

Langrish Parish Council

Chairman: Rosemary Hopewell

Clerk: Helen Marsh

Minutes of Langrish Parish Council meeting held on 20th July 2015, 7.30pm at Langrish House

Present: Rosemary Hopewell (chair), Gary Hodgson (vice chair) Alison Meggeson, Ian Wesley, Nigel Talbot-Ponsonby, David Mowlam, the Clerk, Cllr Mocatta, Rev Jane Ball, Sgt Shore, PC Toogood and 2 members of the public

- 1. Apologies for absence** There were no apologies
- 2. Minutes of the AGM** Monday 11th May 2015 were approved and signed proposed by AM and seconded by NTP
- 3. Declarations of Interest** – there were no declarations
- 4. Matters Arising** - all matters arising covered below
- 5. Langrish Meadow**
 - a) **Play Equipment** – AM reported that the new goal posts have been installed and are being well used. The Clerk was asked to write to thank Roger Deadman for putting in the goal posts. AM will be looking into funding for adding a slide running off the bank, other equipment would be expensive and there was a general view that the area should be kept as an 'open space' and not over crowded.
 - b) **Play Equipment Inspection** – Roger Deadman is continuing to inspect the equipment.
 - c) **Publicity** – it was suggested placing a piece in the Squeaker about the Meadow to encourage children from a wider area of the village.
- 6. Roads**
 - a) **C28** – NTP said that the white lines on the sides of the C28 needed repainting as they are very faded and the vehicles are taking the corners in the middle of the road. The clerk was asked to write to Chris White. DM suggested that one of the pedestrian road signs would be useful to warn drivers to go slowly, GH would look into this.
- 7. Footpaths** –

GH said that there hadn't been any complaints about the footpaths. The application for funding for the second map board and the steps would need more research.
- 8. Car Vandalism** – Gemma Grinter of 7 Reeds Meadow addressed the meeting to say there had been between 6 and 9 incidents of car windows being broken. This happened overnight on separate nights over a period of several months to cars parked in the lay-by on A272 below the Reeds Meadow houses and at one other location on Langrish Hill. For her family the situation had become so untenable that they could no longer park their cars in the lay-by. Police Sgt Shore said that a number of incidents had been reported but no scene of crime officers had attended. In the absence of CCTV footage and more specific evidence he would be unable to use 'covert tactics'. CCTV was not available from the police. Crime prevention officers are expected to visit in the next couple of days who would hopefully suggest a way forward and the police would write to all householders informing them of what was happening. In the meantime GH would look into CCTV or similar options.

9. **Parking on the Green** – complaints had been made about cars and in particular a van being parked on the green. Vehicles being parked on both sides of the road could be dangerous and there has, on occasions, been cars partially parked on the grass, obstructing lorries. This situation was exacerbated by the car vandalism. Notices would be put on the cars.
10. **Planning Applications**
- a) **Bordean** – Application for garage to be turned into ancillary accommodation. – Approved
 - b) **Pidham Cottage** – to create hard standing area beside the bridleway – Approved
 - c) **Orchard Farm** – The parish council had previously approved this application and there were no new issues.
11. **IT Matters** – IW said that the fibre optic cables were being put through the village but these were for East Meon and would not benefit Langrish.
12. **Stancoombe Copse** – Cllr Mocatta had been in communication with Leslie Wells and the legal department of EHDC. Evidence was being gathered to prosecute the applicant for non-compliance of the enforcement notice and the councillors were asked to obtain as much photographic evidence as possible. IW had had spoken with the landowner. There would be a further meeting to discuss how to proceed following the outcome of EHDC’s deliberations.
13. **District Councillor’s report** – Cllr Mocatta had nothing further to add. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mocatta for attending the meeting and said that his presence was greatly valued.
14. **Finances**
- a) **Bank Signatories** – Gary Hodgson was proposed as the third signatory for the bank accounts to replace Roger Deadman this was unanimously agreed.
15. **Correspondence** – No uncirculated correspondence
16. **Any Other Business**
- a) **St John’s church** – NTP asked for background information as to why a grant wasn’t paid to the PCC during the last financial year. In answer to a question from IW about the future viability and potential use of the church, DM said he had undertaken to produce a 5-year financial plan for St Johns which would be briefed to the PCC and provide the basis for a discussion about the future of the church. Once the PCC had considered the matter it intended to widen the discussion to the PC and indeed to the whole community.
 - b) **Ash Die-Back** - RH said that a suspected case of ash die-back had been reported in the Hanger. She had informed the landowner who would make his own inspection.
 - c) **Pavement beside A272** – Roger Deadman had made a complaint that weeds and brambles from the field were growing across the path. RH would contact the landowner.
 - d) **Telephone Box** – it had been reported that the phone box handle was broken. Its repair is already to hand.

