

Langrish Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Langrish Parish held at Langrish House on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Rosemary Hopewell
2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 28th January 2020** were approved and signed
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes** No matters arising
4. **Declarations of Interest** No declarations made.
5. **Bus stops and lay-bys A272** RM had high hopes that when the bus stop had been white lined there it would be immediately improved. He now had the impression it was unlikely to be carried out until the next financial year. He is in the process of arranging a site meeting for the narrow lay-by. The parish councillors consider both sites dangerous.
6. **Planning Permission** was not granted for dropping the kerb at **Strawberry Cottage** but a new application will be submitted following Officer's guidelines for drive in drive out parking. IW reported that the conservation officers have recommend the plans are amended to retain the flint elevation of the stone wall being a continuation of the garden wall at the **White House**
7. **IT and Broadband** IW reported that 73 had subscribed to the Facebook page and 103 on the email list. He was pleased to announce that all but one house in Langrish and Ramsdean are able to tap into superfast broadband.
8. **Ramsdean Report** DL reported that Highways had taken no action on the extension to the parking places or the rails on Ramsdean Green. A section of a verge on Ramsdean Road was being badly rutted and she asked for improvements to be made to the surface in the form of hardcore or another more robust surface. Rob Moccatta thought it would be unlikely that there was any money available whereas the Parish Council could fund the repairs."
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ST agreed that many verges in the village were in a mess. He took this opportunity to recommend forming a pro-active working group to create a list of projects of improvements, throughout the village. His suggestion was welcomed and he would arrange a project devising and prioritising meeting.

10. **Report on Langrish Meadow**
All agreed that Giles Stanesby would be asked to continue to cut the grass.
11. **Roads**
 - a) **Chevrons Bordean Hill** 50% of the new chevrons are now partially or completely destroyed, in some cases leaving posts as dangerous hazards. RM would find out if they are to be replaced or removed. The parish council would prefer the latter.
12. **Footpaths and Rights of Way ST reported on the following**
 - a) 5 new kissing gates have been installed on Langrish 21 and the landowner has offered to replace the remaining 2.
 - b) 5 Ways is remaining closed, as the work is not quite finished. ST said that the new surface looks good although there has been a little rain damage.

13. **Lengthsman** ST said the lengthsman have a list and have been instructed to work through the list before the end of this financial year.

14. **Financial Matters**

- a) **The financial statements** were agreed.
- b) **PCC Funding** A request from the PCC treasurer for funding was agreed at £340.
- c) **The cheques** written at this meeting were agreed and signed.

Langrish House	£25
Langrish PCC	£340

- d) **Risk Assessment** was distributed prior to the meeting and unanimously agreed
- e) **The Statement of Internal Control** also distributed prior to the meeting and agreed.

15. **Reports from Rob Mocatta**

Cllr Mocatta pointed out that Langrish Parish Band D Precept rating is £30.24 whereas the average is £83.83. His opinion was it would be justifiable to increase the precept for projects like verge maintenance. He explained the district would be transferring funds from the parishes to the less wealthy areas for welfare funding. RM is on the EHDC cabinet in charge of Place Making. He reminded the council of the Library Consultation. One of the cost saving measures could mean shorter opening hours.

16. **Correspondence** No further correspondence

17. **Any other Business**

- a) Michael Scammell, SDNP Historic Building Officer will be asked to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) A further idea put forward by ST for village projects was to replace the faded village map. He thought a hand drawn map would be more appealing. He thought it important that Ramsdean should have a map board.

18. **Date of next meeting** will be the Annual General Meeting on Monday 11th May at 6pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm at Langrish House