

Langsett Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Langsett Parish Council held at The Barn, Langsett on Monday 4th July 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Horner (Chair), Cllr Lynn Hammond, Cllr Linda Taylor, Cllr Dean Furniss
BMBC Ward Councillor David Greenhough, 18 residents,
Peter Coddington, Hazel Earnshaw and Alastair Harvey (Yorkshire Water), Avril Sturdy (Clerk & RFO)

The Chairman apologised to the meeting that names of individual residents were requested during discussions at the previous meeting, and as this should not have taken place, if such information was retained there would be a requirement it would be securely destroyed. The Parish Council only holds limited personal information with the consent of the individuals concerned.

22/23 -033 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Susan Barnes.

22/23 -034 Declarations of interest

None received

22/23 -035 Co-option of new Councillor

In accordance with Minute 22/23 -031, the Chairman welcomed Mr Dean Furniss as a co-opted Councillor of Langsett Parish Council and the declaration of Acceptance of Office form completed and signed.

22/23 -036 Consider allowing open discussion on agenda item 5 re proposals of Yorkshire Water to introduce parking charges to allow members of the public to comment

The Chairman welcomed representatives of Yorkshire Water, Peter Coddington, Hazel Earnshaw and Alastair Harvey.

Resolved: to allow discussion between residents, Yorkshire Water representatives and the Parish Council on agenda item 5 to allow comments and questions from members of the public.

22/23 -037 Proposals of Yorkshire Water to introduce parking charges for car parks in Langsett

The Chairman introduced representatives of Yorkshire Water to reply to the contents of the e-mail sent to Yorkshire Water following the extraordinary meeting of Langsett Parish Council on 20th June 2022 regarding the proposals of Yorkshire Water to introduce parking charges for both car parks in Langsett, and opened the meeting up to allow residents to voice concerns raised by the proposal.

Summary

Mr Coddington of Yorkshire Water (YW) stated that this was the start of consultations regarding the trial introduction of car park charges. The trial was intended to look at the effects and gather evidence regarding issues which may arise e.g. displaced parking. They had been working with National Highways with their proposals for the area but a decision had been made to proceed with this trial without implementation of any NH proposals.

YW stated that the costs raised from the car parking scheme would fund a new Ranger team (in place from September) to look after the area including parking and anti-social behaviour, and in future volunteers would be added with support from permanent Ranger Team.

The trial would be for 18 months contract using an external company to implement the equipment and cameras. The scheme would be reviewed after 12 months.

Residents raised concerns and Yorkshire Water to feedback on these concerns:

- Introduction of parking charges will encourage visitors to seek free parking options including parking on the verges of main roads including the A616, Old Manchester Road, Whams Road, Gilbert Hill and Midhope Cliffe Lane. Displaced parking is anticipated as already experienced in the recent past.
- Any proposals by National Highways to reduce the speed of traffic or other alternative suggestions on the A616 would not be implemented before the trial begins and the inherent dangers perceived by residents by displaced parking on verges of the A616 (a 60/40mph road) as drivers avoid parking charges.
- The safety implications of vehicles parking on smaller roads or the A616 which impact access of emergency vehicles and the safety of pedestrians walking
- The A616 is the main road to Manchester so it is extremely busy and the possibility of vehicles parking on the verges, vehicles trying to avoid vehicles in the process of parking on a verge, families exiting vehicles, and crossing a 60mph road is extremely serious.
- The effect on the roadside verges including increased littering
- The effects on local businesses (pubs and café) and the local Farmers by the displaced parking including vehicles parking across field accesses affecting use of large farm machinery
- Due consultation had not taken place with the residents, members of the public or the Parish Council or other major stakeholders and it was felt this should have taken place before Yorkshire Water applied for planning permission.
- There is no public transport to Langsett, so the majority of visitors arrive by car.
- Concern was raised that the plans to proceed were already in place and was not actually a trial proposal, as the costs of implementing such a scheme were greater than a trial scheme could justify.
- Why it was necessary to introduce charges to pay for a Ranger team and there was uncertainty regarding the details of the Rangers' job description e.g. working hours and scope of role in relation to cover at Langsett
- People who use Langsett for recreation are going to be impacted by charges, and this area is an important recreation space for many surrounding areas.
- Cars will park in the limited space in Langsett village, which will cause issues for local businesses who have small car parks but do not have the ability to monitor who parks. If clients cannot park, they will move on to alternative businesses.
- Why Langsett when there are many other areas owned by Yorkshire Water that do not have the issues of the proximity of a main trunk road?
- Parking charges introduced recently in other areas in the Peak Park have created ongoing challenges from displaced parking so experience already exists.