The date of the next meeting – Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.30pm, Langrish House

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

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17. Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Ian Wesley and Cllr Moon

18. Minutes of the AGM Monday 20th July 2015 were approved and signed proposed by DM and seconded by GH

19. Declarations of Interest – there were no declarations

20. Matters Arising -

- a) **C28 White lines** – NTP asked if the Clerk could ask Chris White when the lines would be repainted.
- b) **A272 Footpath/Pavement** – The clerk had been in communication with the landowner who had strimmed the path. She was asked to write to HCC and ask for the weeds to be removed.

21. Langrish Meadow

- a) **Play Equipment** – AM said that there were several funding possibilities available and she would like the councillors to make a site visit to assess whether more play equipment could be added without losing the open space.
- b) **Play Equipment Inspections** – NTP asked whether the playground inspections were being formally documented. RH would check with Roger Deadman

22. Roads

- a) **C28 white lines** – NTP asked if there was any news on the white lines being painted. The clerk had contacted Chris White, as they hadn't been repainted she was asked to follow this up.
- b) **C28 Road Signs** – There was further concern expressed regarding the dangers to walkers and riders along the narrow stretches of the C28. GH would discuss with Ian Janes the possibility of a installing a pedestrian sign or something similar. AM would ask the riders if there was anything that could be done to make the road safer.

23. Footpaths – The overgrown vegetation on the footpath on Cellar Lane was discussed. GH said that it was one of the paths on HCC's list. GH would chase up QE Park for a response regarding the steps in Ramsdean.

24. Car Vandalism – It was reported that the car vandalism was continuing and that further attacks had been carried out on cars on Langrish Hill, at White Rose Garage and another location in Stroud. It was decided that RH would draft a letter to the police requesting an increased response from them in the light that the matter far now reaching was no long a neighbourhood dispute. She would also ask for the number of incidents that had been reported. A targeted resident attending the meeting said that the police involvement, particularly with Sovereign Housing, had not been helpful. It was agreed that Sovereign would be sent a Statement of Intent, informing them the lay-by has been maintained for many years by Hampshire Highways and confirming that it was the council's intention to continuing using the lay-by.

25. Planning Applications

- a) **Butser Mast** – New dish – no objection
- b) **Pidham Cottage** – Change of use of agricultural field into domestic hard standing for car parking – no objection
- c) **Orchard Farm House** – to raise roof height to create studio/gym in roof space and conversion of garage into garden – No objection
- d) **The Barn, Lower Bordean Farm** – Conversion and two side extensions of existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling; re submission without cooking facilities – No objection.

26. IT Matters – IW reported that he now had 80 names on the parish council email list and that there would be a further update on broadband at the next meeting.

27. Stancoombe Copse – RH had delivered a letter to Leslie Wells. Many angles on how to proceed were discussed and it was agreed that RH would speak to Leslie Wells to ask for a reply to the letter and ask for the timescale as to when compliance would be enforced.

