

Langsett Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held at The Barn, Langsett
on Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30pm

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

Public Participation

A resident referred to the circulation of a Langsett Traffic Travel Plan he had prepared and it was confirmed this had been circulated to the Parish Councillors.

19/20-143 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed: Christopher Corcoran, and Michaela Maunders (Highways England), Khalid El-Rayes and Matthew Robinson (Contractors working on behalf of Highways England) who will be taking part in the discussion under agenda items 6 and 7) .

19/20-144 Apologies for absence

None

19/20-145 Declarations of interest

None received

19/20-146 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th January 2020

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

19/20-147 Matters arising from the previous minutes

Update re footpath by Yorkshire Water plant

19/20-148 Update regarding proposed schedule of road works on the A628 for 2020-21

Christopher Corcoran, and Michaela Maunders (Highways England), Khalid El-Rayes and Matthew Robinson (Contractors working on behalf of Highways England) informed the Parish Council of planned roads works during 2020-21 which are part of the Trans Pennine upgrade scheme. Leaflets were distributed during the meeting and spare copies would be given to the Café in Langsett for any residents who had not received a copy. Due to air quality issues, especially in the Mottram area, the improvement works are now commencing earlier on Westwood Roundabout, including increasing capacity, less congestion with more lanes and improved technology to alert users of issues on the Trans Pennine route much earlier, from the M1 before they start their journey towards the Woodhead Pass, thus impacting on Langsett. The roundabout construction with an extra lane, lane gains on the A616 and signals will take approximately 6 months. Start date for the work is anticipated to be May with technology installed in the Autumn. Sign location as yet not finalised but one will be at the Flouch roundabout and others at Westwood roundabout, to encourage users to continue to M62 if hazardous conditions exist on the Flouch. There will be disruption but traffic management plans will be in place.

Cllr Hammond asked if there was a reason the snow gate was in its location on the A628 and not at the Flouch, as an earlier location would stop vehicles from starting that journey. The

reason was unclear but it is hoped the new technology would help divert traffic before they attempted to cross in dangerous conditions, using sign boards including Sheffield located ones, and using website and twitter too.

It was explained that all the plans had yet to be confirmed by the Planning Inspectorate and there were still consultation events open to the public with opportunity for comment, and more engagement events.

After the question regarding possible increase in traffic through Langsett as a result of the improvements, it was confirmed that it is anticipated there would be 0.5% increase in Eastbound traffic and 2% on westbound traffic in addition to current rises of traffic without implementation of the scheme (10% eastbound increase, 16% westbound increase).

The major project works on the A628 are planned to start 14th April with planned weekend closures from 8pm Friday to 6am Monday. It is anticipated 4 or 5 weekend closures from Flouch to Woolley Lane but will avoid Bank Holidays and school holidays.

Residents affected are being informed directly.

A further part of the scheme involves improvement of walls on the A628 and will use traffic signals, with any resurfacing work being completed overnight which would involve road closures but will mean a better road covering and hence less maintenance in future.

Cllr Taylor advised the condition of the A616 just past the Yorkshire Water Treatment plant towards Midhopstones, where the river was wearing the road. It had been noted by Highways England.

The Chairman confirmed that when a date for commencement had been given to the Parish Council it would be added to the Parish website.

Highways England confirmed that they are consulting with South Yorkshire Police regarding parking over Bank Holidays and Highways England will feedback to the Clerk regarding any ideas or proposals concerning parking issues. The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council were looking for ideas and did not want to spoil the nature of Langsett with bollards etc.

Cllr Hammond expressed concern that an area of the Flouch car park had been resurfaced to allow wheelchair access and the visitors are parking on the pavement. In addition, concern was raised over as to how people cross the A616 at that point, and it was suggested the speed limit be lowered to allow people, farmers and horse riders to safely cross the road, with additional issue of the bends which hinder visibility. It was **resolved** to invite South Yorkshire Police to a future meeting to discuss the issues regarding speed of traffic.

19/20-149 Roads and transport, including car parking issues

The Clerk noted correspondence from 2 residents – one relating to the temporary closure of Gilbert Hill to trial impact on traffic on air quality following a survey. Highways England confirmed that they were awaiting figures from Barnsley MBC. It was resolved to invite Highways England to the May meeting to provide an update in respect of the survey re number of vehicles turning right and the air quality, and any further actions. Any decision

regarding potential closure of Gilbert Hill to right turning traffic from A616 would be made jointly between BMBC and Highways England.

Further correspondence had been received from a resident regarding parked cars on Gilbert Hill, following a hill race, which made it almost impossible to use the road with a horse box, and concern that emergency services would not be able to access the road at such times.

Notification had been received that the Peak Runners event is on 28th March and organisers have asked participants to use the Flouch car park and laybys on A616, marshals in Langsett Barn car park (50% use) and the Clerk had advised Gilbert Hill is not an advised parking area and if used to leave passing spaces. Organisers can use a field offered but unlikely to use due to the wet conditions. It was suggested liaising with Yorkshire Water to use any of their land for parking for such events and it was **resolved** to put this to Yorkshire Water.

