



LANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the LANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on 9th October 2024 Start time 7.00pm
Nomansland Reading Room

Councillors present - Mary Davies **MD** (Chair), Rob Bird **RB** (Vice Chair), Ken Parker **KP**, John Bonney **JB**, Nick Hall **NH**, Geoff Hewson **GH**, and Adam Hill **AH**.

Also in attendance: Cllr Zoe Clewer (WC), Estelle Sherry (Parish Clerk), and one member of the public for Public Question Time.

Public Question Time: Thanks were given for works now taking place along Glebe Lane, Landford and general discussion was held on the survey works and activities being undertaken to address drainage issues. An update was provided on issues with the SID shared with Whiteparish, and on recent findings by the Police Enforcement Officer.

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089/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Damien Swancott and Cllr Glen Keirl.

090/24 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

091/24 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council's Meeting held on 11th September were approved and signed by the Chair.

092/24 PC Ramsey / Evans Report

PC Ramsey (Landford Area) was unable to attend but provided a report which was presented by MD, who informed the meeting that over the past 30 days, there had been no reports of van, shed or garage break-ins, although a fail to stop road traffic collision was reported at Oakleigh Drive on 03.10.24. The Mobile Police Station will be visiting Landford from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm on 20.11.24, sited near the Post Office on Lyndhurst Road.

It was also noted that the Mobile Police Station will be visiting Nomansland on the afternoon of 18.11.24 and will be sited in the carpark opposite the Lamb Inn.

093/24 Report from Councillor Zoe Clewer (Wiltshire Council / NFNPA member)

Cllr Clewer informed the meeting of:

- The Dragon Patcher which has repaired many defects in New Road and Moor Lane. The Bobcat is scheduled to visit in the New Year.
- Any pot holes, blocked drains or gulleys should continue to be reported to WC.
- Glebe Lane drainage works are under way.
- Parish councils are invited to be part of a new Youth Panel pilot project in 2025/26, which will seek to offer youth worker support to community villages.
- The Police have published material for the younger members of our community: <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/Youth-zone/CIO-Introduction/> and they welcome civilian oversight of police activity through structures like the scrutiny panel: <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/volunteer/community-scrutiny-panels/>
- The Neighbourhood Tasking Group have reported incidences of anti-social behaviour and damage caused to open spaces, and advise heightened security measures and awareness of Selecta DNA property marking.
- The OPCC has reported good cross-border operations and the online publication of the new Crime Plan.
- Coffee pods can now be recycled at WC's household recycling centres.
- The Exxon Mobil Solent CO2 pipeline project has been abandoned.
- The next Southern Wiltshire Area Board on 07.11.24 will be Youth focussed.
- At the 08.10.24 LHFIG meeting, the Hamptworth line & sign project was approved to go to next Area Board meeting; the kissing gate project is progressing; however, the Lyndhurst Road sign replacement was not approved.
- The WC Local Plan consultation comes before Full Council next week, and if approved, it will be submitted to Planning Inspectorate/Secretary of State.

094/24 Planning

Councillors considered the following NFNPA planning applications:

24/00999FULL – Whitehouse farm, Pound Hill, Landford, Salisbury, SP5 2AA

Application for change of use of agricultural building to business use (Class E) for temporary period of 3 years.

The Council's responses are detailed in the Planning Schedule Recommendations document published on the council's website.

095/24 Clerk / RFO Reports

- i) **General Update** - The Clerk updated Councillors on:
 - Actions undertaken following the September meeting, including setting up a Councillor meeting for 23.10.24, submission of an HIRF to LHFIG, and outcomes from liaison with WC Street Scene regarding Brookside open space.

- Proposed attendance by Buzz Action Foundation / Nomansland Youth Club at the November meeting to provide a presentation on the activities of the Club.
 - The completed works to the Lyndhurst Road bus shelter and Landford public conveniences, and recommended additional minor repairs. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quotation for undertaking of these additional repairs.
 - Noted minor issues with the structure of the Landford public conveniences. It was **RESOLVED** to seek a quotation for these minor repairs.
 - Receipt of the second tranche of the precept and of the interim Internal Audit taking place on 23.10.24.
 - The WC Independent Remuneration Survey and the data gathering consultation. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate completion of the consultation to the Clerk.
 - Receipt of a contract for a 3-year extended warranty for the Evolis Radar Speed Sign, covering repairs, support and training. It was noted that the contract received contained inaccuracies which have been notified to Elan City. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the extended warranty contract and to delegate signature to the Clerk.
- ii) **Receipts and Payments Report** - The Clerk presented the Report for the period 11 September to 8 October 2024. It was **RESOLVED** to approve payments for authorisation totalling £5,944.58. Payments authorised under separate cover totalling £3,725.27, corporate card expenditure totalling £18.48 and income received of £37,273.00 were noted.
- iii) **Bank Reconciliation** - It was **RESOLVED** to note the bank reconciliation as at 30.09.24 which was signed off by the Chair.
- iv) **Budget Monitoring Report** – It was **RESOLVED** to note the report to the end of the 2nd quarter of the financial year for the period 01.04.24 to 30.09.24.
- v) **Landford Recreation Ground and Pavilion Hire** – Councillors discussed usage, frequencies of usage and potential hiring opportunities. It was **RESOLVED** to await a response from Bramshaw Cricket Club on their requirements for 2025 before discussing further.

