

## Langsett Parish Council

### Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Langsett Parish Council at Langsett Barn, Langsett on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.00pm

*Langsett Parish Council Standing Orders 2020 paragraph 6 sub-section (a)*

**Present:** Cllr Horner (Chair), Cllr Taylor, Cllr Barnes, Cllr Furniss, Cllr Hammond, 4 residents and A Sturdy (Clerk)

---

- 22/23Feb EM1**      **Apologies for absence**  
No apologies received
- 22/23Feb EM2**      **Declaration of Interest**  
No declarations of interest.
- 22/23Feb EM3**      **Resolved:** to open Agenda Item 4 to participation by members of the public in attendance.
- 22/23Feb EM4**      **Draft proposals from BMBC regarding Gilbert Hill, Langsett**  
Langsett Parish Council had received an initial consultation from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC) regarding proposals relating to Gilbert Hill, Langsett.  
The draft proposal was:  
*To make Gilbert Hill a 'One Way' road, for southerly traffic only, install waiting restrictions at the junction of the A616 and further along Gilbert Hill, and create a designated parking area (bay) to one side of the road.*  
*The 'One Way' section of road will extend south from a point close to the junction with Fullshaw Lane, and in generally southerly direction through a section of bends and a sloping section of road with a blind summit, before reaching the A616, a distance of 575 metres.*  
*Due to the unsuitability of both Fullshaw Lane and Gilbert Hill for large two-way traffic, and for large/long vehicles to negotiate the bends, additional signage will be installed to warn of the unsuitability of the road to large/long vehicles.*

There was agreement that action was required to deter inconsiderate parking on Gilbert Hill but it was felt that the most appropriate course of action was NOT to make Gilbert Hill one-way traffic but to put in parking restrictions (double yellow lines) along the length of Gilbert Hill from the top just past Hoodlands Farm campsite down to the A616.

It was felt that closing the access to Gilbert Hill from the A616 would be detrimental to local farmers who take tractors on Gilbert Hill rather than the A616 to the Flouch roundabout and then eastbound on the A628. Taking this route allows very slow farm vehicles to move between farms and fields, without slowing the traffic on the A616.

There was concern that emergency vehicles would have to take the longer route via the A616/A628 between Langsett and Penistone/Barnsley thus adding vital minutes to the journey.

There was a perceived danger that if Gilbert Hill was made into a one way highway, knowing they would not meet any traffic on the bends would potentially encourage drivers to take risks on Gilbert Hill or drive above the speed for the condition of the road. There would be a potential for vehicles to take the bends too fast and clear the wall, ending in the fields below, as there is no barrier on the bend.

Residents commuting via Gilbert Hill would be adversely affected by the proposals, which have resulted from the inconsiderate actions of **visitors** to Langsett.

There was also concern that Heavy Goods Vehicles continue to use Gilbert Hill in both directions and it was agreed that the suggestion of weight limit signs should be adopted on Gilbert Hill and Fullshaw Lane in any event.

There was uncertainty regarding the need for a layby and clarity regarding this to be sought when replying to BMBC.

It was also noted that Old Manchester Road experiences the same issues and would benefit from the introduce of double yellow lines.

Residents requested a pelican crossing near the Flouch car park and in Langsett Village. Action must be taken to stop motorists from parking on the verges of the A616 which fall under the National Highways responsibility. Cllr Furniss briefly referred to plans in the consultation stage by BMBC/National Highways/Yorkshire Water to look at footpaths in this area.

The speed of the A616 was also referred to and that the Parish Council **again** request a reduction in speeds from 50 to 40mph and from 40 to 30mph in the relevant sections of the road.

It was noted that any of the actions of BMBC Highways **MUST** be in collaboration with National Highways and South Yorkshire Police.

**Actions from the meeting:**

Cllrs would talk with residents and farmers over the next few days to gauge their views of the proposals.

The Parish Council will let residents know when the Public Consultation is open. The Parish Council will ask BMBC Highways to attend a Parish Council meeting.

**Summary of reply to BMBC (unless amended as per above)**

The Parish Council would ask BMBC Planning dept to consider **amending** the proposals from an implementation of a one-way system for Gilbert Hill to **implement a Traffic Regulation Order in the form of double yellow lines along the length of Gilbert Hill.**

To deter Heavy Goods Vehicles using Fullshaw Lane and Gilbert Hill by use of appropriate signage.

To emphasise the need for stakeholders - BMBC Highways and National Highways together with South Yorkshire Police - to work in collaboration with any proposals as any changes will affect surrounding road networks, and may have a detrimental effect to neighbouring roads and locations.

**22/23Feb EM5**

**Date of next meeting** - The date of the next meeting will be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at the Barn, Langsett at 7.00pm

Signed:

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_