Photographs of car parking issues on Gilbert Hill and also on the A616, including parking on verges impeding visibility from the café exit and from Gilbert Hill to be sent to Highways England together with a list of issues, to be discussed at the May meeting, including discussion around yellow lining Gilbert Hill.

It was also **resolved** to invite Yorkshire Water to a future meeting to discuss their plans for the parish, the current situation regarding planning including GoApe and the Langsett Cycle Path, and the impact of roads and parking, to ask for the Flouch car park to be extended and to direct cars to the Flouch car park as first option.

It was further **resolved** to invite South Yorkshire Police to a future meeting to discuss the issue of dangerous parking.

It was also **resolved** to send a note of thanks to BMBC gritting team for their actions over the winter period.

The Chairman and Parish Councillors thanked all contributors from Highways England and their Contractors for their time in attending and for a very useful and informative discussion.

19/20-150 Response made to Planning Applications received between parish council meetings

APPLICATION NO: 2020/0105
DESCRIPTION: Proposed new section of stone track and piped culvert to cross stream
LOCATION: Langsett Woods, Langsett Reservoir, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 4AA

It was confirmed that Langsett Parish Council had no objection to the above planning application but asked for details of the arrangements for continued public access to the paths including Badger Lane which are used regularly, whilst this work is being carried out.

19/20-151 Planning Applications received since this agenda was produced

None received

19/20-152 Response to BMBC Housing Requirements study

It was **resolved** the Parish Council's reply to the housing requirements study is that it would be noted that Parish Councils were not listed as a specific stakeholder in this study even though they comment on planning applications.

19/20-153 Parish Noticeboard

It was confirmed that the Ward Alliance grant had been paid and it was **resolved** to proceed to purchase the noticeboard at a cost of £1,037.64, and to liaise regarding installation. It was also **resolved** to look at the purchase of signs (Ward Alliance, Yorkshire Water, and PDNPA) to add to the Noticeboard.

19/20-154 Items to bring to the attention of BMBC Neighbourhood Services Provision

It was **resolved** to implement a litter pick around the village and to add the details to the website and residents e-mail, and contact would be made with Peak Park Rangers for necessary equipment.

It was **resolved** to discuss the litter situation on the A616 with Toni Rossi (Highways England) at the May meeting.

19/20-155 Footpaths and Rights of Way issues

It was requested that the route of the Barnsley Boundary Walk which appears to run close to the Equitrek premises is not blocked by a fence which has been erected. As it is not clear if this is a public right of way, BMBC Rights of Way department will be contacted.

19/20-156 Correspondence received

There was no feedback from Councillors in response to any correspondence received since the previous meeting.

19/20-157 Update on outstanding matters from the Clerk

- Historical photos in Langsett Barn, invitation issued to meet on site to discuss
- Littering in A616 laybys, Flouch car park reported to BMBC
- Note of thanks to BMBC for increased emptying of bins in Langsett Barn car park
- Potholes/road surfaces at Cranberry crossroads and at Hartcliff (past Paw Hill Farm) reported

N.B. Further pot holes on Gilbert Hill, just past hairpin bend now to be reported.

19/20-158 Feedback from District Councillors.

No District Councillors were in attendance.

19/20-159 Superfast Broadband

It was **resolved** to invite SuperFast South Yorkshire to the 18th May meeting to discuss the existing voucher scheme.

19/20-160 Disciplinary and Grievance arrangements for Langsett Parish Council

It was **resolved** to adopt the updated Disciplinary and Grievance arrangements produced by the National Association of Local Councils.

19/20-161 New Yorkshire Local Councils Associations website

It was noted that the YLCA had a new website and contact details would be sent on to Councillors.

19/20-162 Insurance arrangements for Langsett Parish Council

It was **resolved** to accept the renewal quotation from Came & Co at an annual premium of £218.00 (no increase on last year).

19/20-163 Matters having financial implications for the Council

163.1 The Clerk outlined the necessary payments for approval (Appendix A) including: -

Income	Expenditure	
	Clerks salary inc working from home (February and March 2020)	as agreed
	Clerk' s expenses up to 9 th March 2020	£53.40
	Came & Co Insurance renewal 2020	£218.00
	Peak Park Parishes Forum subscription	£6.00

163.2 **Bank balances as at 29 February 2020 : D/A £8,350.26 and C/A £2,879.87**
Ward Alliance funding received £1,130.00

19/20-164 Change of May meeting date 2020

It was **resolved** to change the date of the May meeting to Monday 18th May due to possible conflict with local election date.

19/20-165 Meeting dates 2020

The proposed dates of the meetings for 2020-2021 were presented to the Parish Council for consideration at the May meeting.

19/20-166 Items of correspondence not on the agenda

A suggestion regarding possible first aid training had been raised and it was **resolved** to invite a representative from the British Red Cross to the May meeting.

19/20-167 Any Other Business

None

19/20-168 Matters to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council

- Parish Council meeting dates 2020-21

19/20-169 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To confirm that the next meeting will be the Annual Parishioners' Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of Langsett Parish Council and will be held on Monday 18th May 2020 at 7.00pm at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____