096/24 Councillor Reports – For Discussion and Decision

- i) **1st Draft Budget 2025/26** – The Clerk presented an overview of the budget. It was **RESOLVED** to note the first budget draft.
- ii) **Nomansland Reading Room** – RB presented the options for the acquisition of a carpet and matting for the porch, and it was **RESOLVED** to approve a budget of up to £2.2k (plus vat) to cover costs of purchase and fitting. It was also **RESOLVED** to credit the ear-marked reserves with any associated reclaimable vat from 01.04.24.
- iii) **Landford Bog and Flood Risks** – AH provided an update on discussions with residents, noting the existence of a former ditch which ran the length of the northern boundary of the Bog. It was **RESOLVED** to contact Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, who manage the Bog, to enquire whether the ditch can be reinstated.

097/24 Councillor Reports – For Information and Discussion

- i) **Chair's Report** – MD reported to the Council meetings with parishioners and attendance at events over the previous weeks, including:
- Attendance at a training event on the Future Shape of Planning on 16.09.24.
 - Attendance at the NFNPPA Planning Committee, to discuss proposed changes to the planning system, and the National Planning Policy under consultation, on 17.09.24.
 - Attendance at the NFNPA Members Day discussing Nature Recovery on 19.09.24.
 - Meeting with the Landford Cycling Group to discuss the possible upgrade to the footpath from NML Recreation Ground to Latchmore Drove.
 - Meeting with WC's Drainage Engineer, GH and KP at Glebe Lane to discuss the proposed works for addressing drainage issues in the area. Thanks to GH for sharing his invaluable knowledge of the area at this meeting.
 - Thanks to all Councillors and the Clerk for their support this month.
- ii) **Representatives on Outside Bodies** – MD provided an update following attendance at the Neighbourhood tasking Group on 02.10.24 which discussed anti-social behaviour, illegal activities such as hare-coursing and poaching, and cross-border liaison between Police forces.
- iii) **Affordable Housing Working Group** – MD advised the meeting that a decision at the November meeting would be sought on the "vehicle" for the delivery of Affordable Housing, and whether it should be Parish Council led or Community Led. MD provided a summary of the two options, and highlighted the two papers provided by the Clerk on Community Led Housing and a 5 year plan. An open meeting would be held following the decision at the November meeting. Additional notes provided at Addendum 1.

Matters Noted for November Meeting:

- AHWG – Parish Council Led or Community Led Affordable Housing Project.
- Presentation from Buzz Action Foundation

The date of the next meeting of **Landford Parish Council** will be on **Wednesday 13th November 2024** at **7.00 pm** in the **Blue Room, Landford Village Hall**.

There being no further business, MD closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

ADDENDUM 1 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Steven Vaux (Seend CLT) and Trevor Cherrett (Rural Housing Enabler Wilts and Swindon) who Chair the Wiltshire CLT are pursuing resolutions for the following issues:

1. The suspended Wilts Council 5-year Rural Housing Needs Survey (RHNS) survey programme.
2. Some easement of planning pre-application costs where developments have significant affordable home contributions.
3. Clarity, strategy and available resolutions where rural home developments are severely impacted by the phosphate/nitrate/pollution control regulations.

On 1, WC's Head of Strategic Planning has advised there will be no reinstatement of the rolling RHNS programme for AHGs until the next financial year, if appropriate funding becomes available.

On 2, this may be useful for minimally funded community groups such as rural AHGs/CLTs.

On 3, pollution regulations can significantly impact CLT developments.

Chancellor Rachel Reeves will present her first budget on 30.10.24, but it is understood that no further funding for the governments retooled grant funding programme for affordable housebuilding will be announced until next year. It is likely a new Affordable Housing Program will be announced in the Spring Spending Review. The current AHP runs until 2026.

In previous years, Landford Parish have held 3 affordable housing surveys which were positive. 5 years ago, it was agreed that affordable housing should be Community Led so that any housing would be determined and administered by Parishioners.

High Level 5 Year Plan Overview

1. Goals and objectives, including time-bound steps needed to achieve the goal.
2. Feasibility study covering scope, site selection, initial planning concept and infrastructure plan.
3. Partners and other stakeholders - site owners, developers and finance, community (charity, community land trust etc) and local authorities (NFNPA, WC)
4. Business model - including the management company, the responsibilities and liabilities of all partners/stakeholders and an operating and maintenance plan for the facility.
5. Detailed costs of development.
6. Funding options and income streams.
7. Memorandum of Understanding between partners.
8. Communication plan.
9. Front End Designs including permits from authorities. (NFNPA, WC)
10. Final Investment Decision for proceeding and commitments for financing etc.