



**LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL**  
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## LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL – Council Minutes

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Langport Town Council held on Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Ground Floor Meeting Room, Bow Street, Langport**

#### **Present (remote): Councillors**

S Tate  
R Crumb  
A Donald  
C Dunn  
N French

S Glas  
I MacNab  
V Saunders  
H Sheerman

#### **In Attendance:**

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. One member of the public and no members of the press were present.

#### **TC2021/19 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given ([LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)](#))**

There were no apologies for absence

#### **TC2021/20 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)

There were no declarations of interest

#### **TC2021/21 Appointment of Vice Chairman of the Council.**

**RESOLVED** – to defer appointing a Vice Chairman until the next meeting

#### **TC2021/22 Co-option of new councillor**

To consider co-opting a new councillor to fill the Council vacancy

**RESOLVED** – to defer the co-option of a new councillor until the next meeting

## **TC2021/23 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2021 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 (1))**

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be signed as a correct record.

## **TC2021/24 Town Clerk's Oral Report -**

including use of delegated powers and update on progress since the last meeting

Due to the resignation of Cllr Buchy-Dury there is now a second councillor vacancy. The date for the end of the notice of vacancy is 30<sup>th</sup> June. If 10 electors do not request an election then this vacancy can be filled by co-option.

Network Rail have not yet responded to Town Clerk's request for them to find an alternative to transporting materials and equipment through Langport between their two sites from 5<sup>th</sup> July for 4 weeks..

The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) and Somerset Navigators Boat Club SNBC) are planning to visit Langport on 4<sup>th</sup> July or 11<sup>th</sup> July if weather inclement, to promote both organisations and the waterways of the south-west

## **TC2021/25 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council**

- Cllr Glas reported on the meeting with an officer from SSDC and a Moor Reeve to discuss measures to reduce dog fouling on North Moor The officer has erected signs and will monitor the problem.
- Cllr Tate gave an oral report on his meeting with Network Rail representatives to make arrangements for the return of the contractors to complete the piling work on the railway embankment
- Cllr Tate had met with Cllr Nicholas, Chairman of Huish Episcopi Parish Council. Arrange for the two councils to meet, as a working group, to discuss items effecting both councils.
- Cllr Tate had met with Somerset Arts Week to discuss producing artwork for each building where solar panels are being erected funded by the Climate Fund. The budget for this artwork was £1,500 but realistically £2,000 is required. Both Langport Town Council and Huish Episcopi Parish Council will be asked to grant £250 each towards the artwork.
- Cllr Tate reported on the Levels Forum. The guest speaker spoke about Passivhaus new builds.

## **TC2021/26 To appoint Councillors the following Committee**

- i. Finance and Personnel. (Chairman and Vice-Chairman plus 4 Councillors). Current members Committee Chair N French, V Saunders, J Dromgoole, A Donald and S Glas

**RESOLVED** – to appoint the following as members of the Finance and Personnel Committee: Chairman S Tate, N French, A Donald, C Dunn and S Glas.

- ii. Tourism and Marketing. (Chairman and Vice-Chairman). Current members Committee Chair J Dromgoole, C Dunn, I MacNab, S Glas (Footpath Liaison Officer), V Saunders. Representatives from Huish Episcopi Parish Council, Langport Area Business Group, Langport Information Centre lead volunteer and Market Coordinator

**RESOLVED** - to appoint the following as members of the Tourism and Marketing Committee:

S Tate (Chairman), A Donald, S Glas (Footpath Liaison Officer), I MacNab, V Saunders  
H Sheerman and representatives from Huish Episcopi Parish Council, Langport Area Business  
Group, Langport Information Centre lead volunteer and Market Coordinator

## **TC2021/27 To appoint Councillors as representatives to outside bodies and Councillor offices**

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Appointed Representative</b>
Abattoir Liaison Group	V Saunders
Annie Tite Fund	R Crumb
Langport & Huish Episcopi Memorial Field	N French & H Sheerman
Somerset Association of Local Councils	S Tate
Sir Edward Hext Almshouses	I MacNab
Langport Information Centre Steering Committee	S Glas
Market Town investment Group	C Dunn & I MacNab
Langport Area Business Group	S Tate
Cocklemoor Community Trust CIO	Seek further information
<b>Councillor Offices</b>	
Footpaths Liaison Officer	S Glas
Grit Bin Monitor	S Glas
Flood Warden	I MacNab
Climate Champion	S Tate
Litter Pick Organiser	R Crumb

**RESOLVED** to appoint Councillors as representative to outside bodies and Councillor offices as recorded above..

## **TC2021/28 Creating a Neighbourhood Plan**

to create a Neighbourhood plan with Huish Episcopi Parish Council

**RESOLVED** to commit to working together with Huish Episcopi Parish Council. It was agreed to form a working party with representatives from both councils to organise a Neighbourhood Plan forum event.

Cllr Crumb to be the Langport Town Council representative.

## **TC2021/29 Pedestrian/Cycleway between Curry Rivel , Langport and Huish Episcopi**

to give financial support to Curry Rivel for a feasibility study to build a pedestrian/cycle path between Curry Rivel, Langport and Huish Episcopi.

**RESOLVED** to give £250 on the Just Giving website to support the feasibility study.

**TC2021/30 Finance - To approve the Annual Governance Statement (s.1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 20/21). (Account & Audit Regulations 2015)**

- i. To consider each of the assertions on the Annual Governance Statement  
Each assertion on the Annual Governance Statement was considered in turn

**RESOLVED** – to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

To consider the Accounting Statement

**RESOLVED** – to approve the Accounting Statement

**TC2021/31 Town Council Year 2020/21 Year to Date Budget -**

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 31/05/2021 (Account & Audit Regulations 2015)

**RESOLVED** - To note

**TC2021/32 Finance – Bank Account Balances -**

to note the balances of the Council’s bank accounts as of 31/05/2021

**RESOLVED** - To note

**TC2021/33 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income -**

to note items of expenditure and income for May.

**RESOLVED** - To note

**TC2021/34 Chairman’s Report -**

items of information

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Saunders for all her work as the Town Council’s Chairman  
Parish Online access for all councillors will be investigated

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....