

**Draft Minutes of Langham Parish Council (LPC) Meeting
7th February 2024 held at Langham Community Centre 7:30pm**

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

Present: Clerk – Carol Harbach
3 Members of the public

23/168 **Welcome and apologies for absence**
Cllr Bottwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Cllr Barber and Cllr Rowe sent their apologies.

23/169 **Declaration of Members interests**
If any declarations do arise, they can be made during the meeting.
None arose.

23/170 **Agreement of Minutes of the meeting on 10th January 2024**
These minutes were previously circulated and were thought to be a true and accurate account of events. Proposed by Cllr Freeman seconded Cllr Thorpe All agreed. These were then signed.

23/171 **Matters arising from the meeting on 10th January 2024**
Items are on this agenda

23/172 **Public Open Forum (Maximum 15 minutes)**
Questions may be noted and answered at the next meeting.
A resident spoke about the new goals and stated that there are some grants available from the FA for these in the future. This will be kept on file for future purchases.
It was also pointed out that the new footway outside Linden Homes site on has been completed by the developer but was butting up to timber edging, which was thought to be insufficient. This will be inspected and if appropriate brought to the attention of the CCC enforcement team. Update will be on agenda for next meeting.
Another resident thanked Cllr Armstrong for his work on the data for the Anglia Water meeting. The draft minutes for this will be published soon.
The kerbstones project outside the LCC was mentioned and will be reported on shortly.
A resident asked about S106 process and felt that the LPA should be held to account over the wrongful allocation of funds for the Men in Sheds project. LPC have addressed this with the joint Head of Planning but as contracts are now in place with the developer they will not be re-examine this.

23/173 **Visitors Reports (CCC and County Councillors)**
Notes from Cllr Barber were received via email and stated the following:

1. Cllr Barber has spoken with Sir Bernard following what I understand was a productive meeting on Friday. Cllr Barber has touched base with Essex to see if they have a lead flood officer to copy the Norfolk approach, which I understand was mooted by Anglia Water (AW). He will let us know the outcome of this.
2. There is no update on the LHP schemes at this time. Hopefully there will be after our budget vote next week.

3. Parking Restrictions (Red Lining) Turnpike Close etc- the NEPP appear to have met on the 1st Feb to discuss their budget for the coming year. It appears, although he doesn't have the minutes yet, that Turnpike was not supported for not reaching a required score. He also provided a link to the NEPP joint committee agenda. He says he need to follow up to understand that. It does appear we are back to relying on other funding. Cllr Barber is happy to put up locality budget in the new financial year, but it will not cover the whole scheme, if we have it again.
4. Sustrans plan (Sustainable transport plan for a cycling/walking/mobility route between Northern Gateway and Boxted/Langham) – He is still waiting on officers to get back to him on hosting an event in Langham. If this does not happen, he may just push on without officer support for a public meeting.

Cllr Rowe did turn up prior to the meeting and agreed to have a separate meeting with the PC on key issues. He had to leave prior to commencement of the meeting.

23/174

Finance

174.1 Matters arising from previous Finance Committee meeting

Bonfire night statement – Impact Security invoice not received and the invoice for Colchester Mortgages will be reissued.

Credit card – this is for only big purchases such as things required for bonfire night. Thanks was given to Cllr Brockman for obtaining this.

The Asset register has been updated and circulated to councillors.

Regarding the new Tennis club benches, it was recommended that these should be owned by the Tennis club and should appear on their Asset register once the S106 money has been released to the PC.

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

Net World Sports – Goals from S106 allocation to be claimed £3,713.40 **PAID**

Clerk Salary Jan 24	£982.56
HMRC Jan 24	£48.93
Contractors Invoice 1/24 agreed by Cllr Thorpe	£132.00
James Todd & Co Jan 24 payroll invoice	£26.40
Langham Community Centre SI-5725	£67.50
Xenace Ltd – Website renewal	£ 51.41
Wave Water – standpipe bill	£ 21.02

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Total £ 5,043.22

A/C 80168297 used for LCC S106 developer contributions

Transfer of funds to 30553093 LPC a/c for payments previously made by LPC for deposits for LCC projects. (stairlift/panels etc).

£ 8,214.59

Balance as at 31/1/24

Community Account 30553093	£ 18,628.04
Savings account 30553085	114.50
Tennis account 50634468	15,088.93
Bonfire account 40553182	16,110.58
LCC S106 80168297	8,260.49
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	£ 58,202.54

Current account 31st Jan 24

Income	£ 126,906.56
Expenditure	£ 122,943.70

Income breakdown this month

Football Income	£ 216.00
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Total	£ 216.00

Acceptance of the payments and statements was Proposed by Cllr Thorpe seconded Cllr Freeman All agreed.
Cllr Brockman to start the payment authorisation Cllr Armstrong to second authorise.

