

# LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of Langford Budville Parish Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6.30pm at the Jubilee Hall**

**Present:** - Derek Sowden (Chair), Juliet Shrimpton, Fiona Barber, Theresa Jacoby attendees as below and three members of public

**Members absent:** - None

**Apologies:** - Cllr Gwil Wren

**In Attendance:** - Cllr Dave Mansell, Ms Chadwick as Clerk

## **Public Forum**

Cllr Mansell gave his update including details of the Somerset Council financial emergency, budgeting update and plans to use reserves. Concerns were expressed to Cllr Mansell about the spend on excessive mailings re change in refuse collection dates. Final budget will be confirmed on 20 February.

Further issues have been communicated to the Parish Council re HGV problems in Ritherdons on 4 January. Information was given to Cllr Mansell and will also be sent to Kate Brown at Somerset Council Highways.

### **1. Apologies**

No apologies were received from councillors.

### **2. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were approved unanimously.

### **4. Group Reports**

#### **4.1 A Greener Langford Budville**

A proposal has been sent to Somerset Council for retention of remaining funds. No response yet received.

#### **4.2 Triangle**

Awaiting results of playground inspection. Clerk has emailed Richard Branfield re tree work and tender for grass cutting, he is presently on paternity leave. Damage from quadbikes has been reported, it was resolved to put posts in to prevent access. Clerk to follow up on tree planting proposal.

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### **4.3 Events Group**

Martlet have agreed to host free defibrillator offered.

### **4.4 Conservation Group. Jubilee Wood and Wildflower area**

A potential grant for biodiversity is being investigated. A meeting is to be held to discuss the Wellington Waterways Feasibility Study. More hedging plants and guards have been ordered for the Jubilee Wood.

### **4.5 Footpaths**

The damaged stiles were discussed and details and pictures were requested, so that next steps can be agreed upon.

### **5. Draft budget (20 mins)**

Following discussion, the Council approved the draft Parish Council budget as circulated and instructed the Clerk to submit the precept request for the financial year 2023/24 in the sum of £9816, which is an extra £5pa on an average Band D property, to Somerset Council before the deadline of 2 February 2024.

### **6. Casual vacancy (10 mins)**

Item deferred

### **7. 20's plenty signs (10 mins)**

Item deferred

### **8. Planning**

The Councillors reviewed the following applications:

#### **8.1 Case Ref: 21/23/0011/LEW**

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing non-compliance of the occupancy condition (Condition No. 11) of application 21/03/0019 at The Stables, Milverton Road, Langford Budville

No comment

#### **8.2 Case Ref: 21/23/0012**

Proposal: Erection of a two storey extension to the rear of The Stables, Milverton Road, Langford Budville

No comment

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## 9. Finance

### 9.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the bank reconciliation.

### 9.2 Schedule of Payments

The Council approved the Schedule of Payments, as below:

Payments Due						
To pay:						
Clerks wages	C	8 Dec to 4 Jan - 4 weeks	236.80			£11.84 x 5 hrs pw x 4 weeks
Clerks expenses	C	mileage	15.75	252.55		35 miles x 1 trip
					252.55	

## 9. Agenda Items for next meeting

It was agreed to add the deferred items to the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024):

The minutes reflect an accurate record of events subject to any amendments listed below.

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Amendments:

Produced by:

**Helen Chadwick**, Clerk

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8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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