LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of The Joint Council Committee held on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7.00pm in Langport Town Hall

Present:

Langport Town Cllrs:
Sean Dromgoole
Sarah Peterkin
Robert Crumb
Michele Crumb
Alan Donald
Stephen Glas
Bill Paterson
Alan Wilson

Huish Episcopi Parish Cllrs:
Julia Gadd (Chair)

In attendance –Langport Town Council clerks Gerard Tucker and Morag Kelly and one member of the public

JC2026/09 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given **(LGA 1972 s85 (1))**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Wood, Saunders, Redfearn and Harris

JC2026/10 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

JC2026/11 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes **of the Joint Council Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 2026 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 (1)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2026 were considered true and correct.

JC2026/12 Working Parties
None of the working parties have convened since the last meeting. It was however acknowledged that the finance working party are to consider all large expenditure items, including Service Level Agreements

JC2026/13 Ongoing Matters
Merger
Cllr Dromgoole informed that the legal challenge to Somerset Council has necessitated that some of the community engagement has to be repeated. Residents in both Huish and Langport are encouraged to involve with the survey which has recently been distributed. It is understood that the Community and Governance Committee at Somerset Council now has devolved powers to consider this without the need to

be presented to the Full Council. There are two parts to the questionnaire/survey, the second part dealing specifically with warding.

Additional long stay car park

O2i Design have been commissioned to undertake some research on the suitability of the site/s in Westover. On receipt of their report. The owners of Westover Garage are to be consulted and a meeting set up to discuss options. If progress is positive at this point, a full design brief will be required and the works tendered. A long way to go, yet work is in progress.

JC2026/14 Other matters affecting HEPC and LTC

Response to Somerset Local Plan Scoping Consultation

The Langport Town Clerk having read through the consultation documents of the Local Plan identified a number of areas where a response from the joint councils would be helpful. Sustainability, building more properties to address the areas aging population, distribution of S106 funding to include active travel were among the items suggested. The clerk was asked to prepare a draft response which would be presented to both HEPC and LTC prior to forwarding to Somerset Council prior to the deadline of the 24th July.

The next meeting has been set for Wednesday 9th September in Langport Town Hall

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.40pm