**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 4th February 2015**

Present: Cllr Adrian James (Chair), Cllr John Key, (Vice Chair), Cllr Sally Howe, Cllr Lynn Hammond, 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.

1. **Minutes – 3rd December 2014**

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

1. **Matters Arising**
	1. The PDNPA have confirmed that the proposed fixings for the wall hanging are acceptable. Cllr Howe stated that she will speak to Helen Harrison about doing the Wall Hanging in the Spring/summer. Having a plaque to attach to the wall hanging was suggested. It was agreed that this was a good idea and could be paid for with the remaining grant funding.
	2. The new Parish Council email address was agreed. It is clerk@langsettparishcouncil.org.uk. The email address belongs to the Parish Council and not the Clerk, and can be set up easily for any future Clerks use.

***Resolved that the Clerk inform all contacts of the new address.***

* 1. The Clerk submitted the Parish Council’s comments on the Draft Local Plan to BMBC.
	2. The Clerk replied to Wentworth Residents Association re a speed watch scheme. They have now forwarded all responses to SY Police and Crime Commissioner, and are hoping that a meeting will be set up for interested Parish Councils.
	3. The Clerk replied to John Openshaw regarding the Clean & Green Project proposal. The project is still in the planning stage, and they will firstly be looking at the current provision of Neighbourhood Pride. Thereafter they will look to Parish Councils to help design the services to offer and help pull a plan together.
	4. Regarding Air Quality issues in Langsett, Chris Shields has confirmed that he is consulting with his colleagues in the Highways Department about the removal of the Gilbert Hill right hand turn.
	5. The Clerk contacted the PDNPA regarding the Hordron Sheepfold. They have confirmed that they will look into the query and get back to the Parish Council in due course.

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

5.1 2014/0983 – The Bungalow, Fullshaw Cross – agricultural building. This application has been refused. The Clerk read out the Local authority reasons for refusal at the meeting.

5.2 2013/0206 – Mossley House farm Wind Turbine - The planning department have provided an explanation of why this application has not yet been decided, and it was noted that a refusal was likely.

**6.Financial Matters**

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

* Clerk’s Monthly Salary - £170.21
* Came & Co Insurance - £159.00
* ***Resolved that all payments be approved.***
* It was agreed to renew the Parish Council insurance policy.
* The Clerk informed the Council that the remains of the unspent bunting grant are to be used towards future project, and that BMBC will not be cashing the cheque that was sent to them.
* The Precept for 2015/16 was discussed. The Clerk circulated a budget report for 2015/16 based on this year’s spending in conjunction with forecasted payments. The Clerk also circulated a variance report showing last year’s budget against actual spend. All items on the budget were agreed with the exception of the Newsletter printing as it is thought that a newsletter will not be required when the website is up and running. It was noted that the website maintenance is an additional budget cost in 2014. The setting of the precept took into account the forecast spend and inflation, and factors such as the Local Council Tax support Grant and the possibility of future precept capping.

***Resolved to set a Precept of £3341, which is the same as last year. This will also be the budget for the year. This equates to an annual reduction of £1.77 per Band D property.***

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

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

**7.2** Information received about the Dial a Ride service was discussed, and it was agreed to put this on the website.

**7.3** The Clerk informed the Council about the upcoming elections and explained the nomination process. The nomination forms will be available from the 23rd March, and the deadline for submitting the applications is 4pm on the 9th April. There is a meeting for prospective Parish Council candidates about the nomination process and Parish Council elections on Tuesday 17th February 5.15pm at the Town Hall, Barnsley.

**8**. **Councillors’ Report**

 No District Councillors were in attendance.

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

**9.1Gilbert Hill Picnic Site**

Councillor Key stated that he had emailed a quote to maintain the picnic site but the Clerk had not received it. He will resend the quote.

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1**The Chair spoke about a private gritting service that he had seen some information about. The Councillors discussed the gritting service received this winter.

***It was resolved not to pursue the idea****.*

**10.2** Councillor Key stated that he had paid a contractor to cut back the hedges on Mortimer Road as Neighbourhood Pride had still not done it, and the road had become quite dangerous.

**Resolved that the Clerk complain to Neighbourhood Pride, and Councillor Key will also complain and send them his invoice.**

**10.3** Councillor Hammond reported that the Cranberry crossroads had become very dangerous as there appears to be water running across the road at this point which is turning rapidly to ice.

***Resolved that the Clerk report this to BMBC.***

**10.4** Councillor Taylor reported that there are still no bridleway signs on Browns Edge Lane and that many 4 wheel off road vehicles have been driving on it.

***Resolved that the Clerk report to Sarah Ford.***

**10.5** A discussion took place regarding Penistone Police Station as there had been rumours that the station was closing. This is not the case; however there is no reception desk there.

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

**11.1** Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 7.30pm at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

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