

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL LANGFORD PARISH MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON WEDNESDAY 5th MAY 2021 AT 7.15PM

Those present: Cllr. Vicky Anfilogoff (in the chair), Katherine Palmer, Colin Ashby, Lester Magness, Jenny Clemo (clerk), District Councillor Karl Jarvis and two members of the public.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting – 16th April 2019

The minutes were read out by the Chairman, agreed as a true record. Minutes will be signed at the next face to face Parish Meeting.

2. Matters Arising.

- a) Litter pick – Cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.
- b) Speed limits – Local Highways Panel requests had been submitted for a reduction in the speed limit through Langford village and an extension of the speed limit to Oval Park.

3. Chairman's Report.

a) Pandemic - The past year has been strange indeed. Last year we did not have the Annual Parish Meeting due to Covid and lockdown. We greeted the news that we would have virtual meetings via Zoom with some trepidation initially but it has turned out to have been incredibly successful. We have gained much from this, it has enabled more residents to drop into meetings which has been very welcome, our District Councillors - who have to attend many Parish Council meetings during each month with many of them occurring on the same evening – have been able to attend all of our meetings, giving their reports and being able to contribute to discussions and then, at the click of a mouse, head off to their next meeting.

b) Several virtual meetings were held during the year with companies such as County Broadband, Aquila who were representing the CML/Oval Park proposal and the RCCE to name a few. Unfortunately, going forward, these are no longer able to continue without some sort of legislation. This decision has, generally, been received with great dismay by councils and we await the Government's response with interest.

c) Neighbourhood Plan – The Regulation 16 consultation ended 12th March and the Parish Council is waiting for Maldon District Council to choose three examiners which they will then discuss with us to find our preference.

d) Superfast broadband is now up and running in the village with various bumps along the way to completion. The village hall has been given free access and, currently, the link outside the hall is in place but has not been connected.

e) The Lottery East Orchard was planted in the village hall grounds in 2018 and in the last year an orientation board, beautifully painted by Caroline Spong, has been installed.

f) CML came forward with another plan for Oval Park for a mixture of both housing and business units which was subsequently withdrawn.

g) Newsletter - The chairman thanked Irene Allen, the editor of the Parish newsletter for her hard work through the year. More input from residents would be very welcome.

Finally, the chairman thanked the councillors for all of their hard work through the year, our District Councillors for taking an interest and attending meetings, the Clerk for her hard work and diligence which enables the smooth running of the Council. Thank you also to those residents who take an interest in what goes on at our meetings and for taking the time to attend even if it is for just ten minutes or so.

4. Items from parishioners.

None.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: