

# Langley with Hardley Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting

held 7.30 pm Tuesday 8 January 2019 at Langley with Hardley Village Hall

Councillors present: Mr Nigel Sullivan (Chair), Mr Anthony Timmins, Mr Mike Caston, Mr John Wheeler,  
Mrs Frances Kirkpatrick, Mr Richard Watson, Mr Stephen Wilmott

Also present: Mrs Carla Petersen (Clerk)

Members of the Public: One

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Mr Barry Stone (another appointment).
2. **Declarations of Interest** - None.
3. **Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** -None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2018** – The minutes were approved and signed.
5. **Matters for Discussion**
  - 5.1 **Grass cutting tender.** The Clerk had approached 4 firms for quotations and prepared a comparison table for Councillors to consider. 2 firms had declined to quote. One quote was not VAT registered resulting in their bid being more expensive. The CGM Landscapes quotation was cheaper, had been calculated on more frequent cuts and satisfactory references had been received. After discussion Councillors unanimously agreed the contract should be given to CGM Landscapes on a year trial basis. Clerk to action.
  - 5.2 **Precept setting.** Councillors had already seen the draft 2019-20 Budget and Precept Options documents prepared by the Clerk. The Clerk had provided Councillors with 5 different precept options. The Council Tax Grant will cease this year. The Chair reported that the Parish Council was working within Budget which had been well managed over recent years. Councillors agreed there would again be no increase to the Precept for residents. The Chair and Clerk signed the application. Clerk to email the form to South Norfolk Council before the deadline.
6. **Matters arising from the Clerk's report and receive updates.**
  - Prepared draft budget for 2019-2020.
  - Advertised the grass cutting tender, sourced quotes and references.
  - Changed home internet provider and will monitor situation.
  - Contacted BT regarding a resident's intermittent telephone line fault. BT provided contact details for resident to personally register their fault. Mr Timmins agreed to pass on details to resident.
  - Started completing the Charity Commission submission. Trustee information is required to complete the submission. Clerk to action before the deadline.
  - Received an email from Highway Rangers requesting any works. Clerk to email Highway Rangers the agreed list of works.
  - The Clerk had been advised to share and discuss the CiLCA Learning Agreement with each Council. After discussion Councillors agreed to share with Claxton Parish Council the costs for the recommended book and mileage expenses. Extra study hours for the Clerk whilst training were declined.
7. **Correspondence.**
  - See list of correspondence circulated following the meeting.
8. **Planning:**
  - 8.1 **Application –**  
South Norfolk Council 2018/2828  
Location – Lupins, Cock Road, Hardley, NR14 6BP  
Proposal – Single family house enlargement. Rear and side extension at ground floor and loft conversion at first floor. Garage conversion to an annex, introducing a new storage room and garage. Changes to fenestration and roof form.  
Councillors response: No objections. An improvement to the present building.
9. **Finance:**
  - 9.1 **Finance statement/bank reconciliation.** Agreed in order.
  - 9.2 **Receipts:** 1) Woodton PC. £200 SAM2 share. 2) UK Powernetworks £18.64 Wayleave.
  - 9.3 **To approve the following payments:**

Mr D Baldry	Repairs to base of village sign	100968	£55.00
Mrs C Petersen	Clerk's mileage, laminator re-imburement & postage expenses December 2018	100969	£50.96
Norfolk Playing Fields Association	Membership 2019/2020	100970	£20.00
LwH Village Hall	Rent January 2019	100971	£25.00

Account Balances as at 31 December 2018

Current account	£6180.03
Savings account	£2037.42
Playground account	£ 157.86
Total	£8375.31

**10. To receive Police Report.** The Chairman read out the report for December 2018. A copy is available on the website. Detailed localised Police report:-

October 2018	On or near sports/recreation area Langley Street	Criminal damage and arson	Under investigation
November 2018	On or near Langley Green	Anti-social behaviour	N/A

**11. To receive the County Councillors Report.** Not available.

**12. To receive the District Councillors Report.** Not available. Councillors raised concerns about the continued lack of attendance from Mr Jaan Lerner. Clerk to write a letter.

**13. To receive the Tree Warden Report.** Mr Wheeler reported nature is saying we are heading for a cold period at the end of this month.

**14. To receive the Parish Councillors Reports.**

- Mr Watson provided an update on the rough sleepers down on Langley Staithe. All being well they are hoping to move by the end of this month. Mr Watson had provided them with towels to dry their dogs. Mr Sullivan thanked Mr Watson and Mr Wilmott for their help with the rough sleepers.
- Mr Watson has red paint for the telephone box and will pass onto a volunteer who would like to paint the telephone box.
- Mr Watson promoted a Quiz and Chips evening on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the Village Hall.
- Mr Wilmott reported drug dealing has been occurring down on Langley Staithe. Mr Wilmott offered to report this to the Police.
- Mr Wilmott reported a large boat, called Princess Giselle, had been stolen from its moorings in Langley. The boat had been found in Oulton Broad and has been re-united with its owners.
- Mr Timmins recommended sending a letter of thanks to Woodton PC regarding the SAM2. Clerk to action.
- Mrs Kirkpatrick enquired about the footpaths, buildings, walks and churches project which had been started approximately 3 years ago. Mr Sullivan confirmed the project had been unable to progress further due to a lack of funding.

**15. Public participation.** None. Mr Sullivan thanked the parishioner for their attendance.

**16. Date of next meeting –** Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 7.30 pm in Langley with Hardley Village Hall. Meeting closed at 20.58 pm.