

Minutes of Langham Parish Council (LPC) Meeting

10th September 2024 Langham Community Centre 7:30pm

Attendees: Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Bottwood, Cllr Brockman, Cllr Ogawa,
Cllr Hunter, Cllr Anderson

Present: Clerk – Carol Harbach
0 Members of the public.

24/089 Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Armstrong welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies were received from Cllr Freeman and Bob Schofield.

24/090 Declaration of Members interests

Any declarations of interest will be brought up and declared as they arise on the agenda.

24/091 Agreement of Minutes of the meeting on 24th July 2024

These had been circulated and were thought to be a true and accurate account of events. Proposed Cllr Anderson Seconded Cllr Hunter All Agreed.

24/092 Matters arising from the meeting on 24th July 2024

“Changing Places” regarding for help with grants for Public Toilet – this has been looked at and will be followed up further.

Thanks were given to Cllr Rowe for getting the roads cleaned by the road sweeper around the village.

Car cleaning on Birchwood Road is still taking place and will be followed up. A letter will be sent to the property with concerns about the water drainage.

The website is now up to date with all Councillors’ photos.

Rest of items are on the agenda.

24/093 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

Questions may be noted and answered at the next meeting.
No public present.

24/094 Visitors Reports (CCC and County Councillors)

None Present

24/095 Finance

095.1 To approve payments in accordance with the 2024/25 budget

Cllr Bottwood and Cllr Freeman declared an interest in a payment.

The following payments were put forward for approval. Check Aug payments

Clerk Salary	£1000.36
James Todd & Co July payroll	28.40
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Moser Groundcare July 24	480.00
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Contractor July 24	162.00
Contract Aug 24	174.00
Langham Community centre hall hire July	90.00
Wave Water Standpipe in field	22.21

PKF Littlejohn External Auditors	504.00
Barclaycard printing of flyers for car event	36.81
M. Bottwood reimbursement for 2 nd flyers	40.35
Office Is – stationery	42.53
C. Harbach reimbursement for TENS Lic	21.00
Agrovista White lining paint for field	195.00
P. Freeman Various expenses Classic Car Show	52.31
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Total	3,418.17

Income £42,523.36 Expenditure £ 27,550.35
 Payments will be made by Cllr Brockman and seconded by Cllr Bottwood

095.2 External Auditors report

The external auditor report has been received with no recommendations.
 This has been posted on the noticeboards and on the website.

24/096

Planning/Housing

096.1 Items from last planning meeting 29th July 2024

096.2 Planning Applications Decisions Received

241022 - Six Acres, High Street, Langham Colchester CO4 5NT
 Application for static caravan to be placed on site during internal
 construction works. Approved conditional

096.3 Planning Applications Received

241580 - Anglian Water Pipeline, Dedham to Great Horkesley,
 Application for Approval of Reserved Matters in accordance with conditions 19 and
 22 of Outline Consent 223183. Application was subject of EIA.

This application relates to approval of reserved matters on the permission
 given to Anglian Water for new pipeline from Bury St Edmunds to Wherstead,
 near Ipswich, and Colchester. It appears to relate to technical matters at a site
 in Great Horkesley. PC did not comment on this.

241692 - Isobella, Ipswich Road, Langham, CO4 5NQ

Change of use for outbuilding to annex.

This was discussed in detail and the committee decided that the PC Comment
 is No Comment

241761 – Old House, Dedham Road, Langham, CO4 5PY

Application for variation of condition 2 from planning permission F/COL/06/0145

PC Comment: No comment

241765 – Barn NE of Langham Lodge, Lodge Lane, Langham, CO4 5ND

Application for prior approval for conversion of agricultural building to one dwelling

This was discussed in detail and the decision was:

PC Comment: No Comment

24/097

Refill Project update

The Community shop now has a refill project operating and have requested joint
 funding towards this from LCC and LPC. There is an LCC meeting on Monday and the
 required LPC contribution (max 50%) will be confirmed after that meeting. If LCC are
 willing to contribute then the required LPC payment will be lower.

24/098

Anglian Water (AW) Update

It was noted in July that AW had responded to the Wick Road 12-house planning application stating there is currently insufficient sewage treatment capacity to support the development.

