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Minutes of Langham Parish Council (LPC) Meeting

9th October 2024 Langham Community Centre 7:30pm

Attendees: Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Ogawa, Cllr Hunter, Cllr Anderson. Cllr Freeman
Cllr Brockman

Present: Clerk – Carol Harbach
1 Member of the public.

24/109 Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Armstrong welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies were received from Cllr Bottwood and Cllr Rowe.

24/110 Declaration of Members interests

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

24/111 Agreement of Minutes of the meeting on 10th September 2024

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

24/112 Matters arising from the meeting on 10th September 2024

Letter to cleaning company – Cllr Anderson will follow up.
Changing Places – investigated and is not applicable to LPC. Discharged.
Anglian Water - no reply from letter late August - Cllr Armstrong to follow up.
Inclusive Roundabout – has been repaired. Discharged.
Promotional boards for fireworks – now up.
Congratulations to all concerned for clearing the container.
It was suggested to get the container roof repaired and this will be added to the RG Agenda.
Footballers – meeting tomorrow night between groups to discuss contracts.
Boxted Bridge campaign – Agreed to no comment.
Rest of items are on the agenda.

24/113 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

Questions may be noted and answered at the next meeting.
Greyhound Hill: the road near the Farm has been washed away at the verge side and is now dangerous. The Parish Council will report this and also advised the resident to report it too.

24/114 Visitors Reports (CCC and Essex County Councillors)

None Present
Cllr Rowe sent a report below;
“The public toilets in Colchester Park are being shut without warning in a bid to save money. The toilets in Lower Castle Park, next to the boating lake, will be shut from (October 1) onwards.

I've been told the cost for maintenance was £5500 and they are closing them as part of the fit for the future programme. I have expressed my displeasure.”

The comments were noted.

24/115

Finance

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

Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Anderson declared an interest

The following payments were put forward for approval.

Clerk Salary	£1000.36
James Todd & Co Sept payroll	28.80
Moser Groundcare Sept 24	480.00
Contractor Sept 24	66.00
Langham Community centre hall hire Sept	217.50
P. Dawson Defibrillator consumables	415.97
Cllr Anderson Various expenses Classic Car Show and clearance of container	43.90
C. Harbach – reimbursement for TENS lic. Fireworks	21.00
Dynamic Fireworks Balance of Firework	3,900.00
P. Armstrong – new marquee	499.50
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Total	£6,673.03

Income £ 71,656.87 Expenditure £ 30,968.52

Payments will be made by Cllr Brockman and seconded by Cllr Armstrong

Cllr Bottwood will authorise Cllr Armstrong payment

Proposed Cllr Freeman; seconded Cllr Hunter; all agreed

24/116

Planning/Housing

116.1 Items from last planning meeting 10th September 2024

Meeting was not quorate so was cancelled.

116.2 Planning Applications Decisions Received

None at time of agenda publishing

116.3 Planning Applications Received

241891 Honeycroft, Moor Road, Langham Colchester CO4 5NR

Detached cart lodge. PC Comment: No Comment

241899 Oakleigh, Chapel Road, Langham Colchester CO4 5NY

Front single storey extension. alterations to the external render to gable frontage, rear extension and side covered route. PC Comment: No Comment

24/117

Refill Project update

This was to be discussed at the LCC Meeting earlier this month but as

Cllr Bottwood is absent this month it will be put on the next agenda.

Cllr Anderson has volunteered to be a deputy for attending the LCC Finance committee meetings.

24/118

Langham Community Café

There has been contact from LCC regarding this and they have offered the following dates;

30 May 2025

27 June 2025

25 July 2025

These were discussed and it was agreed to go with May unless an earlier slot becomes available.

The Clerk has been in contact with the new PCSO Emma Wright and she is looking to attend the Community Café morning on the 25th October. Emma at the LCC has been informed of her availability.

- 24/119 Recreation Ground Committee updates**
119.1 Matters arising from meetings
Most have already been covered.
119.2 MUGA update
Working group has been set up and a meeting has taken place and the game markings agreed on. Next step – to compose the on-line survey which will be undertaken. The sports agreed were basketball, tennis, netball and pickleball/badminton. The group are checking if any planning consent is needed for a small structure for equipment shed. The tender process will start shortly. It was agreed to move forward with this.
119.2 Event updates
Classic Car Show feedback had been collected via social media – there was a strongly positive response to the event, with some constructive improvement suggestions which have been collated. Discharged
Firework night – the bar management and pricing structure is still to be finalised but most other arrangements are now in place.
Cllr Anderson is covering the volunteering lists.
Sponsorship letters have gone out.
Beacon is being lit at 7pm by Brewers.
119.3 Christmas celebrations
To be updated next month as on RG agenda.
- 24/120 Planning & Infrastructure Committee Updates**
Cllr Bottwood absent this month and this will be put on the next agenda.
- 24/121 Draft Annual Plan**
Nothing has been returned to the clerk to date for any amendments.
A separate meeting may be the way forward to look at this.
A date was agreed for Thursday 5th December 6pm.
- 24/122 Speed and event signs.**
A meeting is being arranged between Cllr Barber and Cllr Bottwood for next week.
There will be more information after the meeting tomorrow night for the signage for the footballer car park.
- 24/123 VAS/SID proposals to put forward to Cllr Barber - update**
Cllr Bottwood absent this month and this will be put on the next agenda.
See above meeting with Cllr Barber.
- 24/124 Councillor's Reports**
No decisions are made or action points allocated in this section
Cllr Armstrong – No report
Cllr Brockman - No report
Cllr Freeman - No report
Cllr Ogawa - Grove Hill footpath post has been removed.
Cllr Hunter - No report
Cllr Anderson -Need to look at sustainability more as a council

24/125 Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The new website accessibility legislation requirements have been completed by Cllr Armstrong so we are now compliant. Thanks was given to Cllr Armstrong for this.

There is now a monthly Zone Warden meeting at Boxted Hub the first Tuesday of every month which should be useful.

24/126 Training/Events

Cllr Hunter and Cllr Anderson are due to attend Cllr training in the next few weeks.

Cllr Brockman is going to attend an advanced councillor training course shortly.

24/127 Items for the next agenda

See above.

Ideas for locality budget – village gateways. Proposed Cllr Anderson; seconded Cllr Ogawa; all agreed. This will be followed up by Cllr Anderson.

24/128 Chairman's closure of meeting

Chairman closed the meeting at 20:58

Next meeting Wednesday 13th November 7:30pm