

**Langstone Community Council**  
Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting held** on  
Monday 17 May 2021  
at 7.00 pm

**Date:** 17 May 2021  
**Time:** Followed AGM at  
19.00hrs  
**Venue:** Zoom

**In attendance:** Adrian Edwards Clerk  
City Cllr's Mogford & Routley

**Actions**

**21/134 Cllr's Present**  
C Bryant  
L Duthie  
L Humphries  
M Griffiths  
J Shaw  
M Harring-Burn  
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**Apologies received:**  
Cllr S Powell

**Absent:**  
Cllr L Ahearn

Before the meeting commenced Cllr's Mogford & Routley asked about the process of item 3 on the agenda, and why people needed to ask the clerk for the link.

There was a detailed discussion with a range of views expressed with some of the members.

The clerk explained that the admittance to the meeting was a management process. The residents have not been stopped from attending, it's just a process to manage proceedings. It was explained that the timeline was restricted as the clerk didn't have all the tools to his disposal to publish on the website and the notice boards.

It was explained that standing orders don't allow the minutes to be discussed apart from approving they are a true and for their accuracy, and only items on the agenda are to be considered.

After some discussion it was resolved on this occasion to admit those in the Zoom waiting room.

**21/135 Agenda Item 1.** Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Powell & Ahearn at the time of the meeting offered no written apologies on the appropriate declaration form.

**21/136 Agenda Item 2.** Declarations of interest

Members will make a declaration if and when the member believes there's a need.

**21/137 Agenda Item 3.** 15 minutes set aside for Community interaction and members of the community to ask the Clerk or elected members questions of local interest. Any questions should be submitted:

The clerk has not received any questions before the meeting. A number of attendees requested to address the council. One resident explained that he wished to raise matters from the last meeting. It was explained that is not permissible under the community councils standing orders.

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A resident asked if he could raise a matter of concern to himself. The clerk explained under the community council Standing Orders the council or the chair shall not respond nor start a debate on the question/or observation.

It was explained that Cllr Griffiths made a comment that he didn't know that he was going to receive the remuneration until it was in his personal bank account. The resident stated that the councillor's comment was disingenuous!

The same resident stated that one other councillor was making disparaging comment about him and he would have liked a response, but it doesn't warrant a response now. The resident was informed that it's not the council that made the rule, it's the Standing Orders.

Cllr Griffiths indicated that he wished to make a formal response. The members explained that all the members who were in attendance at the meeting in April were aware that he didn't wish to claim the remuneration from the council, and he reiterated that the first time he knew about the payment was when it was deposited into his account. The members asked the resident to ask the former clerk, and the resident confirmed that he had spoken to the former clerk and she confirmed that she did ask for the bank details.

Another resident asked why the meeting was not being recorded. The clerk explained it's not a standing order but it was a resolution of a meeting to record meetings. That resolution didn't have an agenda item nor a motion to be tabled. It was explained that the zoom recording was to "aid" elected members and the clerk by recording the said meeting. The resident stated that the clerk was making himself look silly, where the statement isn't true! (recorded minute that said *"should be recorded for the purpose of producing minutes and deleted once minutes had been approved"*). The clerk reiterated again, the community council did not have a motion to pass the resolution.

A third member of the public asked about the offices the community council use. The resident asked about vacating Merlin House.

The clerk confirmed that the notice to withdraw from the agreement has been issued, but the clerk isn't prepared to answer any further question on the grounds of confidentiality. It was confirmed that the office is still open.

**21/138 Agenda Item 4.** To receive and if appropriate to adopt the Minutes of the ordinary Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021:

**Action  
the Chair**

**Meeting Note:**

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The clerk informed the meeting that he was unable to find any minutes and assumed the minutes from the April meeting had not been transcribed until today (17 May) and those minutes were sent to all members for agreement.

**Resolved:** to sign the minutes from the 8 March and the April meeting.

**All those in attendance agreed**

**21/139 Agenda Item 5.** Matters to report:

No matters to report

**21/140 Agenda Item 6.** To receive and if appropriate to adopt Extraordinary Meeting held at 7.00pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021:

**Action  
the Chair**

**Resolved:** to sign the minutes from the Extraordinary Meeting on the 8 March.

**All those in attendance agreed**

**21/141 Agenda Item 7.** Matters to report.

No matters to report

**21/142 Agenda Item 8.** Consider any Planning applications, received before the meeting.

All applications were forwarded to members for consideration before the meeting. It was proposed that the Planning applications are deferred to allow the applications to be considered by a committee or a Task & Finish group.

**Clerk &  
members**

**All those in attendance agreed**

Ref	Site	Proposal	Outcome
	Llandevaud Farm, The Cottage, Llandevaud Lane, Llandevaud Newport NP18 2AD	CONSTRUCTION OF A DETACHED DOMESTIC GARAGE (RESUBMISSION OF 20/1161);	
	24 Applewood Langstone, Newport NP18 2AP	CONVERSION OF GARAGE TO HABITABLE ROOM AND ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY WORKS;	
	The Old Rectory, Magor Road, Newport NP18 2EB	CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING BED AND BREAKFAST (C1) TO CREATE A CARE HOME FOR 4NO CHILDREN (USE CLASS C2) AND ASSOCIATED WORKS;	
	8 Grenadier Drive Langstone	ERECTION OF REAR FLAT ROOF ORANGERY	

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Newport NP18 2BG Woodwards House, Abernant Road, Kemeys Inferior Newport NP18 1JS	WITH SKY LIGHT; ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION;
30 Blossom Close Langstone Newport NP18 2LT	TWO STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION

**21/143 Agenda Item 9.** Reports from the City Councillors

**City  
Cllr's**

Cllr Morford explained that he would like to make a couple of observations. He welcomed the clerk to his new post, and hoped that the City Council and the community council work harmoniously. Cllr Mogford explained that he doesn't wish to receive the notice bundle and the minutes going forward.

The councillor asked about giving three days' notice for questions and where was it in the standing orders. The clerk explained that it's not a standing order its primarily to manage the meetings. The Councillor explained that going froward the public will recognise the working practices of the community council.

Cllr Mogford explained there were some issues with the polling stations. It was explained that both City Councillors had received a number of concerns relating to the accessibility of the polling stations. He explained in 2019 there were 5 polling stations divided into 5 polling divisions. He explained that he received a telephone call that residents were still queuing outside the station at 23.30 hrs. He explained that both ward members have been petitioning the City Council to reuse the village hall.

Cllr Routley also explained that he received a number of telephone calls from residents having issues with standing for such longer periods waiting to cast their vote. Cllr Routley explained that he and Cllr Mogford had met with the democracy services officer and the CEO of City of Newport. A question was asked what would both members like the community council do to support them. Cllr Mogford explained that the meeting will be open to interested parties from the Community Council.

One member raised a number of points regarding the election and residents have made comment that Langstone Community Council have made a mess of the elections. It was explained that the Community Council is not involved in any way in the location election process.

Cllr Routley agreed with the member that Langston Community Council have no input into elections. He asked if the community council have received unwarranted comments by the electorate. This would be unwarranted as the community council have no input into the due process. Cllr Routley explained that further investigations are ongoing.

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Cllr Mogford stated that the organisation of setting up a election by the City Council takes weeks. There was further discussion around this.

Cllr Mogford gave those present a verbal update on school admissions and their discussion is ongoing with the Education Dept at the City Council. Cllr Mogford explained that he had received correspondence about different issues.

**Both Cllr's left the meeting at 20.15hrs**

**21/144 Agenda Item 10.** To note finance matters, including Income & Expenditure:

**Clerk**

The clerk explained that he has been unable to confirm the balances in the bank but reported the opening amount on the 1 April was 54,622.39. A full payment list will be presented to the signatories for signing and reported in the minutes of this meeting. The clerk gave a verbal report on the accounts.

**Unity Trust Current Account**

Closing Balance 31 March 2021  
Opening Balance 1 April 2021 £54,622.39

Invoice or payment vouchers received before the meeting

Payment approved	Method	Payee	Description	Amount
17 May 21	DD	Lloyds Corp Card	Various	
17 May 21	DD	Rombourne	Office	666.57
17 May 21	SO	Microshade	Citrix Hosting	57.54
17 May 21		Cllr Bryant	Reimbursement	50.00

**21/145 Agenda Item 11.** To receive any items of correspondence received since the last meeting

The clerk informed members that all correspondence the community council has received since the 10 May has been forwarded for members' interest. A full list will be attached to the minutes of the 17 May.

He also informed those present, the Chair had emailed the local Police Inspt, and he had also emailed, inviting the Police to attend. Unfortunately no-one ahs attended or made contact. This was noted by those present. This will be included on the next agenda.

**21/146 Agenda Item 12.** Reports from members on outside bodies

Cllr Bryant gave some feedback on the flower boxes and the noticeboards. It was explained that it was noted that some of the noticeboards have had notices stuck to the outside of the frame distorting the view of the items inside.

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Concern was also expressed about dog owners picking up after their dogs but disposing of the waste on the base of the notice boards and in the flower boxes

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