

LANGRISH PARISH ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018, 7.30 at Langrish House

Present: The Parish Council and 3 members of the public and the Clerk

Laura Deane, Ranger from SDNP kindly gave an interesting talk on local conservation works carried out by the Ranger's and Volunteers this covered brief information on the National Park, the re-introduction of water voles, barn owls, River Rother riverfly monitoring, otters and Himalayan Balsam and Farm Clusters. Her PowerPoint presentation can be found on the Parish Council website www.langrish.net

1. Apologies for absence – were received from Alison Meggeson, David Mowlam, Sarah Cowlrick, Marjorie Day and Roger and Sylvia Deadman.

2. The minutes of the Parish Assembly 2017 were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes There were no matters arising

Report from The Chair of the Parish Council

The Chair thanked the Parish councillors for their help and support, Helen Marsh our Clerk for being at the end of the telephone and sorting us out on matters of protocol, Robert Mocatta, our District Councillor and now our County Councillor for all his advice and help particularly with EHDC and giving us grants and Roger Deadman for advice and support.

We are sad to say Good-bye to Councillor David Mowlam who has been on the Council for 3 years but now has other pressures he must attend to. We thank him for all his help and support. We are very pleased to announce that Debbie Luff has agreed to be co-opted onto the Council for the remaining year of its life before next year's election. We are particularly pleased to have Debbie because we need very badly to have a Ramsdean representative.

The highlight of the year has been the generous donation by Roger Deadman from his Petersfield Heart & Mediquip Trust of a defibrillator *'for the communities of Langrish and Ramsdean, within which he has lived all his life'*. This is now in position on the wall of the Rosemary Foundation HQ, next to Langrish House. A training session was held for about 30 interested people. Other sessions can be arranged

The Council has decided that the two bus shelters in the Village should be refurbished. The one on Langrish Green can be done relatively easily and at not too great a cost but the one opposite Langrish House is much more of a problem

Otherwise it has been a steady year; most of our activities will be covered by the reports from the relevant Councillors

Stancoombe Copse Scramble track Nothing has happened on the track since the past year and the track remains untouched and in a poor condition. However there is a meeting scheduled for mid-June on a website but very substantial works will have to be done very quickly if this is to happen.

Traffic The volume and speed of traffic along the East Meon road at the time the children were walking to and from the school bus continues to be a concern. In spite of various suggestions made by the PC nothing of significance has been achieved apart from the purchase of another SLR so that one will be permanently placed (in different positions) on the East Meon Road (C28)

The Lengthsman He is proving useful doing jobs around the Parish, such as clearing paths, cutting back overgrown shrubs and even occasionally picking up litter. Any suggestions as to jobs he might do, should be sent to the Clerk, Helen Marsh

Planning Officer's Report

Ian Wesley gave a presentation on the 7 applications that the parish council had been consulted on over the year.

Roads and Footpaths presented by Gary Hodgson

Footpaths

- HCC has put a temporary closure on Fiveways to put some drainage in the Lane.
- The lengthsman will remove the stile in Mustercoombe Copse
- CH will look at the options to replace the stile near Stancoombe Copse

Roads

- The potholes have now been filled in
- The new SLR is on A272 at the moment waiting for a bigger post to be installed on C28, and then one SLR will be moved along C28 and the other on A272.

Tree Warden's Report Rosemary Hopewell gave her report

Ash Die-back is well established within the Parish. Unfortunately the disease has now spread to mature trees and although it has not completely killed many, they are struggling. It is now thought that some tree will prove to be immune to it. Time will tell

Yew trees, both on the Hanger, in some gardens and in both Langrish and East Meon churchyards have become very unhealthy. Advice as to the cause is being sought.

No new Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) were made in this year. Three TPOs in this Parish remain, two Yew trees at Rookery Gate Farm and trees surrounding a plot of land, southwest of Pond Cottages, Ramsdean. Permission was sought, with the support of the Tree Warden, to fell the so-called 'Field' maple tree in 'The Close'. This tree was causing problems and was of no amenity value. Permission for felling was granted and a new ornamental maple has been planted in its place.

The Lime Tree on Ramsdean Green has been identified. It is still a matter of interest as to how it came to be on the Green. As it is on Highways Land, they have agreed to conserve it

The Tree Warden continues to be member and co-ordinator of the sub-committee of Tree Wardens in East Hampshire, the purpose of which is to organise training for new (and old) wardens and to organise meetings and events. Regional courses have been attended.

It should be stressed that the role of Tree Warden is purely advisory and that it carries no powers

Alison Meggeson was unable to attend the meeting but on her behalf the Chair thanked Roger Deadman for keeping an eye on the Meadow and for carrying out the playground inspections. She also thanked Tony Perkins for cutting the grass.

4. Parish Accounts 2017/18 The accounts were distributed and then presented by the Clerk.

5. Questions from the Floor

A member of the public said that the BOAT from Ramsdean to Weston suffered from motorbike and 4x4 noise and damage.

Mrs Vennis from Laundry Cottage highlighted the difficulty of her children walking down the road to catch the bus due to the ever-increasing traffic and its speed, along C28 between Laundry Cottage and The Close. She also was concerned that the bus stop outside Home Farm was on a blind corner and she had asked Stagecoach to have a request stop at Laundry Cottage. Her third point was regarding a lorry waiting to access the trading estate had parked in their drive. She had contacted Arrk. She said that bollards were not an option.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 9.10pm