

Langham Parish Council Meeting

6th March 2024 at Langham Community Centre 7:30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bottwood, Cllr Brockman, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Ogawa.

Present: Clerk – Carol Harbach
James Ryan CCC
5 Members of the public

Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr Bottwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.
No apologies for absence were received.

Councillor Resignation

Cllr Bottwood informed the attendees of the meeting that Cllr Annette Thorpe had resigned from the council. Cllr Bottwood personally thanked her for all her fine work over two periods with the council and stated that her contributions and presence will be sorely missed.

23/193

Norwich to Tilbury National Grid Scheme CCC response to the forthcoming Statutory Consultation – James Ryan

The chair explained that the item 23/193 would be taken out of sequence as the first agenda item so that James Ryan could provide his input and then leave the meeting.

James Ryan is the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) Manager at Colchester Planning Department

James spoke about how best to facilitate a co-ordinated approach with regards to the City Council's formal response to the forthcoming Statutory Consultation for a Pylons infrastructure in this area. James also discussed the NSIP process. James wanted to make sure that Langham's issues are included in the CCC response so he was hoping to open up a dialogue before the Statutory Consultation starts. James made it clear that alternative options for delivering a pylons-based solution was not a topic for discussion at this meeting as this consultation response was based purely on the current National Grid Scheme. He did mention that an Electricity Systems Operator (ESO) report was due to be published on 12th March 2024 and this should cover a full breakdown of alternative options. However, the NSIP Pylons project is the current default option.

A discussion followed where Langham's issues were raised and questions were answered. James will be taking note of these in his response to the City Council. James has offered a route walk with residents to obtain feedback on local knowledge and concerns. This should be done once the amended report is released after the 12th April.

The date for this is to be agreed but is likely to be around the third week of April.

James was thanked for his time and for attending this session of the council. James left the meeting at this point.

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Declaration of Members interests

If any declarations do arise, they can be made during the meeting.
None arose.

23/191 Agreement of Minutes of the meeting on 7th February 2024
These minutes were previously circulated and were thought to be a true and accurate account of events. Proposed by Cllr Freeman seconded Cllr Armstrong All agreed. These were then signed.

23/192 Matters arising from the meeting on 7th February 2024
Timber edging on Linden Homes footway – this has been inspected by the council and the footway work has not yet been completed but this will be monitored in the future. Discharged
Rest of items are on the agenda.

23/194 Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)
Questions may be noted and answered at the next meeting.
A resident asked about the re- surfacing for the current tennis courts and the MUGA and how these were progressing. This was addressed and will be brought up at the RG meeting next week and will be on the agenda for the next PC meeting. Ongoing.
A resident asked about what if anything is being arranged for recognition of D-Day in June, this will also be brought up at the RG agenda.

23/195 Visitors Reports (CCC and County Councillors)
No councillors present as they were both attending a Parish surgery/workshop in Great Horkesley.

Cllr Barber

Outstanding matters on Cllr Barber's engagement:

- LHP scheme project update after the budget vote
- Anglian Water status in relation to ECC's position
- Presentation on the Sustainable Transport scheme – date still outstanding
- VAS failure in Park Lane

Cllr Rowe - key issues will be followed up with him.

23/196 Finance
195.1 Matters arising from previous Finance Committee meeting
- Issue with flagpole at Monument on Park Lane. Funding agreed and this is now under repair.
- Finalisation of credit card completed

195.2 To approve payments in accordance with the 2023/24 budget

Clerk Salary Feb 24	£982.56
NI & Tax	48.93
Contractor invoice for Feb 2/24	126.00
James Todd & Co payroll invoice 69346	26.40
Langham Community Centre Hall hire Inv SI-5768	126.00
Community Heartbeat trust – phone line for defibrillator	120.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – maintenance works to play equip	806.69
James Building Services Ltd – flagpole repairs	432.00
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Total	£2,668.58

<u>Balance as at 29th Feb 24</u>		<u>Current account 29th Feb 24</u>	
Community Account 30553093	£ 25,728.81	Income	£ 126,960.56
Savings account 30553085	114.93	Expenditure	£ 124,705.52
Tennis account 50634468	15,145.36		
Bonfire account 40553182	16,420.46	<u>Income received in March</u>	
LCC S106 80168297	73.92	Repayment CCC S106 £ 3,094.50	
		For Mobile Goals	
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	£ 57,483.48	Total	£ 3,094.50

Quotes for work on the Monument paving slabs are being requested.

Payment agreement were proposed by Cllr Freeman seconded by Cllr Brockman agreed by all.

Cllr Brockman will start the payment run and Cllr Armstrong will be the second authorisation.

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Planning/Housing

196.1 Planning Applications Decisions Received

232918 -Honeycroft, Moor Road, Langham, Colchester, CO4 5NR.

Approved Conditional

231655/6 - The Fens, Old Mill Road, Langham, Essex, CO4 5NU

Approved conditional

230965 - Langham Hall, Dedham Road, Langham, Colchester, CO4 5PS

Approved conditional

196.2

Planning Applications Received

230240 - 3 Low Lift Cottages, Low Lift Cottage Road, Langham Essex CO4 5QA
Proposed 2 storey side extension.

