

Minutes of Langstone Community Council Full Council

Tuesday 14/07/ 2026 at 19:00 PM

Present Councillors: R Bevan, S Davies, J Humphries, L Humphries, S George, I Riley, R Lewis, J Smith and, Svoyle

Also Present: 2 member of the public, Clerk to the Council A Bird, NCC Cllrs R Mogford and W Routley

Before the meeting officially began, Members paid tribute to the late Cllr John Bryant. Tributes were led by Cllr Lance Humphries and paid great attention to the legacy of cllr Bryant on the council. Members and staff wished to express their condolences to the Bryant family at this difficult time.

26/095 Apologies for Absence

Members received apologies from Cllr B Sheppard and B Newport

26/096 Declarations of Interest

None received.

26/097 Public Questions and Representations

None received

26/098 Update from NCC Councillors

RM updated on the work at Catsash Road, noting that work had finished, but additional work would be needed and that the NCC councillors had made their dissatisfaction known. RM also noted that maintenance to the cemetery near the Old Barn was taken care of and work on street signs was ongoing. RM also responded to questions about overgrown vegetation by saying that there is a need to identify land owners. Also that progress was still ongoing over issues brought by residents over Abernant Road. It was also noted that WR and RM had meetings planned with managers at the Celtic Manor Resort to address some of these issues.

WR updated on submissions to the democracy and boundary commissions review of town and community councils and also updated on road markings on the a48, noting upcoming work.

26/099 Update from Gwent Police

Update to be circulated to members.

Minutes

26/0100 Council Meeting: 09 June 26

- i. Members voted to accept the minutes of the meeting held 09 June 2026 and these were signed by Cllr S Davies. These were proposed by SG and Seconded by JH and voted unanimously by members
- ii. **Matters Arising:** 1. Dog Walking Field Update: members received update from RB and IR, currently the tenancy in place on the field does not support the use for dog walking or subletting.
2. War Memorial update: members received an update from The Clerk regarding the inclusion of Merchant Navy insignia and the name of a member of the merchant navy on Langstone War Memorial, members were in agreement with this and voted unanimously to support it. (note, this discussion took place before the accident causing damage to the war memorial)

26/101 Finance

- i. Members agreed to pay the following (clerks overtime subject to time sheet submission)

Payment Method	Payee	Reference	Ammount
BACS	Anthony Bird	Clerks Wage (July)	£581.78
BACS	Anthony Bird	Clerks Overtime (June/July)	£765.50
S/O	Storage Giant Newport	Storage (June)	£104.60
S/O	Rombourne	Virtual office (June)	£43.26
S/O DD	Microshade	Web hosting (June)	£61.01
BACS	NCC	Planters	£

Cllr Riley also asked to clarify financial plenary powers during summer recess, with signatories and clerk to be informed of any additional expenses

- ii. Members agreed £500 for Langstone Ladies Friendship Group
- iii. Banking Arrangements- IR informed members of the process regarding forthcoming regarding a corporate card. Members voted to waive financial regulations to allow the clerk to be named on the bank card
- iv. Members agreed the period of electors rights for after clerks annual leave

- v. Members reviewed and accepted the below q1 variance between the 25/26 year with q1 of the 26/27 financial year, with the clerk fielding questions regarding grants and concurrent expenditure, pointing out that there had been fewer applications for grants in the current financial year and that the higher admin and concurrent payments last year were down to playing catch up on the previous year

Title	£ 25/26	£ 26/27	Q1 25/26 £	Q1 25/26 %	Q1 26/27 £	Q1 26/27 %	Variance
Staff Costs	£6,929	£11,800	£3,475.58	50.15%	£3796.88	32.17%	£321.30
Admin	£17,281	£16,150	£13,768.88	79.67%	£7,457.28	46.17%	(£6,311.60)
Grants	£1,750	£5,000	£1,500	85.71%	£500	10%	(£1000)
Concurrent Exp	£25,000	£9,550	£1,095.80	4.38%	£0	0%	(£1,095.80)
Events and Community Projects	£12,500	£11,500	£133.20	1.06%	£1542.31	13.41%	£1,409.11
Capital Projects	£20,000	£20,000	£0	0%	£1,458	7.29%	£1,458

26/102 Clerks Report

- Clerk updated on the need for microshade to be installed on clerks laptop, to liaise with flotek over issues and need for a council canva account. Also updated on newsletter, first draft aim for september
- The Clerk and IR updated on the OVW conference where the council managed to secure to certificates of commendation, IR discussed a desire to look into projects around direct health and hidden poverty, working with local groups to identify areas of needs

26/103 Events, Amenities and Parks

Members gave the following updates.

1) **Events**

- a) Langstonebury: members reported back on the past event, noting that it was well attended and that kids had fun.
- b) Cllr B Sheppard to give update in september
- c) Logo Competition- to be held in first issue of newsletter
- d) Party in the park- S Davies noted arrangements for upcoming party in the park to be held 29/08, IR raised the idea of refreshments for cllrs and volunteers.

2) **Parks and amenities-**

- a) War Memorial: SD updated that masons had assessed the damage and noted the need for repair to pavement and stone, and poppies, it was noted that benches are property of NCC, quotes were in the process of being gathered, the need to add stone for merchant seamen were also raised,
- b) No update on park- RB supplied quote for goal mesh of £1,600 this was proposed by RB and seconded by SV

3) **Planters-** noted that planters had been done and that watering over hot months may prove an issue.

26/0104 Planning

- 1. Members had no comments or queries regarding application 26/0475
- 2. no pre planning applications were received by the clerk.

Community

26/105 Seminars and Outside Bodies

- 1. No update

26/0106 Highways and Footpaths:

JS updated on meeting with MAGNA and will chase supporting information for application for the clerk to write to ncc highlighting LCCs road priorities.

26/107 Items for future meetings

Members were asked to contact clerk ahead of next meeting

26/0108 Dates of Future Meetings

Members noted that the next meeting will be 08/09

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