**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 13th August 2014**

Present: Cllr Adrian James (Chair), Cllr John Key (Vice Chair), Cllr Lynn Hammond, Cllr Sally Howe, Cllr Linda Taylor, Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk & RFO).

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**Public Participation**

None.

1. **Apologies**

None.

**2. To receive any declarations of interest**

None.

It was noted that the Chair is no longer a Trustee of CPRE and therefore will no longer declare an interest when CPRE is on the agenda.

1. **Minutes – 18th June 2014**

No amendments required.

***Resolved that the minutes be approved.***

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. The Vice Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Vice Chair as it was not signed at the June meeting.
   2. The Council discussed the siting of boundary stones on the Little Don Trail. It was noted that a location for a bench would be decided when the Trail has been built.

***Resolved that the Clerk inform Mike Gibson of locations close to the Parish Boundaries.***

* 1. The Clerk confirmed the reply from J Openshaw regarding VAT reclaimed on Ward Alliance Grants. This should be spent improving the community or its environment.
  2. It was confirmed that the speed signs at Fullshaw Cross are now working.
  3. The end of project completion form for the bunting project has been completed.

***Resolved that the Clerk return the £290.96 underspend.***

* 1. The trees on Mortimer Road were discussed.

***Resolved that the Clerk contact Neighbourhood Pride again.***

* 1. The website statistics are now being received monthly, and these were discussed.

**5.** **Planning Matters**

5.1 2014/0679 – erection of a temporary dwelling at Alderman’s Head.

***It was resolved that the Clerk submit the following observations;***

That the development is in the Green Belt, that the size and specification of the Caravan is not clear, that this application may be a precursor to an application for permanent accommodation, that there are issues over the maintenance of the site access with it being Public Bridleway and a private access road and concerns over the viability and permanency of the development.

**6.Financial Matters**

**6.1** The Clerk outlined the necessary payments for approval prior to the next business meeting including:-

* Clerk’s Monthly Salary - £163.45
* BMBC Ward Alliance repayment - £290.96
* The External Auditors have requested further information prior to completing the audit for the Year ending 3/2014. They requested further explanation of the increase in Staff Costs over the previous year, and an explanation of how the reserves will be spent. The Clerk has replied.
* ***Resolved that all payments be approved.***

**7**. **Correspondence Received**.

**7.1** The Council went through the correspondence list and several items were noted.

**7.2** Correspondence from C Scott was discussed regarding Ragwort growing on Gilbert Hill and the general state of the overgrowth around the picnic site.

***Resolved that quotes are obtained to get the Ragwort removed and the area strimmed twice per year in May and August. The Clerk will obtain a quote from BMBC and Cllr Key will also obtain a quote.***

**7.3** A consultation on proposed public bridleway dedications was noted. The Clerk is to inform BMBC of a “bridleway” sign that needs replacing on Browns Edge Lane.

**7.4** Correspondence from Anne Robinson re funding to improve trunk roads in National Parks was discussed.

***It was resolved that the Chair replies to A Robinsons suggestions with the following:***

Support the proposal to reduce the speed limit on the A628 to 40mph and the use of average speed cameras. Also to suggest double white lines.

To not support the suggestion of reducing the limit through Langsett to 20mph as there is concern that this would cause bunching of traffic and make the road harder to cross. It will be suggested that the 40mph limit is extended from the village to the Flouch.

To support the suggestion of a separate cycle track along the route.

To support landscaping and screening of the A628 lay-by.

To support the maintenance of the historic stone work along the route.

To gain clarification of replanting conifers around the Flouch and also to suggest speed calming measures on the downhill stretch towards the Flouch.

To suggest improving the visibility at the Midhopestones crossroads on the A616.

**8**. **Councillors’ Report**

No District Councillors were in attendance.

**9.** **General Parish Council Business**

**9.1TDF Sub Committee update**

Councillor Howe gave an update.

The TDF event was discussed and it was noted how well the weekend went. There was no known damage, litter or bad behaviour. It was discussed how great it had been for Yorkshire.

The Council gave a vote of thanks to Sally for all her hard work, and it was suggested that the Parish Council thank all the volunteers that had contributed to the Langsett TDF events that had taken place over the preceding months. The Clerk will put a thank you message on the website. Councillor Howe will provide addresses where possible for volunteers to be thanked.

It was noted that the bunting had been removed quite quickly after the event. This was done by someone from BMBC that had been in contact with Councillor Howe, and it had been suggested that the bunting is sewn into cushions. Councillor Howe will check up on this, and if this is not being done, she will request the bunting is returned.

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1**It was reported that the bracken on Yorkshire Water land is stopping the bilberries growing. Councillor Howe reported that previously Gordon Danks had offered to spray the bracken.

***Resolved that the Clerk and Councillor Howe liaise with G Danks about this being done.***

**10.2** The Chair suggested that meetings are held bi-monthly now that the TDF is over. This was agreed.

**10.3** It was agreed to change the proposed date of the December meeting to the 3rd due to a clash with another local event.

**11. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**11.1** Wednesday 15th October 2014 at 7.30pm at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

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