

LANGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: 11th January 2021
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Present Cllr C Bryant (Chair)
Cllr J Ford
Cllr R Hollister
Cllr L Humphries
Cllr L Duthie
Cllr S Powell
Cllr M Griffiths

Apologies Cllr L Aherne

Absent Miss E Blakemore

In attendance Ms H K Jones (Clerk)
5 members of the public
City Cllr W Routley

- 20/51.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Council's sixth meeting via Zoom.
- 20/52.** **Apologies** were received from Cllr Aherne. The Council agreed to extend the 6-month absence rule by 2 months for Cllr Aherne.
- 20/53.** **Declarations of interests:** Cllr Griffiths declared an interest as a neighbour in the planning application for 1 Court View.
- 20/54.** **Previous Minutes** – The minutes of the Ordinary Meetings held on 25th November were approved. The Clerk's Report was approved for appending to the minutes.
- 20/55.** **Public participation / City Councillors** – There was extensive discussion of the recent flooding problems in several areas of the community. City Councillors Routley and Mogford had been dealing with residents' issues and liaising with NCC officers to prevent flooding by clearing drains and culverts, to react to issues by providing sandbags and to set up an action plan going forward to remedy issues and prevent recurrences. The Council agreed to work with the City Councillors to help in any way it could. Cllr Duthie offered to store sandbags at Ford Farm for residents to collect in case of flood warnings.
- 20/56.** **Co-option of new councillors** – The Council resolved not to co-opt an applicant to the Council.
- 20/57.** **Playpark** – The Council resolved not to replace fences and gates at this time. The Council resolved to remove the Youth Shelter and to store it in order to assess whether this would make any difference to the level of complaints received. It was noted that only 2 complaints had been made to the police in 2020. A decision on re-siting the youth shelter would be made later in 2021. **ACTION HJ**
- 20/58.** **Finance**

- i. The Council accepted the monthly accounts for November and December 2020.

Unity Trust Current Account		
Opening Balance	1 st Nov 2020	68,962.00
Closing Balance	31 st Dec 2020	57,005.70

- ii. The Council authorised the following payments:

Method	Payee	Description	Amount
SO	Microshade	Citrix Hosting(Jan)	57.54
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BACS	Audit Wales	Audit fee	224.28
BACS	NCC	Grounds Maintenance	154.12
BACS	Rialtas	Accounts s/w licence	148.80
DD	ICO	Data protection fee	35.00
DD	Lloyds Corporate Card	Zoom, Giffgaff	27.39
BACS	H K Jones	Expenses	21.69
BACS	VisionICT	Email hosting	21.60

The Clerk agreed to deliver the accounts file to Cllr Humphries so that he could inspect invoices and sign where needed. **ACTION HJ**

The Clerk agreed to write to Bishton Community Council regarding the outstanding loan to them to establish a timeframe for repayment. **ACTION HJ**

- iii. The Council discussed the issue of emails going into junk mail boxes. It was suggested that the Clerk investigate VPNs and alternative providers. **ACTION HJ**
- iv. The Council resolved to accept the final draft of the proposed budget for 2021-22 and to request a precept of £33.00 per Band D property. The Council agreed that the number of litter-pickers should be restricted to 20 in order to ensure that the Council could continue to fund equipment, PPE and reward schemes. Some concern was expressed about litter volunteers' safety on roads, and Cllrs Hollister and Ford agreed to write to all volunteers with a reminder about safe practices. The Council also agreed to cap the number of litter volunteers at 20, and to operate a waiting list for any new volunteers. **ACTION RH/JF**
- v. The Council noted that the proposal to site new litter bins on Stockwood Close and Priory Gardens (near access points to Ger-Y-Parc Woods) had been rejected by neighbours and would not therefore be carried forward as a project.

20/59. Representation

- i. The Council approved Cllr Bryant as school governor at Langstone Primary School for a further term of 4 years.
- ii. The Council approved Cllr Ford as a second representative to One Voice Wales.

20/60. Training - No further training needs were identified

20/61. Planning

Ref	Site	Proposal	Outcome
20/1148	1 Court View, Langstone NP18 2NN	Proposed garage conversion and first floor side extension	No objection [Cllr Griffiths left the meeting for this discussion]
20/1161	Llandevaud Farm, The Cottage, Llandevaud Lane, NP18 2AD	Construct a detached garage with gymnasium at first floor and a pergola	Langstone Community Council expressed a concern regarding the impact on drainage in the vicinity of this site, given the recent flooding in Llandevaud and requested that NCC give consideration to this when assessing the application. Langstone Community Council also had concerns regarding the expansion of the buildings' footprint and was unclear whether the plans fall within permitted tolerances as the integrated garage had already been converted into a room.

20/62. Items for the next agenda:

- Drainage in Centenary Field
- Data gathering on A48 speeds
- Height of new hotel being built beside Coldra Court

20/63. Date of next meeting - 8th February 2021

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 21:10

CLERK'S REPORT appended to minutes for 11th January 2021**Clerk's Actions**

Ref	Date	Action	Update	Status
20/45	25/11/20	Obtain formal quotes for fencing and gates at Centenary Field	Project cancelled	Completed
20/58	11/01/21	Write to Bishton CC re outstanding loan to establish timeframe for repayment	Letter written	Completed
20/58	11/01/21	Deliver accounts file to Cllr Humphries	Completed	Closed
20/15	14/09/20	Site new litter bin on Langstone Court Road	Quote requested. Discussed with contractor. Bins to be ordered	
20/15	14/09/20	Replace litter bin opposite The Gorelands with cast iron bin		
20/15	14/09/20	Provide post-mounted litter bins at Llanmartin bus-stops		
20/27	12/10/20	Purchase litter bin to be sited on Priory Way replacing lamp-post bin which overflows		
20/57	11/01/21	Obtain quote from WMGM to remove the Youth Shelter in Centenary Field and store it	Quote requested	
20/58	11/01/21	Investigate options for VPN and email hosting		

The Clerk received a complaint on 20th January via the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. No further information can be shared whilst enquiries are on-going.

Councillors' Actions

Ref	Date	Action	Who	Update	Status
20/58	11/01/21	Remind litter volunteers of safety issues	RH/JF	Completed	Closed
19/199	09/03/20	Speak to Cllr Routley re off-road bikes in Wentwood Forest and road safety (speed limit / pelican crossing)	CB		
19/199	09/03/20	Speak to Police re off-road bikes in Wentwood	RH		
20/45	25/11/20	Speak to producer of lamp-post poppies re costs	CB		