**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 15th November 2017**

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

In attendance: Eight Parish residents.

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 **Public Participation**

Several residents of the Parish attended the meeting to ask about the plans for Go Ape. The Council explained what they knew so far and that they believed the plans were in the early stages.

Questions were raised over the issues of parking, effect on the environment and animals, increased traffic and whether planning permission or public consultation will be required.

***Resolved that the Clerk contact Yorkshire Water and request that they and Go Ape representatives attend a meeting with Parishioners, in order to answer their questions and explore concerns.***

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Linda Taylor.

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

 None.

1. **Minutes – 13th September 2017**

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

1. **Matters Arising**
	1. The Clerk enquired again about the dangerous bend at the top of Hartcliff Hill and the possibility of applying for a ward alliance grant to fund new signage. BMBC have responded that they have now secured funding to do this small signage project and will be doing so during this financial year.
	2. The Clerk responded to the Community Governance consultation.
	3. The Clerk enquired with BMBC as to the status of the kerbside waste collection service. They have confirmed that it is not a trial, but is permanent, and that every rural property in the borough will be written to with regards to bringing their waste to the end of their tracks. This is approximately 400 properties across Barnsley. She will be visiting any property that contacts her following receiving the letter to address resident concerns. Not every property has been written to yet.
	4. The Clerk reported the overflowing bins to BMBC Neighbourhood Services and requested more regular collections. The Council has responded that the service arrangement is for them to be emptied weekly, and due to budget restraints, they are not able to empty them more often than this.

*Resolved that Councillors monitor the bin emptying for a few months and if there still appears to be an issue, then to consider requesting bigger or extra bins.*

**5. Planning Matters**

5.1 There was one new planning application:

2017/1366 – Flouch – 5 new Dwellings: It was noted that this application is for a further 5 houses. Councillor Hammond stated her concerns around overcrowding, small gardens, the footprint size and the effect on the openness of the environment.

***Resolved to request a paper copy and extension on comments. As this is in Dunford Parish, the Clerk will ask Dunford PC about their views.***

5.2 Update on application statuses*:*

2017/0989 – Flouch – Demolition of Flouch and amendment to 5 new Dwellings: Approved.

2016/1103 –Cllr Hammond felt that the construction looks as though it is a separate dwelling. The terms of the planning permission were that the extension was not to be used as a separate dwelling.

***Resolved that the Clerk ask the planning department to check that the new build does not differ from the approved plans and that it is not going to be used as a separate dwelling***.

6*.* Financial Matters

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

* Clerk’s Monthly Salary - £188.00
* Expenses – Amazon – Printer Ink - £37.12
* Expenses – Mileage, stamps, printer paper - £27.14
* Myers Building Supplies - £34.85
* Melvyn Carr Ltd - £38.40
* ***Resolved that all payments be approved. Cheques to be issued at the next meeting.***

6.2 Latest Bank Statement Balances: C/a 31 October £2469.97 D/a 30 September £9939.37.

**6.3** The Standing Orders and financial policies were reviewed and approved with no amendments.

**6.4** The Council discussed where to donate the Charity of Samuel Wordsworth donation.

 **It was resolved to ask the village residents via the website or at a future public meeting.**

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

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

7.2 There were no comments made on the items that were emailed to Councillors.

**8**. **Councillors’ Report**

8.1 None.

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

**9.1Litter Signs**

The Chair reported that the signs have been installed on posts in the A628 lay-by.

Councillors stated that they were pleased with all the signs.

**9.2 Gilbert Hill Tidy**

The was postponed due to BT works in the area, but is due to be done very shortly.

**9.3** **Ward Alliance**

The Chair gave an update and reported that there is a new rural crime group. He stated that if anyone has any issues regarding rural crime that he would take them to the Ward Alliance meetings to be forwarded on.

**9.4 AQMA**

The Clerk reported an update from Chris Shields of BMBC. A highways England traffic survey will be taking place next week. It will thoroughly assess the current traffic movements along the A616 and the right-hand turn movements associated with Gilbert Hill. Unfortunately, since the meeting, the date for the survey equipment installation has been delayed. Chris Shields will update the Clerk when he is informed of a new date.

**9.5 Trans Pennine Upgrade**

The document announcing the preferred route of the Trans Pennine Upgrade programme was circulated and read by Councillors. It was noted that the announcement is largely dealing with issues at the Mottram side of the route, and that the elements for this side of the route such as climbing lanes and safety measures will be investigated at a later date.

**10. Any Other Business**

**11.1** Councillors reported that a sofa has been dumped in a ditch at the side of the A628 between the Flouch and Fullshaw Cross.

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

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

**11.1** Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7.30pm at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

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