Yorkshire Water agreed to meet regularly with the Parish Council to look at the effects and discuss any proposals. The Chairman on behalf of the meeting asked Yorkshire Water to take note of the concerns of residents and the Parish Council, and to reconsider the proposal.

The Chairman thanked Yorkshire Water representatives for attending the meeting before they left.

It was noted that if Yorkshire Water proceed with the proposals the next step will be to comment on the planning applications to BMBC / PDNPA.

It was **resolved** to print out an information leaflet to give out to residents and visitors.

22/23 -038 Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 16th May 2022 and Monday 20th June 2022
It was **resolved** that the minutes be approved.

22/23 -039 Matters arising from the previous minutes
None received.

22/23 -040 Public Participation
No further matters raised

- 22/23 -041 Planning Applications received since the agenda was produced**
None received
- 22/23 - 042 Information on previous planning applications (decisions by BMBC)**
Under consideration:
2022/0466 Little Doubting Farm, Hartcliffe Hill Road : conversion and alterations for former barn to residential tourist accommodation
2022/0528 2 Ivy Cottage, Manchester Road, Langsett : installation of 15 roof mounted solar panels to garage roof
2022/0369 Field House Farm, Fullshaw Lane, Langsett S36 9FD: Demolish and clear existing buildings and erection of replacement dwelling
- 22/23 - 043 Items to bring to the attention of BMBC Neighbourhood Services**
The Clerk had contacted Twiggs who will be able to help re litter picking and picnic site trimming.
Resolved: Clerk to liaise with suggested dates
- 22/23 - 044 Footpaths and Public Rights of Way Issues**
The Bridleway which runs parallel to the A616 is overgrown. **Resolved:** report to BMBC
Issue with gate on Brookhouse Lane which cannot be closed. **Resolved:** report to BMBC
- 22/23 - 045 Roads, Transport and Parking**
Further information has been requested regarding the A616/A628 Village Gateways from National Highways, and if any changes are proposed on the roads through the parish.
- 22/23 - 046 Feedback from the Queens Jubilee party**
Approximately 40+ residents attended the party and it was very well received. The Chairman presented expenses in conjunction with the party. **Resolved:** agreed payment of expenses.
- 22/23 - 047 Projects to be put to the Community Fund (National Grid Visual (VIP) project)**
After discussions with BMBC, it was noted that new “antique” lamp posts will be too expensive as new cabling will be required
The suggestion for a defibrillator in other location towards Midhopestones is still considered and Councillor Barnes is looking at location options.
- 22/23 - 048 Parish Council Projects 2022/2023**
Suggestions regarding proposed projects were discussed and would need to work with Yorkshire Water
(a) Clearing Bilberry patches (b) Clear pond of weed (c) Make a picnic area around the pond
Resolved: contact Yorkshire Water initially
- 22/23 - 049 Community Defibrillator funding application at the Dog & Partridge**
The Clerk is liaising with the Dog & Partridge with regard to the application and the form has been submitted for appraisal with Yorkshire Ambulance Service.
- 22/23 - 050 Finance and Accounts**
Information was provided regarding matters having financial implications for the Council and to agree payments and note income in accordance with the Parish Council budget:
(1) Current bank statements circulated.
(2) Following from co-option of Councillor Furniss, it was agreed to add Cllr Furniss to the bank mandate.
(3) It was agreed to transfer the same amount from current to deposit account as was held in the previous bank account.

Resolved: Clerk to speak to current bank regarding procedure for transfer of monies and completion of new mandate form.

(4) The McAfee security for the Parish Council computer had been renewed at a reduced cost of £116.99 for 2 years.

Bank balances as at 1st June 2022 £11,604.25

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerks salary inc working from home (June and July 2022)

as agreed

Clerk' s expenses up to 4th July 2022 inc PDNPA room hire, McAfee

£140.49

Mr P Horner (Jubilee refreshment expenses)

£ 85.84

22/23 -051 **Items of correspondence not appearing elsewhere on the agenda**
None

22/23 -052 **Any Other Business not on the Agenda**
No other matters

22/23 -053 **Matters to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council**
None noted

22/23 -054 **Date and Time of next meeting**
A request was made to move the next meeting from *Monday 12th September 2022* to Tuesday 13th September. It was **resolved** to change the date of the meeting.
The next meeting of Langsett Parish Council will be **Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm** and will be held at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____