28. District Councillor’s report – Cllr Mocatta said

- a) There was funding available to him, GH was interested in funding to update the bus shelters.
- b) Hampshire Highways were now obliged to remove signs after roadwork.

29. Finances

- a) **Account Statement** – was agreed and signed

30. Correspondence – No correspondence

31. Any Other Business

- a) **SDNP Local Plan** – NTP attended a PC workshop. The draft plan would be completed by the summer of 2016. Comments could be made up to end October but he felt that as there had been no involvement until now by the parish council that it was too late to comment. Cllr Mocatta said that a combined authority was being discussed which would take 12-18 to work through. If it was to go ahead there could be many more houses built in the National Park, in the region of 250-400 more homes per year.
- b) **A272 Lay-by Litter Bin** – RH said that this had not been emptied and nor had the church’s.
- c) **Ramsdean** – Graham Luff had commented that the memorial oak tree on the triangle at Ramsdean was in need of pruning and tidying up. RH suggested asking Hampshire Highways to maintain it rather than the council.

The date of the next meeting – Monday 9th November 2015 at 7.30pm, Langrish House

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm

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Present: Rosemary Hopewell (chair), Gary Hodgson (vice chair) Alison Meggeson, David Mowlam, Ian Wesley, the Clerk, Cllr Moon and Cllr Mocatta

32. Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Nigel Talbot-Ponsonby

33. Minutes of the meeting Monday 14th September 2015 were approved and signed proposed by AM and seconded by GH

34. Declarations of Interest – there were no declarations

35. Matters Arising -

- a) **A272 Footpath/Pavement** – The clerk was reminded to write to EHDC and ask for the weeds to be removed, she would discuss with RH as to the timing of sending a letter to Jo Edwards as it might be better to wait until the spring.

36. Langrish Meadow

- a) **Play Equipment** – AM said that a site visit had not been arranged but she would meet with the other councillors to look at and discuss whether more equipment would be beneficial.
- b) **Play Equipment Inspections** – RH had made a formal request to Roger Deadman to continue to inspect the play equipment and he had agreed.

37. Roads

- a) **C28 white lines and repairing of road sign on the Green** – GH said that the repainting and the repair of the sign was on Chris White’s (EHDC) list but as yet he had not received a date for the works.
- b) **C28 Warning Signs** – This was discussed again. Cllr Moon suggested keeping a record of incidents to highlight the necessity of signs and to record vehicle speeds with a speed survey box. GH said he would talk to Ian Janes (Hampshire Highways) about both the signs and the speed survey box.
- c) **A272 road closures** – awaiting confirmed dates.

38. Footpaths – nothing to report

39. Car Vandalism – RH said that 2 male suspects were due in court charged with the vandalism. The close circuit TV system put in by 2 of the Reeds Meadow residents at their expense picked up activity and with the help of a resident of Langrish Hill the suspects were identified and arrested.

40. Planning Applications - The following planning applications were discussed at a planning committee meeting

- a) **Orchard Farm House** – IW presented new plans to raise the roof height to create a studio/gym and convert a garage into a garden room. A bat survey had been requested. – The councillors had no objection
- b) **The Barn, Lower Bordean Farm** – Conversion and two side extensions of existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling; re-submission without cooking facilities. This had been refused and is now under appeal.
- c) **New Dish on Butser Mast** – Approved
- d) **Barrow Hill Farm** – Demolition of agricultural barns 1, 4B, 5, 6 & 7; erection of 7 new holiday cottages; conversion of agricultural barns 2 a reception/laundry room/cycle store and plant room, barn 3 to a holiday cottage and barn 4 & 4a to an indoor swimming pool. This development was strongly supported by the planning committee as it has been sensitively planned to enhance the local

environment by the demolition of existing unsightly barns replaced by tasteful new low rise buildings and will bring business and employment to the parish.

