

# Langrish Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Langrish Parish Council held at Langrish House on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Ian Wesley Nigel Talbot-Ponsonby, Debbie Luff, Ian Blackwell, Steve Tuff, and the Clerk

1. **Apologies for absence** None received
2. **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman** Debbie Luff proposed Ian Wesley as Chairman, there being no other nominations Ian Wesley was duly elected as Chairman. Ian Wesley proposed Debbie Luff as Vice Chair, there being no other nominations Debbie Luff was duly elected Vice Chair
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.** The Minutes were approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising** All matters arising are itemised below
5. **Declarations of Interest** No declarations
6. **Planning**
  - a) **The White House** IW reported that the application had at last received approval.
  - b) **Langrish House** the parish council had supported the application for a 1-2 bedroom flat on the grounds that the village was in need of starter accommodation.
  - c) **Manor Farm Dovecote** A site visit would be arranged in order to make an informed decision.
7. **IT and Broadband** IW will ask Cllr Mocatta what is happening to the houses that have not been included in the broadband rollout. IW reported that there were now 106 names on village email list and 103 on the Facebook group. He advised that he had turned down 20 names as they didn't appear to have a connection with the village and probably had alternative reasons for joining.
8. **Ramsdean Meadow.**

Steve Tuff reported that Highways had replaced the fence at the back of the parking bays but they were short of wood and couldn't complete the returns at either end. The contractors said that their brief had been scant. It was felt that the fence was too short, disappointing that only one extra parking space had been created, the ground had been left rough and the fence doesn't do anything to enhance the Meadow. Ian Blackwell will discuss this with Highways at their next meeting and also include in their discussions; preventing the parking on the Green and vehicle damage to the verges in Ramsdean Lane.
9. **Report on Langrish Meadow** It was agreed to keep the playground closed not least because there are no children in the village at present. The Clerk will contact Andrew Bernie regarding the timing and cost for the hedge laying.
10. **Roads** IB reported that the A272 had been resurfaced. Highway engineers have created a standing bay for passengers at the bus stop on Langrish Hill. NTP suggested asking Highways if they were happy with what had been done. The Parish Council was told that the lay-by on Langrish Hill couldn't be improved but the councillors will keep pursuing it.
11. **Footpaths and Rights of Way** ST said that 5 kissing gates had been delivered and 3 had been installed well and the footpath was looking neat. To improve disabled access the gates were

larger than expected. It was decided not to install one on the triangle because of the size. Robin Beard had installed two gates of his own. It was agreed that some more kissing gates would be applied for once the gate between Lambert and Luff's land had been installed.

- 12. Lengthsman** The lengthsman would be reminded to cut back footpath 8 and to clear the vegetation from the bus stop opposite Langrish House. It was agreed that once these jobs had been carried out half the lengthsman's remaining hours could be handed over to other parishes.

- 13. Notice Boards repairs and Map** the notice boards had not been finished.

**14. Financial Matters**

- a) Financial Statement was approved
- b) Agreeing cheques to be signed for September and October 2020. The following cheque was approved for payment

Meon Valley Meadows	£ 260
Langrish House	£ 25

- 15. Report from District and County Council** no report available

- 16.** No correspondence had been received

**17. Any Other Business**

- a) DL raised the continuing problem of the off road motorbikes on the BOATs, with larger numbers in bigger groups. She asked why the byways couldn't be closed to motorised vehicles. ST suggested that it should be changed by an act of parliament rather than the County Council wasting money on temporary restriction orders. Communication with the neighbouring parish councils would be set up.
- b) On behalf of the PCC, NTP made a request for the parish council to consider making the annual donation towards the grass cutting. This will be on November's agenda.
- c) IW said that Rosemary was chairman not only of the Parish Council, but the Friends, the Squeaker as well as Churchwarden. He had proposed unifying the Friends and Squeaker finances; that The Squeaker should change in nature and be produced once every 6 months rather than quarterly; that PC news should be published after each bi-monthly meeting.
- d) IB asked whether it would be appropriate to apply for a blue plaque for the Old Vicarage for John and Rosemary Hopwell..
- e) It was agreed that a memorial tree for Rosemary would be planted, the favoured place being Langrish Green although, at first glance there didn't appear to be any room for another tree. NTP suggested taking a close look at the trees there presently to see if any were getting to the end of their life.
- f) IW suggested there should be a sign on the C28 to direct towards the defibrillator. The clerk will get a quote for one.
- g) IW reminded the councillors that there had been no nominations for the councillor vacancy so now co-option was the only option.

**18. Future Agenda Items**

- a) Ramsdean Green next phase
- b) St John's churchyard maintenance funding.

The date of the next meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020, most probably a remote meeting on Zoom.