Comments have been given to CCC.

240238 - Springfield Farm, Nightingale Hill, Langham Colchester CO4 5PN

Application for prior approval for the conversion of agricultural building to 5 new dwellings (resubmission of 232116).

Detailed Comments have been given to CCC and LPC have asked for this to be called in by Ward councillors which allows this to be looked at on its own.

Planning Officer Nadine Calder sent an email summary report has been read out as below;

This application is not a formal application for planning permission, it is a notification under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q for the change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3). Such applications are deemed to be acceptable in principle, subject to certain criteria being met. These applications are not referred to the CCC Planning Committee given the limited decision-making powers Councils have in such instances.

This application is to confirm whether the proposed development is permitted development under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and not even the Members of the CCC Planning Committee can change the criteria based on which this application can be assessed.

A meeting of the PC planning committee is due to take place this coming Friday 8th March when this will be discussed further.

196.3 Call for sites update

The sites put forward by developers/landowners under the “Call for Sites” stage of the updated Local Plan have now been published. Langham PC are now actively engaged with the Local Planning Authority regarding next steps. The LPC had missed a lot of emails that should have been received in relation to the latest “Call for sites” exercise, this was due to CCC having the wrong email address for LPC. A full engagement with officers is now going to take place between both councils including a review of LPC’s position regarding the preparation of a neighbourhood plan.

There has been a meeting between LPC and Glenn Williamson (the Landowner) regarding the site next to the recreation ground which was designated “Recreation Ground extension” under the Local Plan (SS9). LPC have been asked by the landowner to provide a submission on what LPC would like to see this land used for. This section of land has also been included in the latest “Call for Sites” submission by the landowner.

23/198 Anglian Water (AW) follow up from public meeting 2nd February 2024

A number of outstanding questions that have been submitted by Cllr Armstong to AW and he is still chasing up the response. The correspondence between Sir Bernard Jenkin and Peter Simpson CEO AW is on the website for residents to read. We are now getting a clearer picture of the issues relating to Langham but there is still no immediate action plan issued by AW.

23/199 Recreation Ground Committee updates

Matters arising from the meeting on 5th February

- Bonfire Night

Agreed that the accounts will be published and will be added to the website. £5k profit for village was raised. This will go to projects within the village. There is a meeting with the Dynamic Fireworks planned, in readiness for this year’s event.

- Football

Grass cutting contract being quoted on at the moment including aeration quotes. There are currently 3 teams playing at the moment.

- Children’s Play area

Opening event date 20th April and a plaque for play area will be put in place mentioning Enover who were the main funding provider.

- Multi-Use sports court

Progress on this project has been slow to date, but now cricket in Langham has been shelved the project will be moved forward. The tennis club contract will be re-drafted for agreement.

- Gazebos/Marquees/container

All on the Recreation Ground (RG) Committee agenda for next week.

Container may need to be replaced. An update was provided by Bob Schofield and the container has been checked by contractors and it now needs replacing.

Marquees need to be replaced and options are being looked at.

- 23/199 Shrubbery – Moor Road/Park Lane Gigaclear Installation update**
Clerk will pick up this issue to see why the ECC forms have not been returned to ECC by Gigaclear. This item will also be on the RG agenda.
- 23/200 S106 Status**
The meeting with Karen Syrett has been moved and is now 14th March and will be reported on at the next meeting.
- 23/201 Bus Shelter**
The site in Wick Road suggested by residents has been inspected and land ownership need to be checked. This will involve contact with the Land Registry and County Highways.
- 23/202 Calendar for next year's meetings**
The week of the meeting was discussed as it is hard for the CCC and County councillors to attend on the first Mondays and Wednesdays of the month. No final agreement was reached on changing the scheduled date from the first Wednesday of the month. This should be finalised at the next meeting.
As this is an election year the May meeting will not be able to be held until 14 days after the election which makes this the 16th May. This date also needs confirming.
- 23/203 Approve proposed policy reviews**
The policies and terms of reference have been circulated and some changes are now incorporated. It was agreed that we would now sign off the documents as there were no outstanding amendments. Proposed Cllr Freeman seconded Cllr Brockman All agreed.
- 23/204 Councillor's Reports**
No decisions are made or action points allocated in this section
Cllr Brockman – No report
Cllr Freeman – Met with John Killick who represented classic car clubs. He was very keen to get involved in a show at the Recreation Ground and has come back with 4 dates which will be discussed at the RG meeting.
Cllr Armstrong – nothing else to report
Cllr Ogawa – no report
Cllr Bottwood – no report
- 23/205 Clerk's Report and Correspondence**
There is a Fun Run around Langham and Boxted and a request that has been received for the hire of the field and overflow car park on the 24th March which will go to the Recreation Ground committee to decide on this coming Monday.
- 23/206 Training/Events**
Any requirements needed are to go to the Clerk
- 23/207 Items for the next agenda**
Any items that are needed for the next agenda please give to the Clerk
Above items

23/208 **To confirm dates of next meeting**
Date of next meeting tbc

23/209 **Chairman's closure of meeting**
Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10pm

Signed.....

Cllr Bottwood

Date