**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 13th September 2017**

Present: Cllr Adrian James (Chair), Cllr Sally Howe, Cllr John Key, Cllr Linda Taylor, Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk & RFO) and Ward Councillor Andrew Milner.

In attendance: Michael Poole, Emily Brady, Geoff Lomas, Megan Scholefield, John Bond (Yorkshire Water), and Frances Buck (Go Ape).

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**Public Participation**

None.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lynne Hammond.

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

None.

1. **Guests**

After introductions were made each guest from Yorkshire Water spoke to the Council about their involvement in current projects.

The fish pass project was explained to the Council. This is taking place at the far end of the reservoir with the aim of improving fish migration and monitoring. There will be an opening event, to be announced at a later date.

A new scheme at the Water Treatment Works was explained which involves a new building. They explained that there will be noise and disruption for approximately 8 weeks. The project involves clean water processing and the removal of colour from the water. There will be an increase in traffic entering the site during the building phase. Michael Poole stated that he could investigate the traffic increase expectations and respond to the Council. The issues around air quality were relayed to Yorkshire Water so that these can be taken into consideration.

Frances Buck spoke about the proposed Go Ape project for Langsett Woods. This is a high rope climbing course that takes place in the tree tops via ropes and platforms. There are junior and adult courses. Go Ape would operate from a log cabin and the woods would remain open to the public. The main issue that the Council could foresee is traffic and congestion. Frances explained that a traffic survey had not yet been conducted. There would be 12 full time equivalent staff and it would most likely operate from February to November during daylight hours.

Geoff Lomas explained that Yorkshire Water had already been looking at how to increase the economic return of the reservoir prior to being approached by Go Ape. Ideas that had been considered included canoeing, horse-riding and so on. They have consulted with many organisations regarding the reservoir area and how to provide more for a wide group of users.

It was noted that the cycle track from Stocksbridge to Langsett is on hold due to funding no longer being available.

The Council thanked all guests for attending.

1. **Minutes – 5th July 2017**

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

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. The Clerk wrote back to BMBC Highways regarding speeding around the dangerous bend at the top of Hartcliff Hill. The highways department have responded that they will install a new sign warning of the gradient and the upcoming bend. However, the highways budget is full for this financial year, so the scheme will only take place this year if another scheme is dropped. Otherwise, it will be carried out in the next financial year. Cllr Milner suggested that the Chair bring this up at the next Ward Alliance meeting and request that the highways scheme is brought forward.

*Resolved that the Clerk contact highways and request the cost of the scheme and explain that it is going to be requested that the Ward Alliance fund the scheme.*

**6. Planning Matters**

6.1 There was one new planning application:

2017/0989 – Flouch – 5 new Dwellings: There were no objections.

6.2 Update on application statuses*:*

2016/1103 – At the previous meeting it was noted to revisit the plan for the extension at Little Doubting Farm as Cllr Taylor 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. The Plans were emailed to Councillors to compare to the building site. At this point in time it is not possible to see if the building differs from the plans, and it will only be when the building is finished that planning enforcement could take action if there was evidence that the extension was being used as a separate dwelling.

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 – Mileage - £11.25
* PDNPA – Barn Hire - £45.00
* ***Resolved that all payments be approved.***

7.2 Latest Bank Statement Balances: C/a 31st August £2888.22 D/a 31st August £9937.39.

**7.3** The accounts for the year end March 17 have been approved by the external auditor and were circulated to Councillors.

***It was resolved to review the financial policies at the next meeting.***

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

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

8.2 The Community Governance Review was discussed, and it was noted that Langsett PC had no comments or changes to make on the current situation.

***Resolved that the Clerk respond to the consultation.***

8.3 The Barnsley Bus Partnership drop in sessions on the 28th September were noted. Details have been emailed to Councillors.

8.4 The Clerk and Chair had received correspondence from Parishioners regarding changes to BMBC’s waste collection services for houses that are not located on the public highway. BMBC have stated that their service is a kerbside service and they cannot collect waste from private roads. However, upon investigating this with Ward Councillors and residents BMBC have found that the situation is not as simple as residents taking their waste to the public highway. They will need to explore each individual case and also look at communal bins etc. Councillor Milner explained that he has been communicating with BMBC on the issue and that the changes are not able to be made immediately.

***Resolved that the Clerk enquire as to the status of this initiative and which houses in Langsett have been written to.***

**9**. **Councillors’ Report**

9.1 Cllr Milner reported on road closures at Chapel Lane during September for traffic lights to be installed.

9.2 He reported on a three-storey extension to be built at Penistone Grammar School due to increasing student numbers. Saint John’s Primary is also having an extension.

9.3 The Clean and Tidy project has been awarded to a new contractor. Stephen Miller will still be the contact for the Parish Council. The safer neighbourhood team have been concentrating on rural crime, and Cllr Milner spoke about the PACT (Police & the community together) meetings that have started on a monthly basis. The next meeting is on 5th October 12pm at Saint John’s Community Centre. The Parish Council are invited to attend these meetings to raise issues with the police. There is also a Crime and safety sub-group that have regular meetings that feed into the PACT meetings.

9.4 Cllr Milner updated the Council on fibre broadband. Langsett is currently due to be connected for fibre to the cabinet broadband by December 2018. To keep up to date on this issue you can view superfastsouthyorkshire.co.uk.

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

**10.1Litter Signs**

The Chair reported that he has installed 8 signs along the layby’s and car park of the A616. Four further signs will be installed on posts in the A628 lay-by.

Councillors stated that they were pleased with the signs up so far and the Chair felt that they had made a difference to the amount of litter. It was noted that some of the bins have been overflowing though and are not being emptied regularly enough. ***Resolved that The Clerk will report the bins to BMBC Neighbourhood Services.***

***Resolved that Cllr Key will arrange a contractor to install the posts for the remining signs. He will meet with the Chair on site to decide the best locations.***

**9.2 Ward Alliance Update**

Nothing further to report.

**9.3** **Langsett AQMA**

There have been no further updates from Chris Shields regarding the TRO for Gilbert Hill.

***It was resolved that the Clerk inform Chris Shields about the traffic implications of the works ongoing at Yorkshire Water Treatment works.***

**10. Any Other Business**

**11.1** It was agreed that Gilbert Hill should be strimmed and tidied as it has not been done this year so far.

***Resolved that Cllr Key request that S Siddall carry out the work.***

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

**11.1** Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 7.30pm at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

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