**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Annual Parishioners Meeting of Langsett Parish Council**

**held at The Barn, Langsett on Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.00pm**

**Present**: Cllr Adrian James (Chair), Cllr John Key, Cllr Lynn Hammond, Cllr Linda Taylor, residents and Mrs Avril Sturdy (Clerk & RFO)

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**1. Apologies**

None received

**2. Minutes and matters arising from the previous Annual Parishioners’ meeting**

It was noted that Minute 5 re litter bins remained an issue. There were no other matters arising.

*It was* ***resolved*** *that the minutes be approved.*

**3. To receive the Chairman’s report for 2018/2019**

The Chairman gave the following report:

The Parish Council has continued its pattern of bi-monthly meetings but also had an extraordinary meeting in early 2019, as a consequence of a number of extra demands being made on its time. These revolved in particular around concerns about extensive roadworks being undertaken by Highways England (HE) and related agencies on the A628; about the growing problem of parking in and around Langsett; about the likely impact on parking of proposals by Yorkshire Water to increase the number of visitors to the area; and about the continued lack of action by BMBC and HE to resolve the air quality management issues in Langsett. The Parish Council is continuing its efforts to achieve a constructive engagement with these agencies in order to address these issues and to ensure that, in future, it is consulted well in advance about any similar developments.

The Council records with regret the resignation of Mrs Steph Tolson as Clerk to the Council and RFO in May 2018 and acknowledges the very real contribution she made to its work during her tenure. We have, however, been very fortunate to appoint as her successor Mrs Avril Sturdy, who is also Clerk to Thurgoland Parish Council. It is thanks to the hard work of both that the work and procedures of the Council have again been carefully scrutinised in the annual internal audit by Diane Brown, the Council’s Internal Auditor, who concluded that “Langsett Parish Council continues to be a well-run Council”, enabling her to sign her Annual Return without qualification. The auditor made several recommendations, which will be considered in the near future. The precept request for 2019-20 was reviewed and was raised by £35 to £3535 in order to cover small increases in standard costs.

The Council records with regret the decision of Councillor Stephen Sedgewick not to stand again in the Council elections that took place in May 2019 and wishes to thank him for his contribution while he was a member of the Council. There was no call for an election for a replacement and as a result the Council has sought expressions of interest from those who would be willing to be co-opted with a view to making a selection in the near future.

After sustained hard work by the Clerk, it is a pleasure to be able to record that a defibrillator has been purchased and installed in Langsett and that consideration is being given to mounting local first-aid training. Discussions are also continuing about how to improve communications between the Council and residents, including resiting the Parish Council notice-board when an appropriate location has been identified and approved by the local planning authority.

**4. To receive the Audited Accounts for 2017/2018**

The Audited Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018 were circulated. No comments were received.

**5. To receive observations by members of the Parish**

A resident, Mr Stephen Sedgwick ,raised the question of defibrillator training and it was confirmed by the Chairman that there was a proposal led by Mrs Andrea Punshon to put together a training package for residents in the parish, including outlying farms, with an application by the Parish Council to the Ward Alliance for funding of the training. This will be included in publicity which will be discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council following this meeting.

There was concern also from Mr Sedgwick regarding the approval by PDNPA in April to the cycle paths scheme and it was reported that a condition of the approval was that transport to Langsett would need to be assessed. As Langsett currently has an issue with car parking, it was suggested that the Flouch car park could hold 240 spaces, and that Barnsley MBC/ Sheffield CC could put yellow lines on the A616, the Reservoir and Gilbert Hill, and also block Gilbert Hill. The Chairman noted that this would be discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council following this meeting.

**6.** **The meeting closed at 7.12pm**

Signed:

Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_