- 41. IT Matters** – IW said that the government had put back on the agenda that by 2016 broadband speeds would be increased to 10mbps. After hearing comments made by Cllr Mocatta it was felt that there would be little improvement.
- 42. Stancoombe Copse** – RH had requested a meeting with Bradley Gammon, recently employed by EHDC to work on the enforcements. Unfortunately Bradley Gammon was no longer employed at EHDC. DM asked for a meeting to be requested with the legal department to address the enforcement order and for a letter to be written, formally demanding a response to RH’s letter and asking for an explanation as to why no action has been taken. Cllr Mocatta commented that the EHDC enforcement office was at present understaffed. RH agreed to draft a letter to Leslie Wells for approval by the other councillors.
- 43. County Councillor’s Report** – Cllr Moon was surprised that the Clerk had not been receiving his monthly reports or apologies for absence. He would look into this and he apologised for not being able to make the meetings due to other commitments. He reported briefly on the following
- a) **New Chief Executive for Hampshire** – managing an overall budget of around £2 billion and a workforce of 37,000 for 1.3 million people across the county.
 - b) **Library Service** – HCC is seeking residents’ views on how Hampshire’s Library Service can be modernised.
 - c) **Tackling Domestic Abuse** – HCC are working closely with partners to develop a new approach to tackling domestic abuse.
 - d) **Safer Roads in Hampshire** – HCC have produced road safety tips to help everyone using roads and pavements this winter. Pedestrians and horse riders should wear brightly coloured and reflective clothing, drivers should take extra care to look for vulnerable road users, drivers should watch their speed particularly during the dark evenings and the check that bicycle reflectors and clean and lights working.
 - e) **Waste less** – HCC has launched the Smart Living Initiative, using the Halloween pumpkin as an example of unnecessary household waste, to provide advice and tips to help save money and waste less.
- IW asked about cuts, Cllr Moon said that no more funding was coming from central government except for businesses.
- 44. District Councillor’s report** – Cllr Mocatta said
- a) **Motorbikes** - a member of the SDNP was interested to hear from councils or councillors who would like to join a campaign regarding motorbikes on Hampshire roads. He would forward her details to GH.
 - b) **Lasham Gliding** - Due to the expansion of commercial traffic at Farnborough airport it is expected that there will be lower flights over Lasham Airfield and Petersfield.
 - c) **Bordon and Whitehill Eco Town** – GH asked Cllr Mocatta why a large amount of forestry had been removed. Cllr Mocatta thought that this was for housing.
 - d) **Local Plans** – South Downs to be the main planning document. 85% in favour of Neighbourhood Plan. Town Plan’s main issue is where to put new houses.
- 45. HAPTC** – RH attended a meeting at Hawkley. There had been a long discussion on the SDNP plan, which didn’t particularly affect Langrish. RH opened the discussion on Lasham Gliding Club mentioned in the District Councillor’s report.

46. Finances

- a) **Account Statement** – was agreed and signed
- b) **Precept 2016** – it was unanimously agreed to put up the precept by 5%. It was felt that that this increase was necessary as no provision had ever been made for the maintenance of Langrish Meadow. Proposed by GH and seconded by DM
- c) **Clerk's Salary** – It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary to £1000 per annum. Proposed by IW and seconded by DM.
- d) **HALC** – HALC announced that there would be an increase to 6.6p per elector.

47. Meeting dates for 2016 - the published dates were agreed with an amendment to the date of the AGM and Parish Assembly being postponed by one week to 16th May 2016. A provisional April date was made for 18th April.

