

Langrish Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Langrish Parish Council held at the Cow Shed, Barrow Hill Barns, Ramsdean

on

Monday 11 March 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Debbie Luff (Chair), Roger Hetherington (Vice Chair), Robert Bewes, Ian Blackwell, Cheryl Walder, Cllr Talbot-Ponsonby, Robert Mocatta, the Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

No apologies for absence had been received.

2. Approval of the minutes

The Minutes of Monday 15 January 2024 were approved by Councillors, proposed by Cllr Walder, seconded by Cllr Bewes and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations made.

4. Matters arising

a) Citizens Advice Bureau grant application

It was resolved that a donation would not be made by the Parish Council.

b) Grass Cutting

As this item is related to Langrish Meadow it was agreed that it should be discussed under 6e).

c) Hampshire County Council Future Service Consultation

The Chair asked Councillors to encourage residents of the parish to submit their own comments for the consultation on the HCC website. She confirmed that she would be submitting comments on behalf of the Parish Council.

d) Resident Survey

It was agreed that as this related to Langrish Meadow, it should be discussed under item 6 e).

e) Parish AGM plans

It was resolved that Cllr Hetherington would present the planning report for the past year, Cllr Blackwell would give a report on Langrish Meadow, Cllr Bewes to give a report on Footpaths and The Chair to report on BOATs at the AGM on 13 May.

5. Planning Report

SDNP/24/00504/LDP - East Lodge, Winchester Road, Bordon, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1EP - Lawful Development Certificate for the Proposed siting of a caravan within the curtilage of East Lodge for use ancillary to the dwellinghouse. It was agreed to give no further comments to the planning application.

SDNP/24/00776/FUL - Lower house farm, Ramsdean Road, Ramsdean, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1RU - Reinstate collapsed wall to part of Southern boundary to match rebuilt existing wall.

It was agreed to submit no objection from the Parish Council.

6. Reports and Updates

a) EHAPT January Meeting (DL)

The Chair reported on the EHAPT meeting held online in January. One point she felt may be of interest was a community resilience plan for use in emergencies such as flood, fire, snow etc. It was agreed that as Langrish was unlikely to hold a major event with more than 100 people, preparation for such an event was unnecessary.

b) HCAF meeting (DL)

The Chair reported on the HCAF Workshop specifically to discuss BOATs and the revision of The Byways Operational Procedures (BOP) in the National Parks and Hampshire. The Workshop included members from all users of BOATs e.g. Trail Riders Fellowship, Horse and Carriage Riders, Landowners, walkers and cycle riders. Currently BOP did not take into account the additional legislative reasons for the closure of BOATs to non-essential motorised vehicles in the National Parks. These included severe damage, weather conditions, Health & Safety for all users, the nature of the surrounding countryside and Disabled users.

c) East Hampshire Parishes BOATs meeting (DL)

The Chair reported on the East Hampshire Parishes BOATs meeting held in February where the damage being incurred collectively throughout East Hampshire parishes to BOATs had been discussed in detail. Jonathan Woods had attended the Meeting on behalf of HCC and a further meeting would take place once the Hampshire County Council Byways Operational Procedure had been drafted in April.

d) CIL Funding – SDNPA Call for Projects application (RB)

Cllr Bewes reported that after further investigation he thought the SDNPA Call for Projects application would not be suitable for the repairs to the footbridge on the border of Langrish and Stroud parishes. He said that he would be looking to apply to the Countryside Access partnership funding which is specially designed for smaller projects. He estimated costs of repairs would be in the region of £2000 and would be looking to apply for 50% of these to be matched by the two Parish Councils combined. He would be meeting with Councillors from Stroud Parish Council to discuss and would report back at the next meeting.

e) Langrish Meadow (IB)

Insurance quotations for play equipment

It was resolved for the Parish Council to continue to maintain the play equipment.

Grass Cutting (4b)

It was resolved for quotations to be sourced from grass cutting contractors and to return to the next meeting for discussion. IB agreed to contact 3 contractors for quotes and consideration at the next PC Meeting.

Resident survey (4d)

The Chair had circulated the draft survey prior to the meeting, the questions were reviewed and suggested amendments were approved.

It was agreed to email the published survey to the mailing list held and to do a letter drop to advertise the survey with a link to be available on the Langrish Parish Council website and Facebook page.

f) Footpaths and Rights of Way (RB)

Cllr Bewes referred to his report circulated prior to the meeting. He pointed out that BOAT 14 had been closed for the year and that BOATS 17 and 24 were closed until April with BOAT 19 now open to all.

The Lengthsman jobs which had been requested were to clear the footpath by the church and to dig out drainage trench at C28 due to gravel collecting from Ham Lane.

A fallen tree across Ham Lane had been reported. Also suckers growing from the apple tree on the Green in Langrish were discussed with a view to adding to the Lengthmans worksheet.

g) Roads/Highways

Cllr Blackwell reported that the temporary road closure at West Meon and at Stroud had now concluded.

He also informed Councillors that the grit box at Reeds Meadow had been damaged again, Cllr Mocatta advised Councillors to report this on the new Ourhants app for a replacement.

The Chair reported that she had contacted Hampshire Highways in regard to the verge at Ramsdean and the flooding due to a collapsed drain, she was awaiting a response to both of these issues.

h) District and County Councillor (RM)

Cllr Mocatta referred to his reports which had been circulated prior to the meeting. These can be found on the Parish Council website.

7. Financial Matters

a) Financial Summary

The RFO presented the financial summary between the 1 April 2023 and 4 March 2024 including all payments made between 9 January and the 4 March, these were unanimously approved by Councillors.

She informed Councillors that the internal audit had be booked for the 26 April.

8. Any Other Business

It was requested that potholes and tree warden report be added as items to the next agenda for May.

9. Date of the Next Meeting will be Monday 6pm 13 May, this will be the Parish Council meeting followed by the AGM at 7:30pm to be held at The Cow Shed, Barrow Hill Barns. An invite for the AGM would be sent via the mailing list and displayed on the Parish Council website and local Facebook page.

The Parish Council meeting closed at 20:52

Signed:

Dated: