

.Langrish Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Langrish Parish Council held at Langrish House on Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Ian Wesley, Nigel Talbot-Ponsonby, Debbie Luff, Ian Blackwell, and Steve Tuff. In attendance Robert Mocatta, Roger Hetherington, Marjorie Day and the Clerk

1. **Apologies for absence** All present
2. **Co-option of new councillor** Ian Wesley proposed Roger Hetherington, seconded by Debbie Luff. There being no other nominees Roger Hetherington was duly elected.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12th September 2020.** The Minutes were approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising** All matters arising are itemised below
5. **Declarations of Interest** NTP declared an interest in 16(c)
6. **Planning**
 - a) **The White House** IW reported that work had started now that the application had been approved.
 - b) **Manor Farm Dovecote** IW and DL conducted a site survey and raised no objection to the application. A decision will not be made by EHDC offers until a bat survey has been completed.
 - c) An application to replace ducting for cabling to Buster mast is being considered by Buriton Parish Council. Although, the mast is in Langrish PC the ducting is potentially crossing land in Buriton PC
7. **IT and Broadband** The village email address list stands at 105 and the Facebook at 108. Cllr Mocatta reported that Pidham Cottage and Gowans are amongst a group of 85 houses, which are included in the BT fibre to the premises scheme (FTTP). He was hopeful that the cost would be covered by two different sources of funding (government and county council.) He estimated that it would be installed by Easter. IW asked RM to approach BT with regard to the strange anomaly of Tollbar Cottages and the Coach House being left without fibre optic broadband.
8. **Ramsdean Meadow** Debbie Luff and Ian Blackwell met with Ian Janes of Hampshire Highways to explore his recommendations for improvements to Ramsdean Green. Ian Janes will provide an estimate for various improvements at a cost to the parish council. It would then be possible to use other contractors. He did not agree to 'No Parking' signs unless they were very small. RM would pursue this, as vehicles parked on the Green are potentially a safety issue. IJ did recommend that directional finger signs were readily available.
9. **Report on Langrish Meadow** the annual inspection had been carried out.
10. **Rosemary and John Hopewell Memorial Tree** A suitable position had been found on Langrish Green and the preferred choice of tree was a mulberry, as they do not grow too large. The cost of £580, made up of £195 for the tree and £385 to prune the other trees, was agreed. The Friends of Langrish have offered to pay for a plaque.
11. **Roads** Ian Blackwell reported: Due to the recent bad weather, Hampshire Highways has postponed installing the anti skid surface on the A272. It is now unlikely to be done before the spring. The ditch under the road where C28 meets the A272 is blocked and water is backing up further along the C28, which has happened since the A272 was re-surfaced. Marjorie Day had

complained to Hampshire Highways that the ditch should be dug out properly and the road raised but without any success. She asked if the parish council would add weight to this request, which was agreed. Residents have complained about Ramsdean Lane's (Harroway Lane) passing places causing damage to cars. IB will check how many accidents there had been in the hope of a successful request for improvements.

12. **Footpaths and Rights of Way** With phase one of the stile improvements now completed, Steve Tuff will look into a second phase. Marjorie Day asked if the stile opposite the church could be replaced with one of the new kissing gates.
13. **Lengthsman** ST apologised as his recent email to the lengthsman hadn't left his outbox but he had now requested for the bus stop opposite Langrish House and Cellar Lane, the footpath from the Close, to be trimmed.
14. **Notice Boards Nameplate** Orders have been placed for Langrish Parish Council to be stencilled onto the notice boards and for 2 new maps for the map boards on the reverse.
15. **Financial Matters**
 - a) Financial Statement was approved
 - b) The following cheques was approved for payment
 - c) A request had been received for funding for the churchyard maintenance. After some discussion as to whether funds need to be kept in reserve for other parish projects.
 - d) Setting the precept and the budget for 2021/22 will be deferred to January.

Helen Marsh	£655.42
API Playground Inspection	£ 78.00

16. **Report from District and County Council** Rob Mocatta's county council report had been circulated. He added that EHDC were providing fantastic support for lockdown. In answer to comment about the traffic restrictions in Petersfield. He said that the goal was to reduce the traffic along the High Street but it had been acknowledged that it wasn't working well and there had been complaints. It had not helped that the utilities were digging up the street without consulting the council. Amendments to the plan have been put forward.
17. No correspondence had been received
18. **Any Other Business**

IW said he would not be able to produce more than one further Squeaker in its present format, although he would provide a parish news update. It was agreed that new blood should be sought to take over the parish magazine. The majority was in favour of keeping the Squeaker name and not merging the publication with neighbouring parishes.

RM reminded the councillors that there would be a remembrance service at St Johns on 11th November. If it were possible the parish council would purchase a wreath if the timescale were too short an equivalent monetary donation would be sent to the Royal British Legion.

19. **Future Agenda Items** Agreeing the budget and setting the precept.

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 7.30 on Monday 11th January at Langrish House, covid-19 restrictions permitting.