48. Correspondence – No correspondence

49. Any Other Business

- a) **Ramsdean** – Graham Luff offered to tidy up Ramsdean Green and the oak tree on the green.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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50. Apologies for absence No apologies received

51. Minutes of the meeting Monday 9th November 2015 were approved and signed proposed by AM and seconded by GH

52. Declarations of Interest – there were no declarations

53. Matters Arising -

- a) **C28 white lines** – NTP asked if a date had been set for the repainting. GH said not, but the work had been allocated for this year's budget, in theory for completion by the end March.
- b) **A272 Pavement weeding** – the clerk had contacted HCC highways whose response was that the work was non urgent and would be considered later in the year.
- c) **Vandalism** The suspects had pleaded guilty at a recent court appearance and were due for sentencing on 27th January.
- d) **C28 warning signs/survey box** GH would chase this up

54. Langrish Meadow

- a) **Play Equipment** – AM said that the Meadow was very wet. There had also been some damage to the wire netting on the gate, the ‘no dogs’ sign had been taken down and the gate latch removed. Photos of this and the whole space were passed round. More play equipment is still being considered.

55. Roads

- a) **Damaged Grit Box Reeds Meadow** GH will report this.
- b) **Car left in Lay-By** GH will also report this
- c) **Lower Bordean Flooding and sign** GH has tried to report these. He commented that Ian Janes had left Highways.
- d) **A272 Church Parking** RH showed some photographs of damage to the verge opposite the church. This damage was inevitable as there was no other parking available to church goers. It was agreed that a new lay-by would solve the problem. Due process would be researched with the aim of discussing this with Cllr Moon and Hampshire Highways for review at the next meeting.

56. Footpaths

- a) **Quad bikes on Boats** a member of the public said she was shocked by the number of quad bikes (13) using BOAT 17. GH said that the nature of a BOAT meant that 4-wheeled vehicles were allowed to use BOATs. He suggested that, if possible, number plates should be taken, as vehicles should be licenced.
- b) **Fly-tipping** GH said that he had reported a number of cases of fly tipping.
- c) **Stiles** the poor state of some of the stiles was commented on.

57. Planning Applications IW said that there were no new planning applications

- a) **Barrow Hill Farm** IW said the owners had received a design response from SDNP planning, which contained unhelpful and surprising comments. Cllr Mocatta said he would approach the officer concerned to discuss the response, prior to a site meeting on 18th January.
- b) **Breach of Planning** – a complaint had been received regarding a garage and a new construction being used for residential purposes in Ramsdean.

58. IT Matters

- a) **Parishioner’s Communication** IW now had 81 email addresses on his list
- b) **Wireless Broadband** – RM said a national scheme for wireless broadband was being trailed locally. The feedback was that it appeared to be working very well although as technically expensive the high cost to the public made it much less attractive.

59. **Stancoombe Copse** – RM and RH have been in communication with the new officer, Paula Debenham, who has taken over the case. Unfortunately some of the councillors had not received copies. RM said the enforcement hearing was due mid-March and the owner’s said they would clear the site by the end of March. DM asked for a site meeting with the officer to discuss the expectations of compliance for enforcement. He felt a detailed specification was necessary. He was also concerned that the significance of the chain link fencing had not been sufficiently understood.

60. **County Councillor’s Report** – Cllr Moon was not in attendance but his report had be circulated

61. District Councillor’s report

- a) **Councillor’s Grant** RM said that he had some funding available for this financial year. The councillors agreed to put some project suggestions to him for the next meeting.

62. **HAPTC** – The recent meeting was unattended

63. Finances

- a) **Account Statement** – was agreed and signed proposed by DM and seconded by IW

64. Correspondence – No correspondence

65. Any Other Business

- a) **Parish Assembly Speaker** RM suggested Dan Oakley the Dark Skies expert at SDNP. It was agreed that he would be approached.

The date of the next meeting – Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.30pm, Langrish House

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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Present: Rosemary Hopewell (chair), Gary Hodgson (vice chair) Alison Meggeson, Ian Wesley, David Mowlam, Cllr Mocatta (from 8.55pm) and the clerk

66. Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Nigel Talbot-Ponsonby

67. Minutes of the meeting Monday 11th January 2016 were approved and signed proposed by IW and seconded by AM

68. Declarations of Interest – there were no declarations

69. Matters Arising -

- a) **C28 white lines** – In HH budget for this year
b) **C28 warning signs/survey box Slate Hill**, in 2016/17 budget.

