



LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL – Council Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of Langport Town Council held on Tuesday 17 December 2019 at 7.00pm in the Ground Floor Meeting Room, Langport Town Hall.

Present: Councillors:

J Dromgoole (Acting Chairman)
C Dunn
N French
S Glas
I Macnab
S Williams

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. County and District Councillor Clare Aparicio Paul. There was 1 member of the public and no members of the press present.

County Councillor reported Climate Change drop-in sessions postponed due to the General election will be rescheduled.

TC2019/97 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies were received from Cllr Saunders, Buchy-Dury, Donald and Tate

RESOLVED to accept the reasons given.

TC2019/98 Declarations of interests - Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

Cllr Macnab has a personal and pecuniary interest in TC2019/100.2

TC2019/99 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 November 2019 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Amend minutes to include volunteers are covered under Town Council's Insurance following TC2019/87 and 88

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 November be signed as a correct record.

TC2019/100 Town Clerk's Oral Report – including use of delegated powers and update on progress since the last meeting

Highways:

- i. The Hill and Hanging Chapel - installation of the proposed bollards will now be part of the planned works by SCC Highways for 2020/21
- ii. Westover Trading Estate - proposed plans to place double yellow lines to promote parking on eastern side of road.

PSCO Josh Weldon has informed me that he is expecting to be transferred. Thank him for his help. Network rail will be holding a drop-in session to inform the public of the proposed works on the rail line & bridge early in 2020.

There will be an extra Finance and Personnel meeting to discuss the 2020/21 budget on 14th January 2020 at 5.15pm

A reminder to spread word for events to be arranged over the weekend of 8th May for both Somerset Day and VE Day.

TC2019/100.2 Planning application

Application No. [19/03005/OUT](#) land at Portfield, Curry Rivel TA10 0NJ

The Town Council had not been asked to comment on outline planning permission for 8 self-build dwellings at Portfield by SSDC but had felt it would have an impact on Langport.

Items discussed:

Restrictions on development of properties once built
Effect on nearby properties – visibility & flooding
Effects on community & environment

RESOLVED – to approve application.

TC2019/101 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

None received

TC2019/102 General Power of Competence - that Langport Town Council confirms by resolution that from 17 December 2019 until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in an election year set for 2023, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, adopt the General Power of Competence.

RESOLVED – to adopt the General Power of Competence

- (i) that Langport Town Council confirms that it meets the eligibility criteria to use the General Power of Competence
- (ii) that Langport Town Council resolves from 17 December 2019 until the next Annual Town Council Meeting after Ordinary Elections, to adopt the General Power of Competence having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011

TC2019/103 The Langport River Project – to receive an update on the Langport River Project and Slipway.

Due to the high level of the River Parrett, Wardle Marine have been contacted to remove the pontoons and place them in storage. However, it was considered too dangerous to remove them today, so they will return tomorrow with anchors and remove them when the river levels drop.

Flood modelling report has been sent to the Environment Agency and they have informed us that they will respond shortly. David Warburton, the member of Parliament for Somerton and Frome has been contacted asking for his intervention and help in resolving this matter.

We have made an expression of interest to the Somerset Levels and Moors LAG LEADER Rural Development Programme for a grant for Huish Bridge enhancement and have now been invited to submit a tender.

TC2019/104 Christmas Lights – to fix a date for the removal of the Christmas Lights.

Items discussed:

Not to call them Christmas lights but Winter lights

For the lights to be up for a month either side of the shortest day.

Not to take the lights down until the Chinese New Year.

RESOLVED – for the Christmas lights to be removed on Sunday, 26th January 2020

TC2019/105 Phone box – to investigate the feasibility to removing the old red telephone box from the railway bridge area, to relocate the box in Langport town centre to replace the one destroyed in the ATM robbery, and to install a defibrillator in the relocated box.

Items discussed:

Ideal central location to house a defibrillator

Would look cared for in centre of the town

Fit with solar panels to provide charging points for mobile phones

RESOLVED – to investigate and bring findings to March meeting

TC2019/106 Finance - Town Council Year 2019/20 Year to Date Budget - to review and note the budget information for the year to date as of 30/11/2019. (Account & Audit Regulations 2015)

RESOLVED – to note

TC2019/107 Finance – Bank Account Balances – to note the balances of the Council’s bank accounts as of 30/11/2019.

RESOLVED – to note

TC2019/108 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure and income for November.

RESOLVED – to note

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Date: