

## LANGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Virtual meeting via Zoom

**In attendance** Ms H K Jones (Clerk)  
1 member of the public

### ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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

**Apologies** Cllr L Aherne

**Absent** Cllr M Griffiths

**20/8.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Council's second meeting via Zoom.

**20/9.** **Apologies** were received from Cllr Aherne.

The Clerk clarified the rule regarding 6 month absences during the Covid restrictions. "The rule that disqualifies members for failing to attend a meeting in a six-month period is suspended as of April 22nd 2020. The time counted will restart from when a member would be expected to attend a meeting after the Covid impacted period." For LCC, this means that the clock started on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**20/10.** **Declarations of interests:** None

**20/11.** **Minutes**

The minutes of the Ordinary and Committee meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> July were approved. The Clerk's Report was approved for appending to the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**20/12.** **Youth Representative** – The Council resolved to appoint Miss Eva Blakemore as a Youth Representative on the Council. Clerk to send applicable forms to Miss Blakemore. **Action: HJ**

**20/13.** **Public participation** – A member of the public stated that there had been several instances of anti-social behaviour in Centenary Field over the summer, including drug dealing and late night noise. No reports had been made to the Police. It was reiterated that the Police need to be informed of all instances of ASB otherwise they are unaware of any issues and cannot be criticised for failing to address them.

**20/14.** **Play Park**

The Council discussed possible options for Centenary Field. The Clerk agreed to contact Cllr Routley who had offered prior to the Covid restrictions to investigate with NCC the possibility of installing CCTV in the park. It was stated that this might simply move the problem elsewhere.

The Council agreed that the correct procedure in case of ASB was to call the Police. **Action: HJ**

**20/15.** **Litter bins**

i) The Council resolved to replace the vandalised litter bin in the lay-by opposite The Gorelands with a metal vandal-proof bin. **Action: HJ**

ii) The Council resolved to purchase a litter bin and site it on Langstone Court Road, opposite the stile. **Action: HJ**

iii) The Clerk agreed to chase up the siting of two lamp-post bins in Llanmartin. **Action: HJ**

**20/16.** **Finance**

i) The Council noted that NALC and One Voice Wales had issued newly agreed pay-scales to be backdated to 1st April 2020 and that the revised pay-scales had been applied to the Clerk's salary and back-dated as per the Contract of Employment.

iv) The Council resolved to purchase a banner (5m x 1m) for Road Safety Week (Option C). Cost £275. **Action: HJ**

**20/17. Events**

- i) The Council agreed that a Remembrance Service should not take place this year as normal due to the risk of spreading Covid. This was consistent with the advice of RBL. A few Councillors would lay wreaths on behalf of LCC but there would be no public invitation.
- ii) Christmas Trees would be erected as usual but there would be no lighting ceremony. A tree would be decorated in Langstone Village hall. Quotes to be obtained. **Action: HJ**
- iii) The Council decided to defer a decision on the Seniors Christmas Meal and the Christmas Concert.

**20/18. Planning**

The Council considered the following planning applications:

Ref No	Address	Application	Outcome
<a href="#">20/0695</a>	The Willows, Chepstow Road, Langstone NP18 2LX	Single storey front extension	No objection
<a href="#">20/0717</a>	5 Bailey Crescent, Langstone NP18 2BL	Proposed conversion of garage to habitable room	No objection
<a href="#">20/0703</a>	Malvern House Chepstow Road Langstone NP18 2JP	Removal of fence and hedge, construction of walls, piers and gates to provide vehicle access and off road car parking in garden, provision of drop kerb	No objection
<a href="#">20/0573</a>	The Old Rectory Magor Road NP18 2EB	Demolition of guesthouse and development of 3 residential dwellings and associated works (outline with layout details included)	Concerns re adequate parking and habitat for protected species, eg. bats
<a href="#">20/0754</a>	4 Park End Langstone NP18 2NB	Two storey rear extension and front porch and canopy	No objection

**20/19. Date of next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 19:55

**CLERK'S REPORT appended to minutes for 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020****Clerk's Actions**

Ref	Date	Action	Update	Status
19/177	10/02/20	Install 2 post-mounted litter bins at Llanmartin bus-stops	Superseded by 19/214	Closed
20/12	14/09/20	Send forms to Miss Blakemore	Completed	Closed
20/16	14/09/20	Purchase banner for Road Safety Week	Order placed	Closed
20/14	14/09/20	Contact Cllr Routley re CCTV in centenary Field	Completed	
20/15	14/09/20	Replace litter bin opposite The Gorelands	Quote requested	
20/15	14/09/20	Site new litter bin on Langstone Court Road	Quote requested	
20/15	14/09/20	Chase up post-mounted litter bins at Llanmartin bus-stops	Quote requested	
20/17	14/09/20	Obtain quotes for Christmas trees	Quote requested	

Following the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September, it was suggested that the Council investigate the possibility and implications of installing higher gates/fences in Centenary Field. The Clerk met with Cllr Ford and her husband (who is a metalwork expert) to discuss possibilities. Mr Ford agreed to contact an engineering company in Newport for a proposal and ballpark costings. When received, this will form the basis of further discussion by the Council.

Sgt Evans of Gwent Police contacted the Clerk with vetting forms which need to be completed by anyone wishing to take part in Community Speedwatch. The Clerk will post them to all known participants.

**Councillors' Actions**

Ref	Date	Action	Who	Update	Status
18/172	14/01/19	Set up online access to bank account	LH		
18/213	11/03/19	Draft a training plan for Councillors	LH		
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		
19/205	09/03/20	Contact Police and Mr Lloyd re Community Speedwatch	MG		