23/175

Planning/Housing

175.1 Planning Applications Decisions Received

232702 - Perry Grove, Grove Hill, Langham, Essex, CO4 5PJ

4 new dwellings within 2 new structures, creating 4no. semi detached
Application Refused.

230810 - St Margarets Cottage, School Road, Langham Colchester CO4 5PD

Demolition of existing cracked wall and erection of full-length new wall with retention of existing hedging.(Amended description). Approved conditional.

ESS/79/23/COL – Land off of Ipswich Road, Langham, Colchester CO4 5LZ.

Waste Recycling Facility solely handling, processing and storing road plainings. Application Granted

175.2 Planning Applications Received

232918 – Honeycroft, Moor Road, Langham Colchester CO4 5NR

Proposed extensions and external and internal alterations.

Planning Committee submitted a No Objection response.

Application received after agenda published;

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). This will be discussed by the planning committee. Last date for comments 26th March 24.

The last application had been looked at and this was then subsequently withdrawn. There is an original submission drafted which will be amended after looking at this planning application.

23/176

Anglian Water follow up public meeting 2nd February 2024

Matters arising and actions

The public meeting last on 2nd February attracted about 60 residents. In the main it was an orderly meeting but many residents were rightly unhappy about the lack of a plan to sort out the flooding issues in Langham which involved raw sewage entering local properties in the vicinity of Moor Road and Chapel Road. Sir Bernard Jenkin also made scathing remarks about the lack of progress and will again be writing to Peter Simpson the CEO of AW. The meeting was recorded and the edited minutes are available from the PC website. The PC are now progressing the formation of a plan to address the many issues with AW.

23/177

Recreation Ground Committee updates

- Matters arising from the meeting on 5th February

- Bonfire Night

This has now been finalised and a meeting with the firework company will be going ahead.

- Football

The new goals have arrived and will be assembled shortly.

LPC currently host 3 teams at the moment (which include some local residents as players) and the new goals will be used by these teams.

- Children's Play area

Date for belated opening event is now 20th April there were problems with the roundabout which have been resolved and the seat replacements will be in place before event.

- Multi-Use sports court

Further Quotes for this will be sought and there is consideration of incorporating a project manager with more expertise on this project.

- Gazebos/Marquees

The current marquees are going to be replaced with new ones over the next few months. This is being looked into by Cllr Ogawa and will be brought back to the committee.

Update – container on field may need to be replaced with a different container. Bob Schofield gave an update on this. This is likely to take place during July. This is ongoing.

23/178 Shrubbery – Moor Road/Park Lane Gigaclear Installation

This is still being followed up and Gigaclear have again asked for the types of shrubs required, this will be forwarded to them. Ongoing.

23/179 Events through the year for the community

There may be some other events running in the year, possibly a classic car event. This has been looked into by Cllr Freeman this will be followed up with a date review. This may extend to classic bikes/vans as well. This will be taken back to the Recreation Ground for further discussions. The date will need to be decided soon.

A Rounders event or a dance was also thought about and will be considered.

23/180 S106 Procedures

There have been a couple of meetings with Karen Syrett regarding this and Cllr Rowe has also engaged with CCC on the issues that LPC have encountered. Cllr Rowe and the LPC will have a meeting before the next meeting with Karen Syrett on 14th February where LPC are expecting to provide an updated list of projects.

23/181 Bus Shelter

This was asked to be included on the agenda by a resident. The bus stop in Wick Road near the flats was suggested as a viable and suitable site for a bus shelter. LPC have investigated this in the past but local residents had objected. LPC agreed to investigate this further.

23/182 Councillor Status

184.1 Current Vacancy

There is someone who is interested in applying for the council. The resident, who was present, gave some feedback on his profile.

23/183 Councillor's Reports

No decisions are made or action points allocated in this section

Cllr Brockman – Nothing to report

Cllr Thorpe – Nothing to report

Cllr Ogawa – Nothing to report

Cllr Freeman – Nothing to report

Cllr Armstrong – Nothing to report

Cllr Bottwood – Still having trouble getting the SID sign installed at the current preferred site and will now be looking at different sites for this.

- 23/184 Clerk's Report and Correspondence**
There will be "Coffee with the cops" Friday 1st March at LCC with PC Gary Woolford. The PC agreed to host this event. All welcome.
- 23/185 Training/Events**
Any training requirements are to be given to the Clerk.
- 23/186 Items for the next agenda**
Above.
Calendar for next year's meetings.
- 23/187 To confirm dates of next meeting**
Wednesday 6th March 7:30pm
- 23/188 Chairman's closure of meeting**
Meeting closed at 9pm

Signed

Cllr Bottwood

Date