

Langley with Hardley

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 7.00pm in Langley with Hardley Village Hall

(Subject to amendment until signed by the Chairman at the meeting in 2022)

Parish Councillors (4) present	Mike Caston (Chairman), Frances Kirkpatrick, Roger Stone, Tibby Bunn
County Councillor	None
District Councillors	None
Also in attendance	Carla Petersen (Clerk)
Members of the public	3 (including one speaker)

A risk assessment had been carried out prior to the meeting. Coronavirus guidelines were adhered to.

1. Welcome to the meeting by the Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Langley with Hardley Annual Parish Meeting.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Sullivan (isolating).

3. To approve minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 07 May 2019

Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Parish Council Chairman's report

None.

5. County Councillor report

None.

6. District Councillor reports

District Cllr Jeremy Rowe reports are regularly uploaded onto the parish website.

7. Langley Poor Trust report

None.

8. Hardley Windmill report (Frances Kirkpatrick)

South Norfolk Council have given £10,000 in grants due to COVID closures. Repointing of 6ft of the base of the mill has been carried out at a cost of £9000 and £1000 has been spent on repairing the floor. The shutters are waiting to be repaired. Hardley Windmill opened again on 21 May 2021. Paint has been given to enable painting of the outside. Pleasing to see people walking to the mill.

9. Hardley Bird Hide report (Frances Kirkpatrick)

The Broads Rangers are looking into when the path that leads to the bird hide can re-open. Repairs to the bird hide will wait until a date is known.

10. Langley Cross report (Frances Kirkpatrick)

In excellent condition.

11. Hardley Cross report (Frances Kirkpatrick)

Hardley Cross is at risk of sinking. Broads Authority has been asked if they would consider bringing a supply of chippings and distributing them around the base of the cross to prevent it sinking.

12. Village Hall report (Tibby Bunn)

The Village Hall bank account is looking healthy due to the COVID closure grants. Last year a Christmas Fair and a quiz night were held, and these events brought in £1000. Two mornings a week a workshop is being held for the disabled. Hoping to open a weekly café. The outside of the Village Hall has been painted.

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13. Tree Warden report (John Wheeler)

None.

14. Parish Councillor reports

None.

15. Local groups & organisations reports

None.

16. Public participation.

Carol Carpenter and her husband Bernie were the members of the public who attended the meeting. They had heard about the B-Line presentation and asked if they could attend. Carol explained that the Loddon Guide has recently been updated and that she is currently working on wartime at the moment. Carol would like to update the Langley book which she had written quite a few years ago and enquired if the PC would be willing to support the project and contribute to the printing costs. Recent similar printing costs had been £540 for 200 copies. The book would then go on sale in local shops. A member of the Village Hall Committee confirmed that they would be more than willing to contribute towards the costs. It was noted that District Cllr Jeremy Rowe had promised £100 from his Locality fund for help towards the PC Heritage Trail leaflet which is now longer going ahead. The PC will discuss this again at their next meeting. The Clerk advised that budget setting is carried out in November so this project could form part of the budget. Carol confirmed that the project would only be ready for printing at the beginning of 2022.

17. To receive a presentation on Chet Valley B-Line by Andrew Milner

Andrew Milner introduced himself and thanked everyone for the invitation to attend this meeting. Originally, he had been invited to last years meeting however it had to be cancelled due to COVID. The Chet Valley B-Line project seeks to create a corridor of pollinator-friendly habitats that focuses on the course of the River Chet, from its source in Poringland to its confluence with the Yare at Hardley (some 17km), but also embraces sites in the whole Chet catchment area. It aims to provide local 'steppingstone' refuges that allow the dispersal of bees, hoverflies, butterflies, and other pollinating insects, as their populations experience adverse, changing environmental conditions. B-Lines were conceived by BugLife as a national network of 'motorways' to promote insect mobility. Ours is the first to be attempted in Norfolk. Local communities, landowners, householders, and other stakeholders are being asked to take action and manage sites for the benefit of pollinators. Pollinators need plants to provide nectar, food for their larval stages and habitat. The project is led by Bergh Apton Conservation Trust, whose nature reserve in the Chet Valley is a 'keystone' site, with the collaboration and support of many organisations: e.g., Norfolk Wildlife Trust, BugLife, The Woodland Trust, Norfolk Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group and Parish Councils. It has been made possible by a grant from Water, Mills & Marshes: The Broads Landscape Partnership Scheme.

Andrew offered to go around Langley with Hardley and locate suitable sites to add to local 'steppingstone' refuges. Agreed the Clerk will help Andrew with locating the sites.

Andrew was thanked for his presentation.

The meeting closed at 07.50 pm.

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