

**Minutes of
Langham Parish Council (LPC)
7th September 2022 7:30pm**

Present: Cllr Bottwood, Cllr Thorpe, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Palmer,
Cllr Freeman, Cllr Ogawa

Attendees: Carol Harbach – Clerk
9 Members of the public

22/483 Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Bottwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies were received from Cllr Brockman.
Cllr Chapman and Cllr Barber were not present.

22/484 Declaration of Members interests

None arose. It was agreed that any declaration of interest would be declared as they arise on the agenda.

22/485 Agreement of Minutes of the meeting on 6th July 2022

There was a numbering issue to alter on the previous minutes and once these were complete will be reissued.
After these have been corrected these were agreed as a true and accurate account. Proposed Cllr Thorpe seconded Cllr Freeman. All agreed.

22/486 Matters arising from the meeting on 6th July 2022

Sewerage network diagram – Anglian Water have been contacted for a copy of the sewerage network. Nothing received to date.
Essex Records office do not have a copy of the Sewerage network.
Gigaclear box – later on agenda
Container repair – Completed and discharged
Letter of thanks has been sent to Charlotte Parker for orchestrating the Jubilee event. Completed and discharged.
Commemorative plaque later on agenda

22/487 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)

A resident asked about the planters on Shepherd and Dog corner and requested new plants for the planters. The Recreation Ground Committee will need to be asked and need to know the cost of the plants being considered. This will be on the Recreation Ground agenda for the next meeting.

Footpath on Greyhound Hill

A resident asked for an update on this. LPC have reported the issue to Essex Highways and have requested a barrier at the end of path where it joins Greyhound Hill. Also covered under 22/492.

Turnpike Close

Another resident asked about the blocked footpath 47. Cllr Armstrong has reported this to Essex Highways and included photographic evidence. LPC will update residents when information is made available.

The resident also asked about planning application 222194 – which is a change of use request to allow 75 containers at a site in Lodge Lane. The LPC

believe that this should be a full planning application and not change of use and have passed these comments on to Colchester Borough Council (CBC). A resident commented on the proposed red lines in Turnpike Close and the plans drawn up by CBC is for a resident permit scheme. This would currently only effect one person and seemed unfair. It was thought by the resident that a time restriction would be more useful. Additionally, the resident asked that the footway on the west side of Turnpike Close be cleared for people to use rather than walk in the road. This will be reported by the PC to be looked at by Essex Highways.

Langham Parish Council Recreation Ground

A resident spoke about the ditch at the west end of the Recreation Ground. The resident questioned the ownership of the border and has looked into this themselves. The LPC will have a look at the information that they have in storage and have a LPC meeting to discuss this further. The resident asked for the ditch not to be cleared at the moment. The LPC will get back to the resident within a month to allow for documents to be gathered. The resident left the documentation that they had with the Clerk.

Footpath 29

A resident asked about footpath 29 which was on the ECC footpath map but has now disappeared. Covered under 22/492

22/488 **Visitors Reports** (CBC and County Councillors)
No visitors present

22/489 **Finance**

489.1 To approve payments in accordance with the 2021/22 budget
No actions from the last Finance committee on the 6th July 22

The payments that had been agreed by the council in July had not cleared the bank and were made in August.

Payments made during August

HMRC Tax payment	124.85
E. Ellis – flowers for tubs around village	51.82
Clerk Salary for July 22	833.65
HMRC NI Contribution	13.31
Village Contractor 07/22	108.00
New key for pavilion	8.00
James Todd & Co payroll	24.00
C. Harbach reimbursement for SLCC membership	
Part of CiLCA course	154.00
P. Armstrong reimbursement for Flywheel	
Website hosting	100.69
C. Harbach reimbursement for ICO Registration	40.00
Wave Water – water standpipe on field	16.56
Langham Community Centre Hall hire	97.50

Total	1,447.53
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Payments for agreement for August

Clerk Salary Aug 22	833.65
HMRC NI Contributions	13.31
Village Contractor 08/22	156.00
James Todd & Co payroll	24.00
C. Harbach reimbursement for TENS License	21.00
PKF Littlejohn – external Auditor	240.00
Remoras – public liability insurance	116.52

Total	1. 404.48
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Income

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Stone Island Football Team	30.00
ECC payment for grass verge cutting	363.18

Total	393.18
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Proposed Cllr Palmer seconded Cllr Freeman All agreed.

