**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 16th September 2015**

Present: Cllr Adrian James (Chair), Cllr John Key, (Vice Chair), Cllr Sally Howe, Cllr Lynne Hammond, Cllr Linda Taylor, Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk & RFO), Borough Cllr Andrew Milner.

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**Public Participation**

None.

1. **Apologies**

None.

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

None.

1. **Minutes – 15th July 2015**

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

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. The Clerk reported the water at Cranberry Crossroads; the BMBC officer confirmed that she will raise the issue again with the owner.
   2. The flytipping on Hartcliffe Hill has been removed.
   3. The Clerk reported the issues of speeding and road surface on Chapel Lane. BMBC confirmed that they would investigate signage in the area, but stated that they only put signage up for what they consider hazards. They stated that they have a duty to keep the road safe and therefore if potholes are reported as they emerge then they will be repaired as soon as possible. They confirmed that the whole road surface will be resurfaced when the building work is finished. Cllr Milner reported that he has also reported the issues to BMBC. It was noted that a diversion is now in place and that Chapel Lane is now closed to through traffic. He stated that a safer corner is being installed on Chapel Lane, and that he will ask BMBC to put more signage up.
   4. The Clerk enquired about the shipping container nr Fullshaw Cross. The enforcement officer confirmed that they are in the process of requesting the container’s removal. The owners have 28 days to remove or to apply for retrospective planning permission.
   5. The Clerk reported the red shipping container at Sheephouse Farm to BMBC planning enforcement. The enforcement officer confirmed that they have requested the container’s removal, but that the owners are now in the process of applying for retrospective planning permission.
   6. The Clerk reported the lay-by litter problems to BMBC Neighbourhood Services. Litter removal signs were also requested. John Openshaw is dealing with the signs idea and has suggested that the Parish Council could apply for a Ward Alliance Grant to obtain and install signs in the lay-bys. It was noted that although BMBC are responsible for the litter in the lay-bys, the lay-bys actually belong to the Highways England.

Resolved that the Clerk will contact the Highways Agency to request permission.

* 1. The Clean/green project is ready to start and we are requested to submit job requests to John Openshaw. It was suggested that the litter picking in the lay-bys is requested and cutting back the foliage/trees on the lower half of Mortimer Lane. Another job suggested was to trim back the Hawthorne on the Old Manchester Road as it is getting in the way of sight lines.

Resolved that the Clerk complete job requests to the clean & tidy project.

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

5.1 There were two new planning applications.

* 2015/0874 -Flouch Engineering – new office building – Now approved.
* 2015/0709 – Caravan at Alderman’s head. It was noted that this application is virtually identical to the previous application in 2014 that was refused.

Resolved that the Clerk object on the same grounds as before.

Cllr Milner stated that he is chasing up the repairs to the bridleway with Sarah Ford.

* Update on application statuses:
* 2015/0472 – Wind Turbine at Mossley House – 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 - £170.21
* PDNPA barn hire - £45
* Simon Siddall – Strimming Gilbert Hill - £140

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* **Resolved that all payments be approved.**
* The Financial Risk assessment was reviewed at the meeting with no changes.
* The Councils Standing Orders were updated and approved following the introduction of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.
* The Parish Council Accounts for the year ending March 2015 have been audited by the external auditor with no issues arising.
* The Chair will conduct the Clerks annual appraisal prior to the next meeting.

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

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

**8**. **Councillors’ Report**

8.1 Councillor Milner updated the Parish Council on the situation for fibre broadband in Langsett. Fibre broadband will be rolling out to the majority of the Barnsley villages by the end of 2017; however it is not certain for Langsett. He stated that a public meeting is due to be held in October in Crow Edge which he urged the Parish Council to attend to lobby the organisers that fibre is needed in Langsett.

8.2 Councillor Milner updated the Council on recent problems with Tates Bus services in the area. The company have not been reliable and there have been a lot of complaints. A public meeting is being held in Leeds which will discuss whether Tates can keep their license.

**Resolved that the Clerk put an item on the website whereby residents can forward their issues with Tates.**

8.3Councillor Milner enquired about the Air Quality management issues in Langsett. The Chair updated him with the correspondence that had been received and the fact that no improvements had yet been made.

**Resolved that the Clerk forward the correspondence with Chris Shields to Cllr Milner.**

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

**9.1Gilbert Hill Picnic Site**

The area has been strimmed as discussed at last meeting. Regarding cutting back trees the Clerk obtained a copy of the licence with BMBC. This doesn’t specifically mention trees.

The Clerk enquired with BMBC, and they would need to give permission for any plans to remove/cut back trees, and therefore full details would need to be provided to them. It was agreed that Councillors would meet at the site to discuss and take photos of what work they would like to do.

**Resolved that the Clerk enquire with BMBC if photos would be acceptable or whether they require a site visit. The Council will meet at the site at 11am Sunday 27th.**

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1**Cllr Taylor enquired about a seat that the Parish Council own that is currently stored on George Hill’s property. She stated that she would like it to be installed on Browns Edge Lane. She provided a location map to the Clerk.

**Resolved that the Clerk request permission from BMBC for the installation of a seat at the specified location.**

**10.2** Cllr Hammond reported that the Flouch Roundabout is covered in Ragwort and looks a mess.

**Resolved that the Clerk report to Highways England and request that it is maintained.**

**10.3** Cllr Hammond reported that the sign saying No Through Road on the Old Manchester Road is not readable due to overgrown plants.

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

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

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

Signed:

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