

Langsett Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held remotely (telephone conference call)
on Monday 7th September 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Horner (Chair), Cllr Linda Taylor, Cllr Lynn Hammond, Cllr Susan Barnes, Resident, and Mrs Avril Sturdy (Clerk & RFO)

Public Participation

A resident referred to the issue of traffic and parking issues in Langsett, which were to be discussed later in the meeting. Concern was raised regarding the speed of traffic especially downhill on the A616, the dangers of traffic turning into Gilbert Hill whilst other vehicles do not allow space for the manoeuvre, the large number of vehicles accessing Gilbert Hill, dangerous parking, damage to walls caused by vehicles, and the effectiveness of the fixed speed cameras. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had raised and continue to raise these issues with Highways England, and these concerns will be discussed further later in the meeting.

20/21-042 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Angela Brailsford.

20/21-043 Declarations of interest

None received

20/21-044 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th July 2020

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

20/21-045 Matters arising from the previous minutes

None

20/21-046 Planning Applications received since this agenda was produced

None received. The Clerk thanked Cllr Hammond for advice re planning application received but was located just outside the Parish.

20/21-047 Response made to Planning Applications received between parish council meetings

It was confirmed that Langsett Parish Council had responded to BMBC Planning Department with the following comments to the planning applications received between parish council meetings:

Application : 2020/0437 Montgomery House, Sheephouse Wood, Stocksbridge, S36 4GS
Formation of two separate storage/parking areas - The Parish Council had no comment on the application

Application 2020/0721 Equi Trek Ltd, Manchester Road, Midhopestones, Barnsley, S36 4GS
Display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signage – The Parish Council has no objections to the signage in principle but question the number of signs and asked BMBC to seek assurance to ensure the illuminated signs do not dazzle traffic.

20/21-048 To receive information on approved/declined planning applications

2020/0403 Aldermans Head Manor – menage – *approved*

2020/0428 Doubting Farm – side and rear extension – *approved*

2020/0430 Lower Belle Clive Farm – stable block and menage – *approved*

2020/0437 Montgomery House – parking areas – *under consideration*

2020/0480 Upper Belle Clive Farm, Hartcliff Road – change of use from agricultural building to dwelling – *prior approval granted*

2020/0721 *Equi Trek Ltd - illuminated and non-illuminated signage* – under consideration

20/21-049 Sheffield Plan consultation

Langsett Parish Council had no comments on the Sheffield Plan consultation and links would be added to the Parish Council website for information.

20/21-050 Footpaths and Rights of Way issues

The Clerk informed the Council that a footpath reported as requiring bridge repair, had been identified as an unmarked footpath near FieldHouse Farm, Langsett and BMBC Footpaths team are dealing with the issue.

The Clerk confirmed that the footpath close to Equitrek on the Little Don Trail was a permissive footpath and with regard to the difficulty now in crossing the A616, Cllr Barnes will check the situation as a broken stile was also reported. Yorkshire Water and NBMBC Footpaths team noted the Parish Councils concern regarding walkers using the grass verge to exit the trail at Langsett and walking next to the A616, and options were being considered.

20/21-051 Roads and transport, including car parking issues

The signage prohibiting parking at the blue access gate to the moor at Brook House Lane had been installed.

The issue of parking generally was again discussed and it was noted that surveys by Highways England had taken place in July and August, with the final one due 3rd October during the Fell race. The results of the surveys should be available after the October date, but Highways England confirmed if any information could be shared before that, the Parish Council would be informed. Concern was raised regarding the increased number of walking crossing the A616/A628 and so the need for a lower speed limit, and that information would be useful regarding pollution levels. It was **resolved** to invite Chris Shields from BMBC to the next meeting to share any information regarding air quality and to invite a representative of Highways England. It was further resolved to ask for information regarding the effectiveness of the fixed speed camera and any regulations around the use of a hand-held speed camera.

The condition of the Flouch roundabout had been raised and the Clerk confirmed that it was on the list of works scheduled by Highways England but a commencement date was still awaited. It was suggested that in the meantime regular strimming would be acceptable.

20/21-052 BMBC Neighbourhood Services

The Clerk confirmed that fly tipping in a layby on the A616 between Langsett and Midhopetones had been reported.

Yorkshire Water had installed larger bins in Langsett Car Park.

20/21-053 Langsett Barn toilets

A resident had reported foul smells from the toilet and the Clerk confirmed that it had been reported to Yorkshire Water and PDNPA, who were investigating.

20/21-054 Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam

The Chair commended the Rangers and team of volunteers in clearing large areas of Himalayan Balsam, and it was **resolved** to send a note of thanks.

The Japanese Knotweed has had the first treatment, at the beginning of August, with the second treatment by the end of September. It is dealt with over a 12 month period, with two further treatments planned next year.

20/21-055 Longendale survey from CPRE

Completed by some Councillors, it was **resolved** to add the survey to the Parish Council website.

20/21-056 Parish Noticeboard, communications within the Parish including the Parish Newsletter

The Chair thanked the Clerk for work undertaken on the recent Parish Newsletter, and that following comments received, it was felt it was appreciated by residents. Concern was raised in the meeting that only one copy was sent to the resident named on the Electoral Register and it was **resolved** to remove names and address the postal newsletters in future to simply "the Occupier". Thanks given to those who hand delivered copies.

Confirmation had been received that noticeboard can now be installed as it was previously delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions in place. The price of the noticeboard and delivery has not changed and remains at £1,037.64 for a 6 x A4 noticeboard in brown man-made timber with a header reading Langsett Parish Council in gold lettering. Funds are already in place from the Ward Alliance to purchase the noticeboard and it is **resolved** to proceed to purchase the noticeboard as stated above. It was also **resolved** that a sign will be placed in the noticeboard acknowledging the funding from Ward Alliance and the permission from PDNPA and Yorkshire Water to erect the Noticeboard.

20/21-056 Proposed Projects for consideration by the Parish Council

It was **resolved** to add this item to the next agenda to receive any comments from residents following the publication of the newsletter and Councillors will informally remind residents.

20/21-057 Consultation on the New Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils

It was **resolved** that there were no comments to be sent to the YLCA in response to the New Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils Consultation

20/21-058 The South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel Annual Report 2019-20
The South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel Annual Report 2019-20 was received without comment.

20/21-060 Feedback from District Councillors
None in attendance

20/21-061 Matters having financial implications for the Council

61.1 The Clerk outlined the necessary payments for approval including

Income

Charity of Samuel Wordsworth	£19.00
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Expenditure

Clerk's salary (August & September 2020)	as agreed
Clerk's expenses inc Newsletter	£81.73

Payments already made:

BMBC Japanese Knotweed treatment	£440.00
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61.2 Bequest received from the Charity of Samuel Wordsworth £19.00
It was resolved to consider the allocation of the bequest at the next meeting

61.3 Clerk's salary increase
It was noted that the Clerk's salary would increase as from 1st April 2020 as agreed and advised by the National Association of Local Councils.

61.4 Bank balances as at
1st September 2020 : (a) £8,358.32 1st August 2020 (b) £4,410.22

20/21-062 Items of correspondence not on the agenda

The Parish Statement from the PDNPA had been received and sent to Councillors for any comments by the end of September.

20/21-063 Any Other Business

The Clerk confirmed that the Accessibility Statement is on the Parish Council website.

20/21-064 Matters to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council

- Parish Council projects 2020-21
- Beneficiary for the Samuel Wordsworth bequest

20/21-065 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To confirm that the next meeting will be held on Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.30pm by telephone conference call.

Signed:

Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____