

# Langsett Parish News

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## Bringing Local News Home

The parish council wants to do more to improve communications with local parishioners. Every month the Parish Council receives mailings from charities asking us to promote their events to government associations and departments sending us training materials and new guidance. Whilst some things are displayed on the parish notice board, we are not certain whether all our parishioners know it is there, or that they have the time to go along and read the information. We have therefore decided to put together a newsletter for a trial period to improve communication and tell you about some of things we hear about. There are also some important things that we feel you need to at least be made aware of, even if you do not have the time or resources to participate. Things such as changes to planning regulations or local services. We hope that you will take the time to read this, our first newsletter for Langsett and we would love to hear from you, if you have any suggestions for future content or indeed any improvements.

If you have any ideas for future content or improvement or would like to receive this newsletter by email please email the Clerk at **langsettpc@btinternet.com** or call 07999 979727.

## Parish Council Meetings

Did you know that parish council meetings are publicised on the notice board each month and are open to the public to attend? The meetings are usually held every other month and are held at Langsett Barn, usually from 7.30/8pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on the 13th March 2013. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Clerk in advance. You can also view details of meetings and previous minutes on the Barnsley Council Website, where there is a page dedicated to Parish Councils across Barnsley. Visit: [www.bmbc.gov.uk](http://www.bmbc.gov.uk) and enter parish councils into the search box.

## Your Councillors

Do you know who your parish councillors are? Given Langsett is a small parish, it may be that you are familiar with local councillors who are there to act on yours and Langsett's behalf. Below is a list of parish councillors representing Langsett.

Cllr Adrian James(Chair)

Cllr John Key (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Linda Taylor

Cllr Lynn Hammond

## Interested in Becoming a Councillor?

The Council currently has a vacancy for a co-opted member, and would like to fill this as soon as possible. If you are interested in taking part in local affairs, and want to join the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk for further details or send the Clerk your letter of interest, including an explanation of why you are interested in becoming a councillor by the **8th March** to Ms J Venables, 25 Ecklands Croft, Millhouse Green, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 9AJ or by email to **langsettpc@btinternet.com** Expressions of interest will be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council on the 13th March whereupon candidates will then be invited to the following meeting in April to discuss their application.

## Langsett Car Park

The Parish Council is working with Yorkshire Water to improve the availability of car parking spaces at Langsett car park. The growing popularity of this area means that at peak times, spaces are in great demand. A planning application has been submitted by Yorkshire Water to the Peak Park Authority and we are awaiting the outcome. It is hoped that this will be a formality and that works can commence some time in March or April.

## Local Events - What's On

The Bank View Café, Langsett is holding a Thai night on Friday 22nd March. Please contact the café to book your place.

The Dog and Partridge is holding a Cheltenham Gold Cup night on Friday, 15 March, proceeds in aid of Barnsley Hospice. Please ring 763173 for details.

## The Tour de France is coming to Langsett!

For all you cycling lovers and supporters out there, did you know that one of the world's greatest sporting events is coming right to your doorstep? No need for a ticket! The Tour de France is starting in Leeds in 2014. It is our understanding that stage two of this great race, which will go up hill and down dale, will be coming straight through Langsett as the riders make their way from Holmfirth across to Sheffield. Stage Two of the race takes place on Sunday 6th July. So come on Langsett, let's see what we can do welcome the race to our beautiful village and make sure we get some coverage too! You can find out more by visiting **[www.bbc.co.uk/sport](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport)**.



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### Serving the local community...

The Parish Council purchased additional daffodil bulbs from Barnsley MBC and Councillors planted these in the Autumn so watch out for these as spring beckons.

We have also recently written to the Highways Service at BMBC to complain about the frequency of accidents at Fullshaw Cross Crossroads. This is the second time the Parish Council has made representations about this location.

Did you know that parts of Langsett (A616) have been declared an Air Quality Management Area because of the levels of Nitrogen Dioxide along the route caused by the heavy usage of HGVs? BMBC have recently attended a meeting to tell us all about this and what they are doing to research the issues as well as discuss what, potentially, can be done in the future to combat the levels of Nox. Clearly as a main A route for HGV's it isn't going to be easy, but if you have any suggestions, we would like to hear from you. We ourselves have written to BMBC with some suggestions and will stay in close contact with them as this issue unfolds.

### What do you think?

**Poll 1.** The Parish Council are considering the purchase and siting of parish marker stones for Langsett. Would you support the purchase and if so, where would you like to see the stones sited?

Yes I would support the purchase, and I would suggest siting the stones here:-

No I would not support their purchase. