

LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF LANGFORD PARISH

Held on Thursday 9th July 2026

Langford Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Lorraine Kalaher (chair), Cllr David Williams (vice chair), Cllr Barb Hammond, Cllr John Shipman, Cllr Mick Beazley, Cllr Jane Wright, Cllr Drew Richardson, Cllr James Van Hinsbergh, Cllr Andrew McArthur, Cllr Henry Hewitt

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Sarah Gallagher (Clerk), three members of public

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Paul Slack, Ward councillors David Shelvey and Richard Wenham

1. WELCOME AND CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Kalaher welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

2. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Darren Rawlings expressed an interest in becoming a councillor, he had previously circulated a short biography of himself and had attended previous meetings. Cllr Williams proposed that Darren should be co-opted onto the parish council this was seconded by Cllr Vaughan all councillors agreed. The Clerk would send him all relevant documentation that would need completing by email and set him up with a parish council email address.

3. GUEST SPEAKER (PC Samuel Hewson)

PC Hewson could not attend this meeting but has been given the meeting dates of future meetings which he hopes to attend.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked who was responsible for cutting back hedges and trees that are encroaching the footpath along Langford Road in certain parts it is very narrow and dangerous for pedestrians Cllr Richardson stated that he would check who owns the area concerned **Cllr Richardson to action**

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared

6. TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4TH June 2026

Everyone accepted the minutes as a true record proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Beazley.

7. ACTIONS /MATTERS ARISING FORM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Item 3 Cllr Richarson informed councillors that he raised the concern to the Rights of Way Officer.

Item 7 the Clerk had circulated the additional information requested at the last meeting councillors were now happy to support the application.

8. REPORT FROM CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE WARD COUNCILLORS

Cllr Richardson informed everyone that the funds from the Tarmac Bridge allocation will go into the local community fund where the community would have to submit application for funding projects.

CBC are consulting on TRO-120 Queens Way at the junction of East Road -Waiting Restrictions.

Call for Sites consultation runs until 17th August it is important that comments from the Parish council are submitted as there are a number of sites put forward in Langford.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Crime Figures which are attached at **Appendix A**

All other correspondence received had been circulated to councillors

10. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Cllr Hammond had asked for a Dog Poo Information leaflet to designed but had not been completed **Cllrs Richardson and Hinsbergh to action.**

11. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Shipman updated councillors Two air conditioning units are unserviceable and awaiting repair. Curtains in small hall now in place. 50 new chairs now in place.

Potholes in roadway awaiting contractors' availability. Changing room refurbishment proposals awaited from architect. The hall will be hosting the election poll in May 2027. Proposal to improve acoustics awaited from specialist.

(b) PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Shipman informed councillors that the vandalised bench is awaiting repair. Grant funding for replacement floodlight heads (LED) is now approved by Wind Farm Community Fund. Fete on 11th July. Preparations looks good.

(c) WELFARE TRUST

Cllr Shipman informed councillors that there had been two applications. One disbursement for child's clothing and footwear.

(d) WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND

Application for the LED replacement lights on the playing field has been approved.

(e) TARMAC BROOM QUARRY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Nothing to report

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(a) PLANNING

- CB/26/01823/FULL, 1 Wrestlers Grove Conversion of existing detached garage to ancillary annex with sun tunnels and rooflights. **No Objection**
- CB/26/01803/FULL, 62 Cambridge Road, Langford, Biggleswade, SG18 9PS for a Loft conversion with rear facing dormer and raised roof ridge. Installation of rooflights to front and side **No Objection**
- Call for sites Local Plan Councillors agreed to have a separate public meeting about this application **Clerk to action.**

(b) FINANCE

Payments since the last meeting were approved by all present and are attached at **Appendix B.**

Cllr Shipman had suggested that the church may like a donation towards knitted poppy appeal it was agreed that the clerk would contact the organisers and ask if they would like a donation and to ask them to complete the grant application form. **Clerk to action**

(c) HIGHWAYS

The Clerk read out an email from a resident that she had received regarding the Speed Indicator device on Cambridge Road it was agreed that The Clerk would acknowledge the email. **Clerk to action.**

Cllr Vaughan asked Cllr Richardson if there was an update regarding the feasibility study on the Garden Centre zebra crossing Cllr Richardson agreed to follow this up.

(d) PERSONNEL

Cllr Wright informed councillors that the appraisal form has been updated and a meeting is to be arranged to go through this with the Clerk and the personnel committee

(e) WEBSITE

Nothing to report

(f) CEMETERY

Cllr Hammond informed councillors that contractors have been working on the extension to the footpath

All neighbours whose property back onto the Cemetery received a letter from Cllr Hammond the week prior to the contractors starting. The letter confirmed that the path was not near their boundaries and this brings an end to the development work. Thus far no complaints have been received.

The contractors did need to lift the oak and replace it back in position. They have also had to alter one of the arbours slightly and moved one of the trees which hopefully will survive.

The feedback received from Jo of Marston Vale Forest was that she was pleased how well the 500 trees that were planted last December were doing with only one casualty. However, Cllr Hammond has since spotted another three since Jo's visit but generally all looking very good.

We have been advised that the CBC Sustainability Officer will be coming to inspect the Tiny Forest at the end of the month.

Work is ongoing with the planting of the buffer zone as per our contract with Marston Vale. Compost was purchased for this and hopefully there will be some over for flower beds at the arbours once work has been completed.

In this hot weather more watering has taken place, not only at the Cemetery but also the troughs in the Village and by the Contractors so she is expecting an increase in the water bill.

