

Langrish Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Langrish Parish Council held at East Meon Village Hall on

Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs Debbie Luff (Chair), Roger Hetherington (Vice Chair), Robert Bewes, Cheryl Walder, Ian Blackwell and Nigel Talbot-Ponsonby

District Councillor Mocatta

Sam Marchant (Clerk) taking minutes.

Attendance: 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor Robert Mocatta and Robena Talbot-Ponsonby.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 14 May 2025

The Chair asked Councillors to consider whether they felt the Minutes were a true record of the meeting held on 14 May 2025. Councillors who had attended the meeting confirmed that they were, proposed by Cllr Blackwell, seconded by Cllr Walder, and approved as read. They were signed as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising from Parish Assembly Minutes 2025

Councillors discussed two matters arising:

Encouraging more people to sign up to the newsletter.

Planting a new tree to replace the tree in memory of a resident.

4. Reports from the Chair, Clerk/RFO and Councillors of the Parish Council 2025/26

The Chair reported on 2025/26 and highlighted the long service of Nigel Talbot-Ponsonby, who would be leaving the Parish Council after 28 years. The Chair noted that his local knowledge had been invaluable and that he would be very much missed. A gift was presented in thanks and celebration.

The Chair also raised a concern about the War Memorial. It was noted that the cost could not be covered by the Council, and therefore it would be for residents to instigate fundraising, though the Parish Council intended to offer support.

a) Finance

The Finance report for 2025/2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting. (Appendix A) HALC training courses were discussed and Playground maintenance and repairs were to be kept in mind when preparing the budget in November.

b) BOATs

The Chair reported that the Council has continued campaigning for the closure of BOATs, particularly where Ramsdean is affected, and noted that safety issues and the use of motorised vehicles are ongoing concerns. The Chair referenced a test case identified by HCC in Button Lane, Priors Dean, involving closures to motorised vehicles.

c) Langrish Meadow

Cllr Blackwell reported that perimeter fencing, particularly the one facing reeds meadow, has begun to show its age and suggested some funds to be set aside for replacement in due course. A coat of preservative paint was to be added on the gates going into the meadow, a quote for the works to be obtained by Cllr Walder.

d) Planning

Cllr Hetherington reported a quiet year for planning applications. He noted that the Clerk should ensure that Council comments are to be submitted on the portal correctly.

e) Roads

Cllr Blackwell reported that there had been support in progressing road works and hoped this would be carried on with the new County Councillor.

f) Footpaths

Cllr Bewes reported on footpath work and issues over the year:

Country Side Services support was thanked, including the replacement of two kissing gates (one on route 272, welcomed), and resurfacing of BOAT 24, described as a major project.

There were a number of reports/issues during the year, including stiles being open and illegal driving concerns. One incident involved a 4x4 stuck, and the police were called four times.

Councillors were reminded to report illegal driving to 101.

A particularly muddy and wet start to the year was noted. It was also stated that an organised Mud Run event took its toll on footpaths due to heavy trampling of crops, with a view that the route will be checked ahead of next year.

g) Tree Warden

Cllr Talbot-Ponsonby provided a Tree Warden update:

He reminded the meeting what the Tree Warden role involves, including monitoring for issues such as Ash dieback.

It was suggested to the PCC that a qualified arborist should carry out checks at the churchyard, as there had not been a health check for approximately 140 years for the trees at Lymes above the Churchyard (including an example that received a clean bill of health, with only minor tidying needed for safety).

He noted monitoring of other trees, including a sentinel oak at Manor Farm that was affected by honey fungus; he had worked with HCC to secure replacement with two saplings, which are now doing well.

Concerns were also noted around an existing oak covered in ivy and exposed to winds; this tree was to be watched.

5. District Councillor

Cllr Mocatta had left following the AGM.

6. Public Comments & Questions

No comments were made by the member of public present.

7. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Monday 13 July 2026

The Chair called the end of the meeting at 8:15pm

Langrish Parish Council
Receipts and Payments 2024/2025

Receipts	Budget 2024/25	Actual 2024/25
Parish Precept	£ 6,300.00	£ 6,300.00
SDNP CiL Monies	£ -	£ 2,107.32
Bank Interest	£ -	£ -
Total	£ 6,300.00	£ 8,407.32
VAT Reclaim	£ -	£ 47.10

Payments	Budget 2024/25	Actual 2024/25
Room Hire	£ -	£ -
Clerk and Cllr Admin Expenses	£ 100.00	£ 24.99
Clerk Salary	£ 1,400.00	£ 1,408.29
Audit Fee	£ 185.00	£ 200.00
Insurance	£ 350.00	£ 313.28
Donation	£ 300.00	£ 500.00
Asset Maintenance	£ 2,500.00	£ 1,357.26
Asset Purchases	£ -	£ 1,008.80
Miscellaneous	£ 150.00	£ -
Election Expenses	£ 100.00	£ -
Subscriptions	£ 300.00	£ 495.13

Training	£ 150.00	£ -
Website	£ -	£ -
Total	£ 5,535.00	£ 5,307.75
VAT		£ 164.05

Budget Forecast 2025/2026

Receipts	Actual 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
Parish Precept	£ 6,300.00	£ 6,426.00
SDNP - CiL Monies	£ 2,107.32	£ -
Bank Interest	£ -	£ -
Total	£ 8,407.32	£ 6,426.00
VAT	£ 47.10	
Payments	Actual 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
Room Hire	0	0
Clerk and Cllr Admin Expenses	24.99	100
Clerk Salary (inc PAYE	1408.29	1400
Audit Fee	200	250
Insurance	313.28	350

Appendix A

Donations	500	500
Asset Maintenance	1357.26	2000
Asset Purchase	1008.8	150
Miscellaneous	0	150
Election Expenses	0	100
Subscriptions	495.13	350
Training	0	150
Website	0	500
Langrish Meadow Orchard Project	0	650
Total	5307.75	6650
VAT	164.05	