**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 2nd December 2015**

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

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**Public Participation**

None.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Key.

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

None.

1. **Minutes – 16th September 2015**

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

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. It was noted that there is still water at Cranberry Crossroads, and that this will turn to ice as the colder weather takes hold.

***Resolved that the Clerk will contact BMBC to see what is being/has been done about it.***

* 1. It was noted that the flytipping on Hartcliff Hill had been removed, but that more has appeared.

***Resolved that the Clerk will report.***

* 1. Following the discussion at the previous meeting about Chapel Lane speeding and road surface, it was noted that the lane will remain closed until the end of December.
  2. It was noted that the shipping container nr Fullshaw Cross is still there, even though the Parish Council had been informed that its removal had been requested.

*Resolved that the Clerk will enquire with BMBC.*

* 1. The Clerk requested permission from the Highways Agency for the Parish Council to install signs in the lay-by’s on the A628 and A616. They replied that in principal they have no objection to the proposal, but there is an issue regarding the type and siting of the signs and their continued maintenance. They explained this could be dealt with via an agreement under the highways Act. To proceed the Parish Council will need to provide full details of the proposal to Highways England via Tim Calvert, including diagrams, wording of the signs, site maps and how they would be installed.

*Resolved that the Clerk will contact BMBC to see if they have any signs that they can install and find out the cost. If not, signs can be purchased and installed separately. The Clerk will obtain prices for some signs. It was agreed that 6 signs would be required, 2 for each lay-by.*

* 1. *Regarding the litter, it was noted that a lot of it was McDonalds packaging, seemingly discarded from vehicles as they pass through. It is assumed that this is from the McDonalds at the beginning of the Stocksbridge By-pass near J36 of the M1*

*Resolved that the Clerk contact McDonalds to see if they have a policy for clearing rubbish.*

* 1. The Clerk reported the state of the Flouch Roundabout to Highways England. Highways England has replied that there is no requirement for them to carry out amenity works to the roundabout to enhance its appearance. They only deal with safety or visibility issues under their general maintenance of roundabouts. However, as the Clerk has reported Ragwort on the roundabout they agreed to remove some of the Ragwort in the near future. Councillors reported that they had seen this work being carried out. The Chair suggested that the Parish Council sponsor the roundabout and take over its maintenance.

*Resolved that the Clerk contact Highways England and make the suggestion of the Parish Council landscaping the roundabout and maintaining it.*

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

5.1 There were two new planning applications.

* 2015/1104 –Sheephouse Heights – container – Now refused due to the impact upon visual amenity and openness of the Green Belt. The Clerk had submitted the Parish Councils comments prior to the meeting.
* NP/S/1115/1109 – Yorkshire Water Services – Satellite Dish on Valve Tower. There were no objections. The Clerk will thank the PDNPA for consulting with the PC.
* Update on application statuses:
* 2015/0709 – Caravan at Alderman’s Head – Refused.
* 6*.* Financial Matters

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

* Clerk’s Monthly Salary - £173.84
* Clerks expenses – Printer Ink, Mileage, backdated pay - £51.30

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* **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** Mayors Carol Service 17th December – No councillors are available. The Clerk will reply to the invite.

**7.3 Local Plan Additional Consultation – This** was discussed. It was noted that the Parish Councils concerns still stand regarding the infrastructure in Penistone for accommodating the proposed housing in the Local Plan. The new policy on Areas of Search for Wind Turbines was also discussed. The concerns of the Upper Don Action Group and resident Mr Grooby were noted. The Council agreed that they do not want to see a proliferation of turbines at Sheephouse Heights/Hunshelf Bank, but that they would comment on individual planning applications on a case by case basis.

**Resolved that the Clerk respond to the consultation reiterating the comments made on the previous draft plan, and also send feedback on the Wind Turbine policy.**

**8**. **Councillors’ Report**

8.1 No borough Councillors were in attendance.

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

**9.1Gilbert Hill Picnic Site**

BMBC have given permission for the Parish Council to remove/cut back the trees discussed at the site meeting. It was also agreed to place the spare seat at Gilbert Hill on the corner near the bin.

***Resolved that quotes are obtained to cut back the trees and install the seat. The Clerk will contact BMBC/local tree surgeon. Councillor Hammond will contact her tree surgeon to see if he would provide a quote. The Chair stated that he would meet with the contractor at the site to show them the work required.***

9.2 **Ward Alliance Update**

The Chair updated Councillors on discussions at the Ward Alliance meeting regarding Superfast Broadband coming to rural South Yorkshire. There is now a possibility that this will include Langsett.

The Penistone Clean and Tidy project was discussed. This was due to start in December. They have confirmed that litter picking will happen regularly in the lay-by’s, and that they are also working on the other ideas that the PC have submitted to them.

He reported that the WA will be distributing a bi-annual magazine. If we know of events or news, then please pass this information on the J Openshaw.

It was discussed that it would be useful to have a list of email addresses of Parishioners. It was agreed to send a letter to all residents in January asking for email addresses so that residents can be notified of Parish News when required.

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1 *Confidential Matters***

The Chair read out his report from the Clerks appraisal. It was agreed that an appraisal would take place every two years going forward.

The annual increment of 1 salary scale point for the Clerk was agreed.

**10.2** The date for the next meeting was discussed. It was agreed to alter the date to the 3rd February.

***Resolved that the Clerk confirm with the PDNPA.***

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

**11.1** Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 7.30pm at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

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