70. Langrish Meadow

- a) **Play Equipment** –A date of Easter Sunday had been set for Councillors to make a site visit to discuss future play equipment.
b) **Hedge Cutting** – the clerk was asked to contract Andrew Birnie for advice.

71. Roads

- a) **Damaged Grit Box Reeds Meadow** GH had reported this but it may not get repaired as it is on an adopted road.
b) **Car left in Lay-By** GH had reported this at the beginning of January
c) **A272 Church Parking** RH said that this was being actioned
d) **Ramsdean Green** Lorry damage had been reported
e) **Potholes** all the potholes reported by the clerk had been repaired except for the storm drain on Langrish Hill.

72. Footpaths

- a) **Stiles** – the clerk and GH will complete the application for the district councillor’s grant from Cllr Mocatta by the end of the week.

73. Planning Applications IW said that there were no new planning applications

- a) **Barrow Hill Farm** Cllr Mocatta was asked to find out why the application was taking so long.
- b) **Longview, Folly Farm, Twenty Ways** East Meon PC had submitted a disapproval. Langrish had written a letter of disapproval.
- c) **Nutcombe View Stables** – IW would write to EHDC to state that there was insufficient detail on the application to give it true consideration.

74. Stancoombe Copse

Following discussions on the potential breach of planning on 14-day rule. ROH agreed to write to Paula Debenham at EHDC to push for a response and to highlight that the site was not being returned to agricultural land between each event resulting in the 14 day rule being exceeded, which amounted to a breach of planning laws.

75. IT Matters

- a) **Faster Broadband** – IW said that it was worth everyone protesting about the broadband speed, as it could potentially produce results.

76. County Councillor’s Report – Cllr Moon was not in attendance

77. District Councillor’s report these topics were discussed with Cllr Mocatta

- a) The slow process of **Barrow Hill Farm Planning Application**
- b) **Scramble Track** – Cllr Mocatta would speak to Paula Debenham
- c) Lack of **Enforcement Officers**
- d) **New Police and Crime Commissioner**

78. EHAPTC attended by RH

- a) **Landscape Watch** A Portsmouth University project together with HCC comparing land mapped in 2005 and 2013 with the aim of discovering where the environment is being damaged and to hone in on buildings without planning permission. RH had sent all the available information.

79. Finances

- a) **Account Statement** – was agreed

80. Correspondence

- a) **Lengthsman** – Steep PC as Lead Parish of the Lengthsman cluster had asked Langrish to join a Lengthsman scheme. The advantages were discussed and full agreement was given to proceed with a year’s trial.

81. Any Other Business

- a) **Parish Assembly Speaker** The clerk was asked to reconfirm with Chris Paterson his agreement to speak
- b) **Standing Orders** – DM agreed to review the standing orders before the next meeting.
- c) **Speed Camera Signs** – GH would look into the possibility of signs for Langrish. Cllr Mocatta suggested temporary speed cameras.

The date of the next meeting – Monday 16th May 2016 at 6pm AGM, 7.30pm Parish Assembly

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Langrish Parish Council Meeting held at Langrish House on Monday 16th May 2016 at 6pm

Present: Rosemary Hopewell, Gary Hodgson, Alison Meggeson, Ian Wesley, David Mowlam, Nigel Talbot Ponsonby and the Clerk

82. Apologies for absence There were no apologies

83. Minutes of the previous meeting Monday 11th May 2015 were approved and signed proposed by AM and seconded by IW

84. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Officers

- a) Rosemary Hopewell was proposed by IW seconded by AM and unanimously voted Chairman
- b) Gary Hodgson was proposed by AM and seconded by IW and unanimously voted Vice Chairman
- c) Gary Hodgson was voted officer in charge of roads and footpaths
- d) Alison Meggeson was voted officer in charge of Langrish Meadow
- e) Ian Wesley was voted officer in charge of IT and Planning
- f) Rosemary Hopewell was voted Tree Warden

