

Langrish Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Langrish Parish Council held at The Cow Shed Barrow Hill Barns on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7:30 pm

Present: Ian Wesley, Debbie Luff, Robert Bewes, Roger Hetherington and Ian Blackwell. In attendance; County Councillor Mocatta, the Clerk and 2 members of the public

Megan Cledwyn, Community Engagement Ranger from HCC's Countryside Service outlined her role where she covers a large area of East Hampshire managing Rights of Way. Under a grant scheme, there is up to £5000 available for Rights of Way improvements. She is responsible for recruiting volunteers onto the Path Warden Volunteering scheme to help cut vegetation, repair bridges, fences, steps and gates. The volunteers meet every Wednesday for Task Days. Megan was impressed with the efficient reporting system adopted by RB and added that it was extremely helpful if resolved issues were also reported.

1. **Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Nigel Talbot Ponsonby
2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 7th November 2022.** The Minutes were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising** All matters arising are covered below
4. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** None Declared
5. **Planning Report** There were no planning matters to report.
6. **Ramsdean Green Report** IW drew the councillors' attention to Ian Janes, from Hampshire Highways', letter regarding a CFI to carry out work to the fencing and road signs on Ramsdean Green and to create a lay-by. It was suggested that he would apply for a grant to cover the work on behalf of the parish council.
7. **Langrish Meadow Report** The annual playground inspection report highlighted the need to replace one swing seat. IB had received a quote from Sovereign of £310.59 for the replacement. All Councillors agreed to the expenditure.
8. **Lengthsman's Work Schedule** RB said that there was £600 unspent. RB will review with the lengthsman the ditch at the bottom of Ham Lane adjacent to C28 with the intention of asking him to clear the ditch of vegetation.
9. **Footpaths and Rights of Way Report** RB had circulated a very thorough report on the Rights of Way. Megan Cledwyn took note of the steps at Home Farm (Footpath7) that had been destroyed in a car accident and of the stile in Ham Lane which has been removed. DL also reported that the Parish had been successful in securing Winter Closures on all Langrish BOATs. However, this has resulted in BOATs in East Meon suffering serious damage as motorbikes have simply moved to another area. As part of our commitment as members of the East Hampshire Association of Parish Councils, Langrish PC will support the close sure of all BOATs in Hampshire and in particular East Meon.
10. **Roads Report** IB said that the drainage work outside the Old Hop Kiln had still not been carried out. RB will report the blocked storm drains in Barrow Hill Farm Lane.
11. **District and County Councillor's Report** Cllr Mocatta had prepared and distributed a report just prior to the meeting which will be made available on the parish council website. He added that for the election in May 2023 it will be necessary for electors to produce ID

to be able to vote. As this might cause some disruption, he urged electors to apply for a postal vote.

12. Financial Matters

- a) The financial summary to 31 December 2020 was approved.
- b) The fixed asset register had been assessed by IW and NTP earlier in the year and was approved and signed.
- c) The Financial Risk Assessment was approved.

13. Any Other Business

- a) IW gave notice that he would be standing down as Chairman and from the Parish council at the May elections.
- b) IW reported on IT that RB was willing to take control of updating the parish council website. There are now 114 names on the email list and 167 Facebook Members.
- c) The PCC are producing a survey for parishioners to have their say on the future of St John's Church.

The Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm at Crim Cottage, The Cow Shed, Barrow Hill Farm, Ramsdean. All residents are most welcome and encouraged to attend meetings.