One grave has been seeded (this was done at the beginning of June when we were having rain most days, and it was warm but the "super-fast grass seed" has still taken its time to germinate despite the rain and being watered on dry days. It now looks very patchy and not the luxuriant grass sward she had hoped for so she has decided to leave it now to the autumn to try again. However, the weeds continue to grow.

Work continues to try and keep the Cemetery looking tidy. This month we've had help from Karen, a volunteer which was much appreciated.

13. CHADWICK LEGACY HOUSE

Cllr Van Hinsbergh had suggested that having solar panels fitted to the property could save money on energy costs. Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea and as two - three quotes would be required this could take some time to discuss it was agreed to arrange a separate meeting outside of the normal parish council meeting **Clerk to action**

14. ALLOTMENTS

Nothing to report.

15. EVENTS

A reminder of the Village Fete taking place on Saturday 11th July 11am - 4pm

Cllr Kalaher informed councillors that the Christmas light switch on will be taking place on Friday 20th November and that a Christmas subgroup will need to meet to discuss planning of this event

16. GLYPHOSOPHATE

Cllr McArthur had circulated various documentation regarding the use of Glyphosate
A discussion took place about the use of this on the playing field. It was agreed that the Clerk should on behalf of the parish council write to the playing field committee encouraging them to come away from using glyphosate and find a suitable replacement. This was proposed by Cllr Beazley seconded by Cllr Williams agreed by all present with one councillor against. **Clerk to action**

17. BLOOR SITE MEETING UPDATE (update)

Cllr Kalaher circulated notes from the follow up meeting with a senior cultural heritage consultant where it was discussed having Cultural Heritage Value Activities in Langford. These activities are likely to be planned later in the year but will be advertised.

18. MINI LIBRARY

Cllr Richardson informed councillors that the mini library would need replacement doors due to the recent vandalism and asked if councillors would be happy to contribute towards the cost of this. All councillors agreed as this is a well-used resource for the residents.

19. TRAINING

The Clerk informed councillors that there had been no training courses offered recently.

20. TO NOTE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ON FUTURE AGENDA

Christmas subgroup, Dog Leaflet, Local Plan (call for sites), Speed Indicator Devices

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Signed (Chairperson)..... Date.....

Appendix A

Crime Figures for June 2026 totalled 10

Please note: the location of the crimes listed below may include 'Undisclosed' descriptions at the discretion of the police

DATE	LOCATION	OFFENCE
Monday 1 st June 2026	Old Mill close	Other Criminal Damage
Tuesday 9 th June 2026	The Leys	Other Theft
Friday 12 th June 2026	Rowley Meadows	Theft in a dwelling other auto mach
Saturday 13 th June 2026	Walnut Avenue	Assault without Injury
Tuesday 16 th June 2026	Hornbeam Lane	Assault with Injury
Friday 19 th June 2026	Undisclosed	Malicious communications
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Steamer Croft	Possession of other weapons
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Steamer Croft	Public Fear Alarm or Distress
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Undisclosed	Sexual
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Undisclosed	Stalking

Appendix B

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL 9TH JULY 2026						
INFO	FPO	LPFC - Payments	Detail	Net	VAT	Total
<u>Online Payments Previously Authorised</u>						
JUNE						
05/06/2026	FPO	ICCM	Membership	110.00	0.00	110.00
08/06/2026	BP	S Gallagher	Mileage May	37.40	0.00	37.40
08/06/2026	FPO	B Hammond	Plants for cemetery	79.61	0.00	79.61
08/06/2026	FPO	Strictly Chairs & Tables	Village Hall	1097.50	219.50	1317.00
09/06/2026	BP	S Gallagher	Salary	1682.68	0.00	1682.68
09/06/2026	BP	HMRC	Tax & NI	2554.16	0.00	2554.16
12/06/2026	FPO	SSE Energy	Electricity	74.87	3.74	78.61
16/06/2026	FPO	B Hammond	Compost for cemetery	68.63	0.00	68.63
16/06/2026	PAY	Lloyds	Service Charge	4.25	0.00	4.25
18/06/2026	TFR	Village Hall	Grant	5000.00	0.00	5000.00
18/06/2026	TFR	Playing Field	Grant	5000.00	0.00	5000.00
JULY						
06/07/2026	FPO	A R Worboys Ltd	Grass cutting	370.00	74.00	444.00
06/07/2026	FPO	V woods	Diary Delivery	150.00	0.00	150.00
06/07/2026	FPO	CPRE	Plaque	30.00	0.00	30.00
06/07/2026	FPO	S Baker	Pound groundwork	65.00	0.00	65.00
06/07/2026	TFR	Village Hall	Meeting Hire	185.00	0.00	185.00
06/07/2026	FPO	BATPC	Affiliation Fee	928.00	0.00	928.00
06/07/2026	FPO	T & J Seymour	Quarterly maintenance	142.00	28.40	170.40
06/07/2026	FPO	J Gibbens	Cemetery work	600.00	0.00	600.00
06/07/2026	FPO	Adrian Crawley	Grass cutting & Bore Holes	186.00	0.00	186.00
06/07/2026	FPO	SLCC	Membership	128.86	0.00	128.86
Direct Debits						
	DD	CBC	Rates June /July	262.00	0.00	262.00
	DD	CPRE	Membership	5.00	0.00	5.00
	DD	Nest	Pension	126.04	0.00	126.04
	DD	Smyth& Co	Pay roll	27.00	5.40	32.40
	DD	Three Mobile	mobile phone June/July	34.24	6.84	41.08
CEM	DD	British Gas	Cemetery Electric	39.52	1.97	41.49
CEM	DD	Anglian Water	Water Rates	6.65	0.35	7.00
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