

Langsett Parish Council

Parish Newsletter

Summer 2019

Langsett has a Defibrillator !!!!



Hopefully by now everyone will have seen the new **defibrillator** in Langsett parish !! If not please pop round and have a look - it is located on lamp post number 3 in Langsett Village close to the Waggon & Horses.

- Thermostatically controlled heating system ensures the defibrillator is always in its working temperature range.
- Internal lighting that activates on a motion sensor in darkness to ensure the defibrillator can be seen
- The light can also act as a torch - it is battery powered and magnetic so can be removed

Thanks to the Streetlighting team from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council with their assistance installing the defibrillator.

Although no training is needed to use the defibrillator as the code to enter the cabinet is provided on the 999 call, and the unit will instruct the user step by step, the Parish Council are working with local residents to look at **First Aid training**, especially focusing on outlying areas of the parish including farms. More information on this will be provided as this initiative proceeds.

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Parish Council Meetings

Parish council meetings (open to the public to attend) are publicised on the **notice board and website** (www.langsettparishcouncil.org.uk)
The meetings for 2019 will take place at Langsett Barn, usually from 7.30pm, on

8th July, 9th September & 11th November

There is a 10 minute adjournment for public participation at the start of each meeting and everyone is welcome to come along and speak to the Councillors or raise any concerns that they have with regards to the Parish.

What are Parish Councils?

Parish Councils are the first tier of local government, consisting of parish residents who are volunteers, unpaid for the work they do, supporting their community.

Parish Councils provide a focus for local activity in their communities, encouraging local people to make their views known, particularly on issues about maintaining the character of the local area. A key role, then, of Parish Councils is to express those views to other public bodies, such as Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, particularly on planning applications and other environmental or quality of life concerns.

Your Councillors

Do you know who your Parish Councillors are? Below is a list of Parish Councillors representing Langsett.

Cllr Adrian James (Chair) Cllr John Key (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Lynn Hammond Cllr Linda Taylor

Interested in becoming a Councillor?

The Council currently has a vacancy for a co-opted member, and would like to fill this as soon as possible. **If you are interested** in joining the Parish Council, please **contact the Clerk for further details** before **31st July** and send in a brief letter formally registering interest together with a brief summary of what you could bring to the role of Parish Councillor.

Chairman's Annual Report April 2018-19

The Parish Council has continued its pattern of bi-monthly meetings but also had an extraordinary meeting in early 2019, as a consequence of a number of extra demands being made on its time. These revolved in particular around concerns about extensive roadworks being undertaken by Highways England (HE) and related agencies on the A628; about the growing problem of parking in and around Langsett; about the likely impact on parking of proposals by Yorkshire Water to increase the number of visitors to the area; and about the continued lack of action by BMBC and HE to resolve the air quality management issues in Langsett. The Parish Council is continuing its efforts to achieve a constructive engagement with these agencies in order to address these issues and to ensure that, in future, it is consulted well in advance about any similar developments.

The Council records with regret the resignation of Mrs Steph Tolson as Clerk to the Council and RFO in May 2018 and acknowledges the very real contribution she made to its work during her tenure. We have, however, been very fortunate to appoint as her successor Mrs Avril Sturdy, who is also Clerk to Thurgoland Parish Council. It is thanks to the hard work of both that the work and procedures of the Council have again been carefully scrutinised in the annual internal audit by Diane Brown, the Council's Internal Auditor, who concluded that "Langsett Parish Council continues to be a well-run Council", enabling her to sign her Annual Return without qualification. The auditor made several recommendations, which will be considered in the near future. The precept request for 2019-20 was reviewed and was raised by £35 to £3535 in order to cover small increases in standard costs.

The Council records with regret the decision of Councillor Stephen Sedgewick not to stand again in the Council elections that took place in May 2019 and wishes to thank him for his contribution while he was a member of the Council. There was no call for an election for a replacement and as a result the Council has sought expressions of interest from those who would be willing to be co-opted with a view to making a selection in the near future.

After sustained hard work by the Clerk, it is a pleasure to be able to record that a defibrillator has been purchased and installed in Langsett and that consideration is being given to mounting local first-aid training. Discussions are also continuing about how to improve communications between the Council and residents, including resiting the Parish Council notice-board when an appropriate location has been identified and approved by the local planning authority.

Councillor Adrian James, Chair,
Langsett Parish Council

20 May, 2019

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Noticeboard The Parish Council have been looking at the possibility of relocating the Parish Noticeboard, which is currently by the bus stop, up from Bank View Cafe. Discussions are underway to find a new location which is easier for everyone to access. One possible location is the area opposite the toilets at Langsett Barn, where there is an area of shrubbery. Please let us know what you think !!

Dog Bins Yorkshire Water will now empty the dog bins on a twice weekly basis rather than once a week and there will be 2 new bins around the car park.

Streetlights Thank you to BMBC for the new LED lights and for adding baffles to one streetlight to direct the light away from windows !!

Parish Council Communications

Please help us to make sure you receive information from the Parish Council

The Parish Council is asking for your feedback. We would like to hear from you to help us to get parish information to you.

We add important information on the Parish website and on the Noticeboard (currently located close to the bus stop by Bank View Café), but the easiest, quickest and most cost-effective way would be to send parish information and newsletters out via e-mail but we would **need your express permission to do this**.

If you are happy for general information and any future newsletters to be sent out to you on e-mail, could you **supply your email address to the Parish Clerk**, at the address below with a note on your email to confirm that you are happy for us to contact you in relation to Parish updates.

Langsett Parish Council have a Data Protection Policy in place and assure you that we will **NOT** use your email address for any other reason than to contact you regarding Parish news.

If you need to discuss this matter, please contact the Parish Clerk on the telephone number or email address below.

If you have any ideas for future content or improvement, or would like to receive parish information including any newsletters by email, please contact the Clerk, Avril Sturdy, below
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