will be discussed again at the next meeting.
724	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public participation.
725	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANY OTHER ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION • Chaiman noted that he had been contacted by Andrew Warner - Chair of Winkleigh PC. Along with other PCs in the area he had formed a collaborative group, and they were holding a meeting in our Parish Hall that evening! <p>Given such short notice no one was able to attend, which council felt was not very collaborative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting closed at 8.40pm.
726	<p>Date of next meeting – Thursday 14th November 2024</p>