

Langsett Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held remotely (via Zoom web and conference call) on Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Horner (Chair), Cllr Linda Taylor, Cllr Susan Barnes, Cllr A Brailsford, Cllr Lynn Hammond, Kim Taylor and Toni Rios (Highways England), Residents and Mrs Avril Sturdy (Clerk & RFO)

Public Participation

In order to give residents the opportunity to participate in agenda item relating to the traffic survey, the Chair explained the usual process regarding public participation and confirmed the attendees from Highways England were happy to answer questions from the public at that point in the agenda.

A resident raised question of the conditions attached to the planning approval for the Yorkshire Water cycle track, which the Chair confirmed was on the agenda.

20/21-108 Welcome

The Chair welcomed Kim Taylor and Toni Rios both of Highways England, who attended to discuss the traffic survey report (Minute 20/21-113)

20/21-109 Apologies for absence

No apologies

20/21-110 Declarations of interest

None received

20/21-111 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021

It was **resolved** that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

20/21-112 Matters arising from the previous minutes

The Clerk informed the meeting that Yorkshire Water confirmed that the Gilbert Hill small reservoir was sold approximately 10 years ago to a 3rd party and it was resolved that no further action taken at the moment as the water looks clear.

20/21-113 Traffic, parking and visitor numbers

(a) Traffic Survey, Roads and Parking

Kim Taylor and Toni Rios of Highways England referred to the parking survey undertaken in Langsett in 2020 and following meetings with stakeholders there were proposals :

(i) a scheme to commence in approximately 18 months' time to improve crossing provision for pedestrians and equestrians to join up to existing paths, to improve bus stops, stop verge parking. Cllr Hammond raised concern regarding the speed of the traffic and highlighted the issues crossing the A616 in the area around the Flouch. The Chair requested that the Parish Council be kept informed of any proposals (e.g. bollards) as the beauty of the area would wished to be retained.

(ii) Highways England recently met with Yorkshire Water, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and South Yorkshire Police regarding the parking issues. Short term proposals over Easter were temporary verge "no parking" signs, with indications to the car parks.

The situation would be monitored to see the effect of the signs have. Cllr Hammond reminded the meeting that visitors also parked on Old Manchester Road when the Flouch car park was full. Yorkshire Water were putting marshals and signage in car parks assisting parking and asking visitors not to park on verges if the car parks are full. South Yorkshire Police would be ticketing where required, and a joint communication/press release was planned including on social media.

The parking issue on Gilbert Hill was discussed and BMBC felt it was not the right time to consider yellow lining Gilbert Hill but this area would be part of longer-term plans. It was noted that residents had raised safety concerns regarding the parking on Gilbert Hill and that a long-term solution was needed, as parking on Gilbert Hill can impact on the A616.

The parish council was informed that there was a review of speed limits on the A616 and A628 currently taking place.

The Chair thanked Kim Taylor and Toni Rios for attending and they will keep the Parish Council informed regarding any proposals, and the Parish Council will give feedback.

(b) Road Works on the A616 and A628

The Clerk confirmed that all alerts regarding proposed road works have been sent out to residents and put on website

(c) Issues arising from the increased number of visitors

The Clerk gave a summary of some of the issues raised by residents: walking across fields often close to machinery, dog faeces and dog bags, the danger to cattle from eating the bags and rubbish, damage to walls from cars and walkers, repaired by and at the expense of farmers.

An e-mail had been received from visitor disgusted with dog bags and faeces – Yorkshire Water have been alerted and Rangers to investigate.

Due to the amount of dog faeces on the bottom path by the reservoir it was **resolved** to ask Yorkshire Water to consider bins, perhaps wooden, to discourage the amount of dirt, and Cllr Taylor noted that rather than leave dog bags around which is dangerous to wildlife, the dirt should be just kicked off the paths.

(d) Issue of dogs off lead and incidents of sheep worrying

The Clerk stated that Yorkshire Water already have large signs in their car parks but are currently reviewing signage and they are aware of the concerns of the Parish Council regarding signs. It was noted that some footpaths should require dogs to be on lead and on the moor where there are sheep and ground nesting birds.

Cllr Brailsford had to leave the meeting

(e) Litter pick

The Clerk had been contacted by the Gamekeepers who want to organise a litter pick on the moor on Woodhead. Due to current restrictions the parish Council could not organise the litter pick but would support via advertising on the Parish website and noticeboard. It was resolved the Clerk to obtain details of any litter pick equipment which could be borrowed for use and collection of the litter collected.

The Clerk had been informed of an abandoned caravan on Windle Edge, just off the A628 which has been there over a year, and will be reported again.

A resident is collecting litter on Gilbert Hill and it was resolved that the clerk would be informed if a large number of bags are collected and a collection from BMBC arranged.

20/21-114 Highways England/ Transport Focus - Cyclists, Pedestrians and Equestrians survey 2021
The Parish Council have been asked to take part in a Transport Focus survey as there is no specific provision to get pedestrians, horse riders or cyclists across the A616 from the Flouch roundabout through towards Deepcar. It was resolved that the Clerk will take part in the telephone survey. The Clerk will send on to Councillors a list of suggested items to bring to the survey, requesting any additional items to be added.

20/21-115 Planning Applications received since agenda produced
None received

20/21-116 Response made to Planning Applications received between parish council meetings
Application number 2020/1421 - **Upper Belle Clive Farm, Hartcliff Road, S36 9FE** : Erection of agricultural barn – *No comments*
Application number 2020/1471 - **Langsett House, Manchester Road, Langsett** : Internal re-planning, infill canopy area and entrance door, install bi fold doors, break through to dining room, oak canopy, paint windows, install window in timber doorway (Adjoining Authority Consultation) – *No comments*

20/21-117 To receive information on approved/declined planning applications

Yorkshire Water application - Langsett Cycle Trail

The provision of a transport plan which is one of the conditions of approval of the Cycle Trail was raised by a resident and following contact by the Clerk, Yorkshire Water confirmed they are still reviewing transportation requirements and impacts for Langsett Village and the surrounding area liaising with Highways England and Barnsley Council. The Chair noted the reply and that the Parish Council will need to ensure such condition is met and the Parish Council consulted.

National Grid Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project

The project will see seven pylons and approximately 2km of existing overhead line removed on the near the village of Dunford Bridge and replaced with underground cables. The Peak East Community Liaison Group is being formed with representatives including schools, parish councils, community groups, users of the TPT and wildlife groups. It was **resolved** that the Chair would attend the first meeting virtually on Wednesday 24 March .

20/21-118 BMBC Neighbourhood Services

The collection of litter on Gilbert Hill had already been mentioned earlier in the meeting.

20/21-119 Footpaths and Rights of Way issues

The Clerk contacted Yorkshire Water regarding the start date of March 2021 and BMBC hoped to commence on the Little Don Trail, at Langsett in late March.

The bench on the top bridle path of Langsett Reservoir, “poetry bench”, had been repaired by a resident and it was **resolved** to send a letter of thanks.

The Clerk had received notification of Yorkshire Water regarding work to replace the beams in the tunnel on the embankment of the reservoir, which should take 3-4 weeks to complete and started 1st March.

It was resolved to advise Yorkshire Water that some of the footpaths around the reservoir are extremely muddy and not accessible by wheelchair.

Cllr Taylor advised of one of the paths needing maintenance and reported to BMBC following last month’s meeting had not been attended to and needed to be reported again.

20/21-120 Local Elections 6th May 2021

The Clerk confirmed that the date of local elections was 6th May 2021 which was noted.

20/21-121 Feedback from District Councillors

None in attendance

20/21-122 Proposed Projects for consideration by the Parish Council

Hanging baskets – the cost would be approximately £100 plus VAT per basket, and it was suggested to buy 2 baskets for Langsett village this year, 2 more in following years for different areas of the parish. The Chair will provide the location of 2 lampposts in Langsett village on the A616 and the Clerk will ask for permission from Highways England/BMBC whoever maintains the lamp posts in question. The Chair suggested that as restrictions ease perhaps a group of residents could be formed as “Langsett in Bloom”.

20/21-123 Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

It was **resolved** to receive the information with no immediate actions required

20/21-124 PDNPA restructuring

It was **resolved** to receive the information with no immediate actions required and the Chair will continue to join the meetings of the Peak Park Forum to assess the situation, especially in relation to Planning matters.

20/21-125 Matters having financial implications for the Council

125.1 The Clerk outlined the scheduled of items of expenditure and income dated 15th march 2021 (Appendix A) which was considered and approved

Income	VAT RECLAIMED	£ 322.66
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Bank balances as at 27 February / 1 March 2021 : D/A £8,358.74 and C/A £1,407.63

Expenditure

Clerks salary inc working from home (February and March 2021)	as agreed
Clerk' s expenses up to 8 th March 2021	£27.83
Came & Co Insurance renewal 2021	£218.00
Peak Park Parishes Forum subscription	£6.00

125.2 **Review of Internal Financial Controls March 2021** (Appendix B)

The Review of Internal Financial Controls March 2021 document (Appendix B) had been sent to Councillors in advance and it was resolved to accept the document, be signed by Chairman and send on to the Internal Auditor.

125.3 **Insurance**– the Insurance renewal premium of £218.00 (Minute 20/21-103.3) has been paid and renewal confirmed by Came & Co. No increase in renewal premium required to include cover for the new noticeboard.

125.4 **Precept request 2021-22**

The precept request for 2021-22 of £3,750.00, has been sent to BMBC.

20/21-126 **Items of correspondence not on the agenda**

- CPRE travel survey Longdendale - Noticeboards/ website
- London Hearts charity grants for defibrillators - May meeting
- Penistone Young Peoples Support Grant - Noticeboards/ website
- The Farming Life Centre - Noticeboards/ website
- Research in the Dark Peak - Noticeboards/ website

20/21-127 **Dates of 2021/22 meetings**

The proposed dates of the parish Council meetings 2021/2022 were issued to Councillors (Appendix D) and will be confirmed at the May meeting.

20/21-128 **Any Other Business**

The old noticeboard is in need of essential maintenance and the Chair will speak with a local resident who has previously offered to renovate it.

20/21-129 **Matters to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council**

- Parish Council projects 2021

20/21-130 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parishioners' Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of Langsett Parish Council and will be held on **Monday 17th May 2021** at **7.00pm** and will be held either remotely or at the Barn, Langsett, to be advised.

20/21-131 **Exclusion of Press and Public from the remaining items on the agenda**

It was **resolved** to exclude the press and public from the remaining item on the agenda

Clerks annual appraisal

The Chair presented key points from the appraisal and noted future objectives, and thanked the Clerk for support to the Parish Council and to himself as a new Chairman, especially over such a year as the last year.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed:

Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____