Since then, the LPC have chased the Environmental Agency (EA) and AW for further details. On 9th August, the EA wrote to us confirming that AW had indeed breached their permit license in 2023, constituting a breach in 3 out of the last 5 years. The EA are still "considering what action to take". EA have also shared with us their report from an unannounced inspection of the Langham Waster Recycling Centre (WRC) in Dec 2023, which confirms that they found untreated sewage overflowing directly into the Black Brook due to overload of the treatment plant. They have classified the environmental impact as "minor". On 29th July AW wrote to us to confirm that they had finally installed the new deep sewer network flow monitors that they had promised back at our February public meeting. They also stated that survey work would commence from 12th August. LPC replied on 22nd August requesting full mapping details of all the ongoing CCTV inspection, jetting and flow monitoring locations, this was copied to our MP. No reply as of 10th September.

24/099

Recreation Ground Committee updates

099.1 Matters arising from meetings on 11th July 2024 & 10th Sep 2024

There is a run by Boxted Runners through the village on 22nd September which will make use of the field.

Various repairs to the surfacing and equipment have been completed in the play area. The roundabout part has now been obtained and will hopefully be repaired in the next couple of weeks. The RoSPA inspection has been completed and the report has been circulated to the committee. Repairs will be undertaken and quotes obtained.

The firework event is currently being organised and updates will follow.

The website will be up and running soon. Tickets will be going up by 50p a ticket.

Sponsors will be contacted soon by letter and John Palmer will be contacted regarding the advertising boards. A list of addresses of where we can put the promotional boards will be obtained. There is a need for volunteers to help run the event on the night. Councillors will help on the night.

The clearance of the container and the pavilion is scheduled to start on Monday 16th.

MUGA – a draft specification has been circulated and a working group will finalise this before it goes out to tender.

Football – there have been a few issues and the contracts are due to be renewed. There will be a meeting between the LPC, LCC and the footballers to finalise things before these contracts are renewed.

Park Lane Memorial has been cleaned by the contractor.

The outstanding Marquee will be purchased as agreed at the previous meetings.

24/100

Planning & Infrastructure Committee Update

100.1 Matters arising from the meeting on 29th Jul 2024

There was also another planning meeting yesterday which will also be reported on here.

Information on the process to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was explained and discussed by the council and questions were asked. After the discussion it was proposed not to have a neighbourhood plan, but to have conversations with residents (including drop-in session) so as to determine what they want in the future and to work directly with the Local Planning Department.

Vote to not proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan (but instead work directly with LPA on sites).

Vote for: 6 against: 0

Motion carried

Toilets were discussed and grants have been followed up. Discussions with AW have been taking place as to the siting and sewage but the LPC has to contact contractors first for more information.

Allocation of more land to extend the current Recreation Ground area is currently on hold due to ongoing discussions between the developer, AW and the Colchester planning department on how best to address the current lack of WRC sewage capacity.

24/101

Locality budget

It was agreed to bring ideas for this to the next meeting to follow up on.

24/102

VAS/SID proposals to put forward to Cllr Barber

Cllr Bottwood has communicated again with Cllr Barber on providing a new battery for the Park Lane VAS. Highways were asked what is the possibility of putting the SID sign on the pole in Park Lane. Cllr Barber has asked Cllr Bottwood why Highways have refused the short Socket for Wick Road even though this has been explained through many past exchanges - LPC will explain this again and request a meeting to look for solutions.

24/103

Classic Car Show debrief

The Classic Car Event went well and was well supported by the village and it is hoped to repeat this again next year. The village will be asked what they thought of the event through social media.

24/104

Councillor's Reports

No decisions are made or action points allocated in this section

Cllr Armstrong – went on training regarding the new legislation for website accessibility which comes into effect in October and found this very useful and there were only a few minor things to change which have now been completed.

Cllr Bottwood – Nothing to report

Cllr Brockman- Nothing to report

Cllr Ogawa – Nothing to report

Cllr Hunter- Nothing to report

Cllr Anderon -Reported that she would like the council to look at its carbon footprint and sustainability in the future.

24/105 Clerk's Report and Correspondence

Over August I have produced a draft updated version of an annual plan which the chairman would like circulated for comments. Cllr Armstrong added some background details on this and it will be circulated by the Clerk to the council for discussion at the next meeting.

LPC have received an email request from Boxted council to support them with an email to Councillor Cunningham - portfolio Highways - regarding Boxted Bridge. This was discussed at the planning meeting and proposed that a letter will be sent to Boxted Council.

24/106 Training/Events

Cllr Anderson and Cllr Hunter are checking availability for councillor training.

24/107 Items for the next agenda

Draft Annual plan
Cllr Lewis Barber invite
Christmas celebrations

24/108 Chairman's closure of meeting

Meeting closed at 21:40

Signed

Cllr Armstrong

Date