**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 15th January 2014**

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

In attendance: No-one.

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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 – 9th December 2013**

It was resolved that the minutes be approved.

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. The derelict PortaKabin on the A628 was discussed. It was removed in December, and BMBC have cleared up the site and the fly tipping.

***Resolved that the Clerk enquire about getting a litter bin in the lay-by.***

* 1. Barn Hire bookings were discussed and it was agreed that going forward the Parish Council would book three meetings at a time with a prepayment of £45.

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

5.1 2013/0784 Turbine at Sheephouse Heights – this will not be going before the planning board in January.

5.2 2013/0206 Turbine at Mossley House Farm - this will not be going before the planning board in January.

**6.Financial Matters**

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

* Barn Hire for next 3 meetings - £45.00
* Clerk’s Salary and Expenses - £146.09
* ***Resolved that all payments be approved.***

**6.2** The dates for the next three meetings were discussed and set as 19th February, 2nd April and 14th May. The May meeting will be the Annual Assembly of the Parish followed by the Annual Meeting.

**6.3** The Precept for 2014/15 was discussed. The Clerk circulated a budget report for 2014/15 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 the precept at the budgeted figure of £3341. This is a £69 increase over last year. This equates to an annual increase of 72p per band D property. The Clerk will inform BMBC.***

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

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

In particular the response from Chris Shields re Air Quality was noted. He has reported that he is still awaiting a full response from the Highways Agency re certain issues, and that the delay is due to staffing changes within the HA.

Meetings that were noted were the TDF Road show, of which the details are to be forwarded again to Councillor Howe. The TDF meeting at Penistone was noted as was the Western Area Rural Transport Partnership meeting.

**8**. **Councillors’ Report**

None.

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

**9.1TDF Sub Committee update**

Councillor Howe gave an update. She reported on the TDF meeting that she had attended in Penistone hosted by John Openshaw.

It is expected that 40 to 50 thousand spectators will converge on the Langsett area. BMBC staff spoke about the logistics of the event. They will be providing lots of toilets and litter bins. There will be road closures on the A616 and A628 but at this time the detailed plans are not yet finalised. It is possible that the road closures may come in to affect on the Saturday night but Barnsley Council are working with the Highways Agency to confirm the details. BMBC are also working with them to determine how residents and those who need to go to work will be allowed access during the road closure periods, this is expected to be done via resident passes. It is expected that residents will be informed of the road closures via a letter sent with their Council tax bill. Ancillary roads which lead to the race route will also be closed at the same time.

It is also planned that the A628 (Millhouse to Flouch) and the A616   
Whams Road and Lee Lane will become a temporary a one-way system in   
order to increase the volume of traffic that can be handled.  
Penistone showground has been earmarked as a campsite and Park-and-Ride facilities are being discussed with the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive. It is thought that the Park and Ride will drop off at the Flouch. Councillor Howe will query whether there will be other drop off locations to prevent a bottleneck of spectators in the Flouch area.

BMBC are keen for locals to volunteer land for campsites, parking and pushbike parking and to set up food outlets.

The TDF will pass through Langsett on the 6th July at about 3pm. It will be preceded by a 4 hour convoy.

**9.2** **Website Commissioning**

The Clerk reported that she had not been able to get hold of ParishCouncil.net since the last meeting and that they have not replied to numerous emails, telephone calls or voicemails. The Clerk has enquired with Thurgoland Parish Council as ParishCouncil.net also wrote their website. Thurgoland PC has confirmed that they have been having difficulties with the company also and currently cannot get hold of them. They reported that there are internal problems in ParishCouncil.net.

***It was resolved to find a new supplier to develop a website. The Clerk will inform Parishcouncil.net that Langsett PC are cancelling the commissioning of a website through them.***

The Clerk reported that she has investigated the alternative suppliers that the PC originally got quotes from, and has received new quotes from Vision ICT. Two quotes at £225 and £400 were discussed for a fixed 7 page site or a 2 section unlimited page site. The Clerk also confirmed that she had enquired with Silkstone Parish Council (which has a Vision ICT website) about the company, and the reply was very positive in all respects.

***It was resolved to choose Vision ICT as the new website supplier and accept the £400 quote with ongoing annual costs of £200. The Clerk will contact them as soon as possible. As soon as the website name is confirmed it will be passed on to Councillors.***

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1**Councillor Hammond raised the issue of the faulty speed camera on the A616.

***Resolved that the Clerk request an update from the Highways Agency.***

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

**11.1** Wednesday 19th February 2014 at 7.30pm at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

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