

Langsett Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Langsett Parish Council held at The Barn, Langsett on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.00pm

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

- 22/23 -098 Apologies for absence**
Apologies received from BMBC Ward Councillors.
- 22/23 -099 Declarations of interest**
None received
- 22/23 -100 Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 31st October and Monday 5th December 2022**
It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 22/23 -101 Matters arising from the previous minutes**
The Clerk will send on to Parish Councillors information relating to the elections to the Peak Park.
- 22/23 -102 Public Participation**
No items raised.
- 22/23 -103 Planning Applications received since the agenda was produced**
- Application No: NP/B/0922/1229** : Langsett Barn Car Park, Langsett
: Advertisement consent - Erection of car park entrance signage
Peak Park Planning Officer advised of an amendment to the existing application in that Yorkshire Water are proposing a new sign replacing the existing one at the entrance to the Langsett Barn car park. The Parish Council has no comments on the new signage but due to the excessive number of signs already in the car park, 43, it was suggested that if the application is approved a review of signage be a condition of approval.
- 22/23 -104 Information on previous planning applications (decisions by BMBC)**
- Under consideration:**
Application No: 2022/0981 : Aldermans Head Manor, Hartcliff Hill Road, S36 9FS : Creation of attenuated flood storage ponds and associated works
- Refused:**
2022-0342 Land off Mortimer Road, Midhopestones, S36 4GW: Outline application for erection of community facility and café
- 22/23 - 105 Items to bring to the attention of BMBC Neighbourhood Services**
Some flytipping had taken place on Sheeppouse. **Resolved:** report to BMBC if still there.
- 22/23 - 106 Roads, Transport and Parking**
It was reported that between Christmas and New Year there was again excessive parking on the A616, Old Manchester Road but especially on Gilbert Hill, where due to parked cars a farmer with livestock trailer was unable to go up Gilbert Hill and had to reverse back into traffic on the A616.
Resolved: The Clerk to advise National Highways and BMBC Highways of this situation.

- 22/23 - 107 Footpaths and Public Rights of Way Issues**
BMBC Rights of Way team had dealt with the Issue with gate on Brookhouse Lane . **Resolved:** send a note of thanks to the Rights of Way team.
- 22/23 - 108 Parish Council Newsletter**
Although no comments received by the Clerk, some residents mentioned they liked to receive the newsletter. Copies had been left in local pubs and café. The cost of printing was £85, paid by the Clerk. **Resolved:** payment of £85 for printing the newsletter was approved.
- 22/23 - 109 Digital Connectivity**
The Chairman had attended a national webinar with regard to improvement of digital connectivity, and will request a copy of the slides presented at the webinar. Each household will potentially receive an amount of money which can be used by communities to improve connectivity. **Resolved:** The Clerk will contact BMBC to speak with a digital champion for advice.
- 22/23 - 110 Parish Council Projects**
Proposed projects include:
- To improve the pond area, working with Yorkshire Water
- To consider the Gilbert Hill picnic area with a decked area and/or a viewing platform
- Investigate potential National Lottery funding for any proposed projects
Resolved: invite Yorkshire Water Ranger team to the March meeting to discuss collaboration with regard to projects.
- 22/23 - 111 Finance and Accounts**
Information was provided regarding matters having financial implications for the Council:
(a) Current bank statements noted. **Resolved:** Clerk to transfer monies into bank deposit account.
(b) Trustees of Samuel Wordsworth charity - The Clerk advised that the charity is currently updating its governance and are awaiting the Charity Commission before any payments are made from the charity.
(c) Information regarding the nationally agreed salary increase for Clerks, backdated to 1st April 2022 was received. The Local Government Association (LGA) have come to an agreement on the new pay scales for 2022-2023 to be implemented from 1st April 2022. **Resolved:** that the new pay scales, agreed by the LGA, for Local Council Clerks, and shown on the Annex from the National Association of Local Councils, be implemented at the appropriate scale for the Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.
(d) Clerks contracted hours were discussed. **Resolved:** The Clerk's contracted hours would reduce from 20 to 15 hours per month from the commencement of the Parish Council year May 2023, with any additional hours above the contracted hours agreed verbally by either Chairman or Vice-Chair, and approved at the following Parish Council meeting.
(e) Proposed Budget and Precept request. The proposed Budget and Precept request (Appendix A) was discussed at the meeting. **Resolved:** The Precept request would be for **£3,978.38**, an increase of 3% on the previous years Precept.
(f) Closure of HSBC deposit account – The Clerk advised that despite completion of closure forms which were sent to HSBC, the forms had apparently not been received and to request the balance left (which was interest) of 47p, a further set of forms would need to be completed, taken into branch together with letter to request the return of the 47p. As the Clerk has already telephone twice to HSBC, and with the requirement to fill out new forms and travel costs to branch, it was agreed that this would far exceed the 47p in question. **Resolved:** to agree to write off 47p from the HSBC account to best use the Council's monies.

(g) Information received regarding matters having financial implications for the Council and payments and note income in accordance with the Parish Council budget, as below agreed.

Bank balances as at 13th December 2022 £9,572.63

Receipts Nil

Expenditure

Clerks salary inc working from home (December 2022) As agreed

Clerks salary back dated payment to 1st April 2022 £151.65

Clerk's expenses up to 9th January 2023 £139.50

Vision ICT £292.50

22/23 -112 Parish Council elections in May 2023

The Clerk advised that Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday 4th May 2023.

22/23 -113 Items of correspondence not appearing elsewhere on the agenda

Peak Park Forum meetings dates given

22/23 -114 Any Other Business not on the Agenda

A Coronation event was proposed following the Coronation on Saturday 6th May. **Resolved:** Hold a Coronation Afternoon Tea event on Sunday 7th May 2023 in the afternoon at Langsett Barn.

22/23 -115 Matters to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council

- Coronation event

- Parish Council Insurance renewal

22/23 -116 Date and Time of next meeting

Resolved: The next meeting of Langsett Parish Council will be **Monday 13th March 2023 at 7.00pm** and will be held at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____