**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 14th September 2016**

Present: Cllr Adrian James (Chair), Cllr Sally Howe, Cllr Linda Taylor, Cllr John Key and Cllr Lynne Hammond. Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk & RFO). Sarah Fowler (PDNPA Chief Executive), Gordon Danks (PDNPA ranger), Elaine Down (Clean & Tidy project).

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 **Public Participation**

None.

1. **Apologies**

No apologies were received.

It was agreed to take item 5 at the beginning of the meeting.

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

 None.

1. **Minutes – 6th July 2016**

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

1. **Matters Arising**
	1. It was noted that BMBC regulatory services are dealing with the water at Cranberry Crossroads. The Clerk is awaiting an update on the situation.
	2. The Clerk responded to the Barnsley Bus Service consultation in July. SYPTE will be holding public drop-in sessions on updated proposals. Date still to be announced.
	3. The Samuel Wordsworth Donation was passed to S Barnes to give to the Charity she is raising for in memory of her late husband. She has sent the Council a Thank you card which was circulated.
	4. The seat at Gilbert Hill was installed by the new contractor, J Mitchell, and the Picnic Area has been strimmed by S Siddall. It was noted that the works looked good.

**5.** **Guests**

**Sarah Fowler**, Chief Executive of the PDNPA addressed the Parish Council and talked about the Peak Park and its key roles. She spoke about its constitution and its main powers being those of planning, conservation, cultural heritage and rights of way. She explained how the PDNPA works with the major landowners of the Peak Park such as Yorkshire Water and farmers.

The Chair spoke about Langsett PC’s role within the Peak Park and explained that being so small, the Parish Council felt marginal to the rest of the Peak Park. He queried the process for planning applications and it was noted that the Parish Council has not received copies of recent planning applications for building work within the Peak Park boundaries. Sarah Fowler stated that she would look into this.

The Chair spoke about the issues of signage on the A628, and it was noted that when the Parish Council has asked Highways England (HE) to install further signage for safety reasons, HE has always stated that they can’t because the PDNPA would object. Sarah Fowler spoke about how the PDNPA are working with HE on signage and safety for the A628.

Gordon Danks spoke about the proposed cycleway for the A628 and the little Don Trail link that crosses the A628. It was noted that the funding is not currently available for the proposed cycleway or bridge to cross the road.

Sarah Fowler spoke about Parishes Day and explained how the National Park Management Programme would be reviewed and discussed on the day, and that the Parish Council are able to forward their feedback on the plan to the PDNPA if they so wish.

It was noted that it would be good to have more use of Langsett Barn and the reservoir. Gordon Danks explained that this was something that was being looked at.

The Chair thanked Sarah Fowler and Gordon Danks for attending.

**Elaine Down,** Clean and Tidy team, explained the work that the Clean and Tidy team have been doing across the borough and stated that there are 6 teams. Elaine Down and Sarah Ford run the team for the Penistone area. The current contract is until the end of March. All work carried out for Parish Councils is free. They stated that they cannot do work that is scheduled BMBC work. She explained that they are hoping to get a Spraying Certificate soon so that they are then able to do weed control work. The Japanese Knotweed at Gilbert Hill was spoken about as a potential future job. She explained how the team were unable to carry out any works on Mortimer Road and that the Highways department had ruled out doing any work there. She also explained that they are unable to carry out works on land that belongs to Highways England.

The Chair thanked Elaine for attending.

**6. Planning Matters**

6.1 There were no new planning applications.

* Update on application statuses*:*
* 2016/0115 – Little Doubting Farm – extension. Still under consideration.
* 2016/0203 – Lower Belle Clive Farm – Agricultural building. Approved.
* 2016/0557 –Heathercliffe Lodge – storage shed replacement. The application has been withdrawn.
* It was noted that the container at Fullshaw Cross is still there. The last report from BMBC was that enforcement action was due to be taken. It was noted that the container has now been painted green and was less unsightly.
* *Resolved that the Clerk enquire with BMBC on the situation with the container and whether enforcement action is still to be taken. The Clerk will also enquire whether all containers require planning permission.*
* 7*.* Financial Matters

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

* Clerk’s Monthly Salary - £175.41
* S Siddall – Tidy Gilbert Hill picnic area - £140
* Microsoft - Outlook software for laptop - £109.99
* PDNPA – Barn hire - £45
* CPRE – Membership Renewal - £36

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* ***Resolved that all payments be approved.***
* The annual return has been approved by the External Auditors, BDO LLP with no issues arising.

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

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

8.2 It was noted that Councillor Milner is enquiring with BMBC about the Langsett AQMA.

8.3 It was agreed that the Clerk would forward the agenda for the PDNPA Parishes Day to Councillors.

8.4 A letter from HE regarding the Trans-Pennine upgrade programme was discussed. Public Awareness events are taking place in October. The Clerk will contact HE regarding the events.

**8**. **Councillors’ Report**

8.1 No borough Councillors were in attendance.

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

**9.1Litter Signs**

Councillor Taylor circulated two designs she had drawn for litter signs. The wording on the signs was agreed.

***Resolved that Councillor Howe will take the drawings to the sign maker and obtain a draft sign to enable the Council to make a decision.***

9.2 **Ward Alliance Update**

No update was available.

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1** Councillor Taylor reported that two bridleway signs have fallen down. One is at the top of Browns edge Lane, the other is the bridleway of Hartcliffe Road.

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

***10.2*** *Councillor Hammond reported that there had been sheep worrying again, and stated that she thought signs requesting dogs to be kept on leads should be kept up all year round.*

***Resolved that the Chair speak to Gordon Danks about the issue and get an update on the signage issue.***

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

**11.1** Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 7.30pm at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

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