**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 7th March 2018**

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

In attendance: Stephen Miller (BMBC), Caroline L’Amie, Steve Sedgwick, Carol and Kenneth Scott (Residents).

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**Public Participation**

None.

1. **Apologies**

None

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

 None.

1. **Guest**

Stephen Miller spoke to the Council about the Penistone Area Team and the work that they do in the community. Their main two projects being the Age UK Social Inclusion project and the TWIGS project (The new contractor for the Clean and Tidy project).

He spoke about the devolved budget and the ward alliance match funded grants available.

The Council spoke about possible works for the TWIGS team being litter picking in the lay-bys, tidying the grass verge through the centre of the village and a footpath up past Flouch Engineering.

**4. Minutes – 17th January 2018**

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

**5. Matters Arising**

5.1 The Clerk contacted BMBC highways regarding the sign on Hartcliffe Hill and requested that one is installed in the other direction of travel. BMBC have informed the Clerk that the sign that has been installed was justified as there are long straights on the approach and it is downhill, however this is not the case uphill, where drivers have travelled through a series of bends before meeting this bad bend, accordingly BMBC do not consider that a warning sign is necessary and state that warning signs have to be used sparingly to be effective. The warning sign that has been installed is as prescribed by the highway code, and therefore our request for a “dangerous bend” sign is not prescribed by the department of transport. The Councillors discussed that it is still dangerous on the uphill side as cars are driving in the middle of the road to negotiate the bend and are not slowing down. There was also a serious accident on this bend in recent weeks. The Pears Waste lorries are also a major hazard.

*Resolved that the Clerk request another inspection and further consideration of the matter.*

5.2 The Clerk contacted BMBC regarding the water on the road at Cranberry Crossroads. BMBC have confirmed that drainage work had been scheduled for the 27th February for 4 days, and therefore should have been done by now.

5.3 The Clerk contacted BMBC regarding their gritting policy for the A616 north of the Flouch roundabout. They have confirmed that they do not grit this road but that it is maintained by Highways England. This is why the gritter machine turned off his grit after turning at the roundabout. They also confirmed that Gilbert Hill is on their secondary routes, and therefore isn’t done regularly. This is due to the primary gritting routes being at full capacity. Councillors argued that Whams Road is not maintained by Highways England, and noted that when the Woodhead Pass is closed, it is even more important that this road is gritted due to increased traffic.

*Resolved that the Clerk go back to BMBC.*

5.4 The Chair reported that the speed gun had been returned.

**6. Planning Matters**

6.1 There was one new planning application.

 2018/0101: Barn Conversion Fullshaw Lane, Permitted Development Order. Comments were sent regarding the size.

6.2 Update on application statuses*:*

2017/1366 – Flouch – 5 new Dwellings: This application is due before the planning board in March for a decision.

 2017/0245 – Upper belle Clive Farm – appeal against refusal. The Parish Councils comment of support has been submitted to the secretary of state.

**7*.***Financial Matters

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

* Clerk’s Monthly Salary - £188.00
* Expenses – Printer Ink, Postage - £37.21
* Annual Insurance Renewal - £218.00
* Mr Liles – donation from Charity of Samuel Wordsworth - £14
* PDNPA Barn hire - £45.00
* ***Resolved that all payments be approved.***
* ***It was agreed to renew the Parish Council insurance.***

**8**. **Correspondence Received**

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

8.2 Councillors discussed the GDPR communications that had been circulated by email. The Clerk will use the new toolkit to do a data audit. Further updates are awaited from the NALC regarding a central DPO service for Parish Councils.

**9**. **Councillors’ Report**

9.1 None.

**10.** **General Parish Council Business**

**10.1Trans Pennine Upgrade Consultation**

None of the Councillors attended the consultation event this week. The focus of the event was the Mottram bypass route as proposed as the outcome of the last consultation. Resident Steve Sedgwick stated that he had attended the event and raised concerns over the increased traffic in Langsett as a result of the improved roads.

**10.2 Ward Alliance Update**

The Chair confirmed that he had attended the recent Ward Alliance meeting. He spoke about an update on a new rural policing team that South Yorkshire is hopefully now going to be a part of. Cllr Key stated that the rural policing team have been contacting land-owners and he confirmed that there have been issues with dogs attacking sheep.

**10.3** **Langsett AQMA**

The Clerk reported on an update from Chris Shields, that traffic monitoring will be starting in March for a few weeks on the A616, which will include cameras, and air quality monitoring. There will also be a “smogmobile” that will be using the route measuring the air quality.

**10.4 Parish Council Vacancy**

Each of the three applicants, Steve Sedgwick, Carol Scott and Caroline L’Amie spoke to the Council in turn as to what their interests are and why they would like to join the Council.

Following some discussion, the three applicants left the meeting.

Councillors discussed the vacancy and the merits of each of the candidates. Following much deliberation, it was then proposed to co-opt Steve Sedgwick onto the Council. This was agreed. He will be invited to attend the May meeting to be co-opted.

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1** The signage regarding the hairpin bend on Gilbert Hill was discussed.

***It was resolved that the Clerk request replacement signage and warnings on Gilbert Hill following a spate of accidents.***

**10.2** It was reported that the ranger Gordon Danks has retired.

***It was resolved to invite his replacement to attend the next Parish Council meeting and meet the Council.***

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

**11.1** Wednesday 9th May 2018 Annual Meeting at 7.00pm at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

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