

Langsett Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held remotely (via Zoom web and conference call)
on Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.30pm

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

Public Participation

No public participation.

20/21-066 Apologies for absence

No apologies

20/21-067 Declarations of interest

None received

20/21-068 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th September 2020

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

20/21-069 Matters arising from the previous minutes

The Clerk informed the meeting that another area of Himalayan Balsam discussed at last meeting at the Brookhouse Bridge area, has now been reported to Yorkshire Water who will look at the area. Cllr Brailsford reported another area at Midhopstones by the reservoir side, which will also be reported.

20/21-070 Planning Applications received since this agenda was produced

Application 2020/1235 *Nether House Farm, Nether House Lane, Langsett, S36 9FL*
Modifications to 2 no. existing agricultural sheds and extension to form 1 no. agricultural shed – The Parish Council had no comment on the application

20/21-071 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 No: 2020/1093 *Nether House Farm Nether House Lane Langsett S36 9FL*
Erection of first floor side extension to dwelling - **no comment**

20/21-072 To receive information on approved/declined planning applications

App 2020/0721 *Equi Trek Ltd, Manchester Road, Midhopstones, Barnsley, S36 4GS*
Display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signage – approved with condition regarding illumination and use of baffles.

Cllr Barnes requested an update regarding :

Application : 2020/0437 *Montgomery House, Sheepphouse Wood, Stocksbridge, S36 4GS*
Formation of two separate storage/parking areas (no comment by the Parish Council) .

Any update information will be sent on to Councillors.

20/21-073 Footpaths and Rights of Way issues

The Clerk informed the Council that the footpath requiring bridge repair, an unmarked footpath near Field House Farm, Langsett was being dealt with by BMBC Footpaths team. As no further information regarding the current situation had been received, Cllr Hammond will contact the resident and if contact had not been made by BMBC, will inform the Clerk.

The Clerk confirmed that Yorkshire Water had been alerted to the issue that bicycles can be put over the low wall of the closed section of the Little Don Trail, which was to deter walking close to the A616. Yorkshire Water are looking at further signage and the Rangers will regularly check the fencing for any damage. As no timescale for start of the works was known it was **resolved** to request further details.

The Clerk confirmed attendance at the Public Rights of Way webinar organised by YLCA.

Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding a bench on the top bridle path of Langsett Reservoir, which has a poem engraved into it. The bench was rotten and the resident contacted Peak District National Park Authority but as they will not be replacing it, requested if the Parish Council could discuss. It was **resolved** to ask PDNPA what their policy is for the other wooden benches if they become in a dangerous condition and also ascertain the whereabouts of the rotten bench as it appears to have been removed.

20/21-074 Roads and transport, including car parking issues

The Parish Council had been contacted by a resident regarding parking issues in Langsett, especially at weekends, which was discussed.

After discussion regarding current issues it was **resolved** to write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Yorkshire Water, Highways England and Peak District National Park Authority to raise the issues regarding parking on Gilbert Hill, and the A616, when the car parks are full, with the suggestion of installation of yellow lines.

The Clerk shared a report she had produced with replies received regarding parking and speed camera information, which was reviewed by the Parish Council.

It was noted that new lockable barriers had been installed on both car parks and it was **resolved** to ask Yorkshire Water if they planned to lock the barriers at some point.

Cllr Barnes raised concern that the issues also affect other areas of the Parish including Mortimer Road as members of the public, motorists in particular, are showing little respect for other people or property, demonstrated by the fact that motorists frequently damage walls on Mortimer Road but fail to report the damage.

20/21-075 Air Quality in Langsett

The Clerk shared a report she had produced of information received regarding air quality sent by Mr Chris Shields of BMBC, which was reviewed by the Parish Council.

It was noted that there had been a decline in pollution, partially due to an increase in less polluting heavy good vehicles. However, monitoring will continue. For information, charts had been shared showing the comparison between 2019 and 2020, and the reduction in levels. It is therefore noted that the possible closure of Gilbert Hill, or a ban for right hand turn will not be considered. Various interventions have been considered but are unworkable at Langsett. Any suggestions from the Parish Council would be considered by the agencies involved.

It was **resolved** to put the report regarding parking, speed cameras and air quality on the Parish website.

20/21-076 BMBC Neighbourhood Services

The Clerk confirmed that fly tipping on Browns Edge Lane had been reported but Cllr Taylor stated it was still there (3 lorry tyres and wheel parts) , the Clerk will report again and Cllr Taylor will review early December.

20/21-077 Communications within the Parish including Parish Noticeboard

Confirmation had been received that the noticeboard will be delivered shortly, and will be installed as agreed.

20/21-078 Information from Peak District National Park Authority

The request received from the PDNPA to include information from them in the Parish Newsletter and it was **resolved** to do so without cost.

20/21-079 Proposed Projects for consideration by the Parish Council

Discussion took place around various potential projects which the Parish Council could be involved with, including spring / summer planting in Langsett village, planting bulbs in the trough in the village, and hanging baskets. Cllr Taylor will find out ownership of the trough. The Clerk will find out the cost of hanging baskets, which could be sponsored by residents and companies, an advertisement could be added to the Newsletter. First Aid training could be a future project when restrictions lifted. It was **resolved** to add this item to the next agenda.

20/21-080 New Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils

To note no comments were sent to the YLCA in response to the New Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils Consultation.

20/21-081 Feedback from District Councillors

None in attendance

20/21-082 Actions required in relation the COVID-19 19 pandemic

Discussions took place regarding any actions required in view of the current lockdown situation and it was **resolved** that if Councillors were aware of any need, to contact the Clerk in confidence with details of the issues or needs.

20/21-083 Matters having financial implications for the Council

83.1 The Clerk outlined the necessary payments for approval including

Income	<i>Interest</i>	<i>£0.21</i>
	<i>Charity of Samuel Wordsworth</i>	<i>£19.00</i>

Expenditure

Clerk's salary (October & November 2020) inc back dated increase	as agreed
Clerk's expenses	£7.20
YLCA Public Rights of Way webinar (half share of cost)	£7.50

Bank balances as at 1st October 2020 : (a) £8,358.53 (b) £3,989.22

83.2 Financial report of Langsett Parish Council as at November 2020 based on current years income and expenditure (*Appendix B*)

The Clerk had circulated the Financial Report (*Appendix B*) and explained that some of the projected overspend was partly due to payment of Japanese Knotweed treatment and salary increase.

83.3 Allocation of bequest received from the Charity of Samuel Wordsworth

It was **resolved** to send a cheque for £19 (the bequest from the Charity of Samuel Wordsworth) to Mr Neil Turner for his newly born son.

20/21-084 Items of correspondence not on the agenda

A survey from the PDNPA "Listening to Young People in the Peak District National Park" had been received and it was **resolved** the Clerk and Councillors could take the survey if possible.

20/21-085 Any Other Business

Cllr Barnes raised concern that the pothole at Cranberry crossroads had not been repaired and was about 6" deep. It was **resolved** to report to BMBC Highways dept. A new farm shop had recently opened at the crossroads.

20/21-086 Matters to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Parish Council

- Parish Council projects 2021

20/21-087 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To confirm that the next meeting will be held on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom web/telephone conference call.

Signed:

Chair _____ Clerk _____ Date _____