Income to date = £13,077.69

Expenditure to date = £13,141.46

30553093	22,723.51
30553085	51,144.87
50634468	14,932.41
40553182	0.01

Total	£88,805.78
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22/490

Planning/Housing

490.1 Planning Applications Received

Decisions agreed approve conditional by CBC are:

222107 Lawful development agreed on 7th July for a new access to Langham Lane.

222108 Prior approval granted on 23rd June for a new road into the site at Langham Lane mentioned under 222107.

222175 Pole Barn in Langham Lane, conversion of Barn to dwelling house. Refused by CBC as the barn was not suitable for conversion.

222135/136 1 normal application 2nd listed building application. Glebe House application for conversion of an existing Coach House to an entertainments space + new detached garage. Approved 21st July.

221441 Corner House Park Lane, single storey side extension and replacement roof to dwelling. Approved 2nd August

221510 No decision yet on this planning application for 13 new homes in Wick Road. There are a number of significant objections to this application that appear on the CBC planning portal.

- 220595 Outline application for erection of 30 houses with a new access onto School Road, Langham. All matters reserved. Approved with a 7 to 2 vote at the CBC Planning Committee. Not yet posted on the planning portal.
- 222195 East Anglia Green, Pylons Project – non statutory public consultation 21/4/22 to 16/6/22. Next phase will be statutory consultation and will take place in April and June 2023
- 221970 Thaubels, Wick Road, Langham Essex CO4 5PG
Sliding Gates across driveway. No issues identified by LPC.
- 221981 Ashdene (Formerly), Bramley House, Wick Road, Langham Essex CO4 5PG
Two storey side and mixed single and two storey rear extension. Garage with gymnasium above, garage linked to main building via glass roof corridor.
Design comments will be made but no planning comments.
- 221976 Constable Cottage (Formerly), Church Farm, Dedham Road, Langham Essex CO4 5PS
Application to vary condition 3 (materials) following a grant of planning permission 202778
Materials that have changed are tiles, no objection
- 221962 Constable Cottage (Formerly), Church Farm, Dedham Road, Langham Essex CO4 5PS
Application vary condition 3 (materials) following a grant of planning permission 210061. Listed building application associated with 221976.
- 221835 Bumblebee Cottage, Moor Road, Langham Colchester CO4 5NP
Extend the height of the existing chimney stack to 1800 mm above the thatch roof line.
No objection
- 222022 East Lodge, Ipswich Road, Langham Essex CO7 6HP Proposed replacement garden room, alterations and renovation of East Lodge. All details are described and shown on proposed floor plan, elevations and block/roof plans drawing 1368-01-02A
No objections
- 221945 Langham Cottage, 9 High Street, Langham Essex CO4 5NT Demolition of existing conservatory. Replaced with open plan kitchen. Footprint to match existing
Design comments but no planning objection

22/491 Recreation Ground Committee updates

Tidying up of ditch/tree pruning Recreation Ground no further work will be undertaken until border dispute has been researched.
Gigaclear cabinet at the junction of Park Lane/Moor Road will be followed up again.
Tennis club benches being followed up by Cllr Bottwood via CBC S106 money Enover Grant update when available.
Recreation Ground meeting has been moved to next week as the last meeting was not quorate.

22/492 Footpath audit/re-routing of footpaths

Footpath 47 – ends up at Lodge Lane now difficult to get through there has been no application to get rid of the footpath and a formal complaint has been lodged by LPC.

Footpath 29 – rerouting of path - at the moment this goes through land owned by Keepers Cottage and the plan is to reroute this around the property.

A meeting has taken place with the officer from Highways, the process is now a 3-way process and will be followed up by Cllr Armstrong. The planning application was in the name of a CBC officer and not the land owner but has since disappeared off the site. The Ramblers have been contacted concerning this.

Footpath 26 Greyhound Hill – It was suggested to have a barrier at the end for safety reasons as this ends up on the road on a hill.

The official map will be checked for the audit of the footpaths.

22/493

Website Update

This seems to be working well at the moment.

22/494

Commemorative Plaques update

There are 2 plaques being considered for agreement:

1. Mary Edith Pechey

The Finance committee would like to purchase a plaque for Mary Edith Pechey and are trying to get this in place for the 7th October (her birthday). It was put to the council to not go out for three quotes as the plaque manufacturer, Croft, has been recommended by the Essex Women's Commemoration Project who also stated that Croft did first class work and was good value for money. The amount of money required is £366 and the Finance Committee made a recommendation to proceed with this using the residue from the unspent jubilee budget. It was also proposed to increase the limit before three quotes are required in the future and this will be on the agenda next month.

