

LANGFORD BUDVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Langford Budville Parish Council held on Monday 13th January 2025 at 6.30pm at the Jubilee Hall

Present: - Derek Sowden (Chair), Fiona Barber, Jon Moise-Souch, Graham Warner, attendees as below and three members of public

In Attendance: - Cllr Gwil Wren, Ms Chadwick as Clerk

Public Forum

Cllr Wren gave his update including on the Somerset Council budget, restructuring and cost saving plans in progress. He also updated on planning house building targets which have been increased 41%, unsure of impact on our parish yet. He promised to follow up on reports on a miscanthus spillage at Chipley which have been raised.

1. Apologies

Theresa Jacoby sent her apologies. It was resolved that the apology, and the reasons for it, be accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on the 11th November 2024 were approved unanimously.

4. Group Reports

4.1 Triangle

No update on playground inspection – Clerk to follow up. Storm damage to willow trees has been made safe – thanks to all involved. Six new trees have been planted to replace felled ash trees. Photos to be sent to David Galley. Three ash trees to be kept under review. The play equipment needs a scrub. Jon to ask for volunteers.

4.2 Events Group

A quiz in aid of the school raised c. £300 and the fair £1000.

4.3 Conservation Group. Jubilee Wood and Wildflower area

No update.

4.4 Footpaths

Graham has agreed to act as parish volunteer footpath warden

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4.5 LCN

Minutes have been circulated. Theresa to attend next meeting.

4.6 Village agent

The village agent has been very helpful with a parishioner. Agent to be invited to the March meeting.

5. Planning Case Ref: 21/24/0014

Councillors reviewed the proposal as circulated: Erection of secure garaging (for the dwelling) with welfare area above at Topside, Newlands Farm, Higher Wellisford Road, Thorne St Margaret, Wellington

It was noted that the use of the building is unclear and it should be clarified.

6. Projects for 2024

The Chair led further discussion of proposed projects for 2024/25, and resolved as follows:

Noticeboards: Runnington has been replaced and looks super – thanks expressed to Chris Montag. Chair to contact him re Langford Budville noticeboard. If necessary, the one by the Village Hall could be used and a QR code posted to link to the website.

Emergency Plan: A meeting will be held on 27th to discuss and update.

Traffic signage: Chair to contact sponsors on 20's plenty signage.

7. Draft budget

The Council reviewed the draft budget for 2025/26 as circulated and set the precept for 2025/26 at £11,077.00, an increase of £5 per year on the average Band D property.

8. Finance

8.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the bank reconciliation.

8.2 Schedule of Payments

The Council approved the Schedule of Payments, as below, which includes the tree expenditure authorised up to £600 at the previous meeting:

Summary of Payments Due				
To pay:				
Clerks wages	C	8 Nov to 9 Feb 9 weeks	577.80	£12.84 x 5 hrs pw x 9 weeks
	C	back pay	127.58	back pay 1 April 2024 to 9 Jan 2025 pay scale 8 (13.47-12.84) x 40.5 weeks x 5 hrs
Clerks expenses	C	mileage	15.75	721.13 35 miles x 1 trip
Ian Loudon	C	Various		69.99 Invoices
Weetree	C	trees		308.88 quote 4130 for replacement trees as approved in principle in Nov meeting
M Shallcross	C	trees		50.40 for replacement trees as approved in principle in Nov meeting
Weetree	C	trees		39.60 quote 4213 for replacement trees as approved in principle in Nov meeting
LB Jubilee Hall	C	Meetings Q4		8.25 inv LBJH 2024 - 96
Somerset Council	C	grasscutting and dog bins to 31 Dec	243.98	inv 30096794
Chris Montag	C	Noticeboard	323.96	
Total to pay:			<u>791.12</u>	

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9. Agenda Items for next meeting

It was agreed to add an update on the work of our village agent to the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

To be signed by the Chair at the next meeting (Monday 10 March 2025):

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

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

Amendments:

Produced by:

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