85. Acceptance of Office – The Chairman and vice chairman signed acceptance of office declarations.

86. Dates for the meetings for 2017 The meetings would continue to be held on the second Monday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7.30pm with the AGM being held at 6pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.20pm

LANGRISH PARISH ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 16th May 2015, 7.30 at Langrish House

The meeting followed an excellent presentation by Chris Paterson, South Downs National Park Authority Planning

Present: The Parish Council, Cllr Moon, 7 members of the public and the Clerk

- 1.** Apologies for absence – were received from Cllr Mocatta, Rev Jane Ball, Roger Deadman, Jo Hudek and Robina Talbot-Ponsonby
- 2.** The minutes of the Parish Assembly 2015 were approved and signed proposed by Betty Wesley and seconded by Silvia Deadman.
- 3.** Matters Arising from the Minutes There were no matters arising
- 4.** The Chairman of the Parish Council – Rosemary Hopewell thanked Chris Paterson for his presentation. She also thanked the parish councillors for their hard work, Cllr Mocatta for his support and advice, Cllr Moon, the Clerk and to Roger Deadman for his advice and supply of useful contacts. She then gave her report.

Stancoombe Copse and Scramble Track This matter still has not been resolved in spite of regular letters and phone calls from the Parish Council and various individuals, but progress has been made recently since a new Enforcement Officer has been appointed by EHDC

Vandalism A272 Cars were damaged over a period of several months in lay-byes both in Langrish and Stroud over a period of several months. Initially there was little interest from the Police, but eventually arrests were made, thanks to the efforts of various parishioners and two men were gaoled.

Lay-by opposite Langrish Church Negotiations are on-going with the Highways Authority to obtain a more satisfactory arrangement, which is badly needed, for parking opposite the Church. It is hoped that work may start soon.

Clean for the Queen A successful village clear up in conjunction with the Friends was carried out in early April in honour of the Queen's 90th Birthday. Twenty bags of rubbish were collected. Unfortunately, in spite of a notice being put up, almost the same volume of rubbish as before has now accumulated.

5. Planning Applications Ian Wesley gave a presentation outlining the 7 applications received in the past year.

- Orchard Farm House, Ramsdean - Raise roof height to create studio / gym in roof space, and conversion of garage into garden room, amended with bat survey - No objection, Approved
- Pidham Cottage, Langrish - Change of use of agricultural field into domestic hard standing for car parking adjustment of site levels to suit. - No objection, Approved
- The Barn, Lower Bordean Farm, Langrish - Conversion and two side extensions of existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling; re-submission without cooking facilities - No objection, Allowed after appeal
- New dish on mast on Butser Hill - No objection, Approved
- Barrow Hill Farm, Ramsdean - Demolition of agricultural barns 1, 4B, 5, 6 & 7; erection of 7 new holiday cottages; conversion of agricultural barns 2 to a reception/laundry room/cycle store and plant room, barn 3 to a holiday cottage and barn 4 & 4A to an indoor swimming pool. We strongly support this development. It has been sensitively planned to enhance the local environment by the demolition of existing unsightly barns replaced by tasteful new low rise buildings and will bring business and employment to the parish. No response from EHDC after resubmitting plans after design meeting in January.
- Nutcombe View, Twenty Ways Farm Lane, Ramsdean - Variation of Condition 3 of 27304/007 EHDC to allow conversion of garage to habitable accommodation - Requested more detail, Approved without detail being provided
- Hillcrest, Winchester Road, Langrish - Loft conversion to create accommodation at first floor level, to include dormers to front, sides and rear, and pitched roof to existing flat roofed side extension - No objection

6. Roads and Footpaths Gary Hodgson reported

Roads

- **Potholes** – Potholes were reported and quickly repaired
- **C28 White Lines** – the poor condition of the white lines on the hill between the Close and Langrish House had been reported but the work hasn't yet been carried out.
- **C28 Survey Box** – In response to a request to Hampshire Roads and Traffic for a new warning sign, a survey box will be installed to create a report on the traffic in this area. In answer to a question GH confirmed that the information collected would be speed and numbers of traffic.