This was discussed further and was put to the vote to go ahead with this on a one-off basis only.

Vote for plaque to be purchased without obtaining three quotes.

For 5 against 1

Vote carried.

Clerk to order plaque.

2. The Basque Children

The Basque children were housed at the Old Oaks school which is now in the process of being sold. This project was deferred until the new owners of the building could be approached about placing the plaque at this site.

22/495

Children's play area update

Another quote has been obtained from Wicksteed for the extended area which has come in at £121,000 the Komplan company have come in at £117,129.

The Committee are now looking for 1 more quote. Three other companies have come forward via the Government Public quote system so another quote has now been obtained. Thanks were given to the clerk for getting the quote onto the Government Public quote system. Envoert grant if successful will be used towards this project but needs to be started within the 6 months. The LPC would need to pay 10% up front to release the grant.

22/496

Bonfire Night event update

Cllr Palmer conformed that the Fireworks are booked and dates have been confirmed. The TENS License is in place, a singer has been booked and advertising has started. Local businesses and been keen to advertise and there is now potential sponsorship of £2,500 identified.

Organising the rest of the event is starting to take place. The group are in talks with the schools and are running a competition for the event. Leaflets will also be printed to be given out.

The income from the food vendors is going to be around £700 in total.

The income from the slide amusement was discussed and this arrangement will need to be checked to make sure we have the appropriate insurance cover for any personal accident liability. Action Clerk

Cllr Palmer was thanked for the efforts and progress made.

22/497

S106 update

The S106 for Contract for the Williamson developments site is being agreed at the moment by the developers and CBC. LPC has a list of things for this to be spent on which CBC have. With regard to S106 unilateral undertakings, the enabling officers have received lists from the LPC for this money. This includes both Leisure/Recreation and Community Facilities contributions and a complete list will be sent to CBC for this money.

22/498

Policies for review

A list for councillors to review will be sent out by the clerk for the councillors to review/amend if necessary. These will then need to be circulated to the councillors for agreement at the next meeting.

Action Clerk

22/499

Councillor's Reports

No decisions are made or action points allocated in this section

Cllr Bottwood – Requested co-operation from the councillors who have not yet implemented their new email addresses. These have now been reset again by Xenace and councillors will need to log in activate them before the passwords timeout again.

A Working group has been set up for 3 parish councils talk about similar issues such as increased traffic affecting Langham from new planning applications such as the Surya food application. This particular application is being considered by the Tendring District Council (TDC) planning committee on 14th Sept with a recommendation from the officers that this is to be approved subject to conditions. Langham were ready to go to the latest meeting but this was cancelled by other parishes. This group includes ECC and CBC councillors and councillors from 3 parish councils. Discussions regarding the Tendring Garden Community will be discussed and LPC will need to get involved with the other parishes to get things moving.

Cllr Armstrong – talking to AW re sewerage problems will report back when he has more details.

22/500 Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The new bus service provider First Buses - some residents have complained to the Clerk about the route and timetable. The Clerk has suggested that they talk to the bus company directly as it is under their control. Essex subsidises this route and the PC can approach the ECC Bus and Transport group if necessary.

External Auditor papers have been returned and posted on the noticeboards, they will also be posted on the website. Clerk was thanked for her work on this by the council.

The bus service that was thought to be cancelled which went to East Bergholt, Bergholt High School has now been given the go ahead and will continue.

22/501 Training/Events

Nominations for new events

The Clerk updated the council on the proposed training that is hopefully to be held for days one and two of councillor training at LCC by the Essex Association of Local Clerks (EALC). The Clerk has contacted 3 other local parishes and hopes to get the 10 councillors needed to run the course.

22/502 Items for the next agenda

Williamsons agreement and footpath 29 updates

Village events for the summer on the field. These will be discussed at the Recreation Ground meeting.

22/503 To confirm date and time of next meeting

Date of next LPC meeting: Wednesday 5th October 2022 7:30pm

Apologies from Cllr Thorpe as she will be unable to attend.

Cllr Bottwood closed the meeting at 8:57pm

Signed

Cllr Bottwood

Date