Footpaths GH said funding had been received from Cllr Mocatta to replace for new stiles and a kissing gate. GH will now approach the landowner's to discuss installation.

7. Tree Warden's report Rosemary Hopewell went through her report attached as Appendix A.

8. Langrish Meadow – Alison Meggeson said that from a Langrish school survey and talking to local children top of the list for new equipment was a climbing frame or a slide. The slide had been deemed the most appropriate and AM will now look into funding. Cllr Moon said that he would be able to make a donation.

9. IT – IW said that due to bad infrastructure the broadband speeds in Langrish were low. The download speeds in Ramsdean were improving but the upload speeds were still low. The parish will not be getting Superfast Broadband, although the wiring will be put through the village to serve East Meon.

10. Parish Accounts 2015/2016 – were distributed, discussed and approved.

11. County Councillor's report Cllr Moon gave a brief outline on HCC achievements throughout the year. The largest privately funded initiative had seen replacement of streetlights with 150,000 bulbs being changed. 17.5 million potholes had been repaired. Farnborough Airshow received £4.5m from HCC, the aerospace and defence sectors being worth £1.5bn each year to Hampshire and employed 16,500. 90m invested in schools with 5000 new places created in schools. DM said that he understood that new residents were not getting places in local schools. Cllr Moon suggested putting this in writing to him and he would follow this up. The School Academy back down from the government had been due to a pressure from HCC. Finchdean had received a grant for drainage to prevent winter flooding. In April 60,000 gully's were cleared. The drainage works carried out in Hambledon were nearly completed. HCC had a new chief executive who controls a £2bn budget and 37,000 staff. The bulk of the increase to council tax of 3.99% was being spent on adult and children's services, although the HCC is the lowest council tax authority in the country. Although the government was commitment to re-organising local government HCC would not sign up to re-organisation without full consultation with the public.

12. District Councillor's Report Cllr Mocatta had been unable to attend the meeting.

There were no further questions from the floor

RH thanked Cllr Moon and closed the meeting at 9.30pm

Appendix A

- Ash Die-back is established within the Parish with confirmed cases in the Hangers and even in the Churchyard. The cases last years were confined to young sapling and were obvious. It is possible that some of the more mature trees will have been affected but until the ash leaves are fully established in June / July, it is difficult to say how badly this area has been hit
- Detailed accounts of how to recognise the disease, together with the relevant websites to consult, have been published in '*The Squeaker*' and the Tree Warden is happy to give advice.
- As the disease is so widespread now, we are no longer required to report suspect cases. If you are concerned about saplings, the safest way to deal with them is to cut them down and carry them carefully in a sack and burn them
- No new Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) were made in this year.
- Four TPOs in this Parish remain; on the Field maple tree in 'The Close', two Yew trees at Rookery Gate Farm and trees surrounding a plot of land, south-west of Pond Cottages, Ramsdean.
- Currently trees adjoining highways and footpaths in the Parish are in a satisfactory state and are not a hazard to traffic or pedestrians although occasional branches will continue to fall during gales
- Periodically concern is raised over the health of other tree species including Yew trees on the Hangers, Oak and Horse Chestnuts and other trees are kept under surveillance.
- The Tree Warden continues to be member and co-ordinator of the sub-committee of Tree Wardens in East Hampshire, the purpose of which is to organise training for new (and old) wardens and to organise meetings and events. Regional courses have been attended and the Tree Warden has been invited to give a talk at a forth coming meeting of Surrey Tree Wardens
- It should be stressed that the role of Tree Warden is purely advisory and that it carries NO powers

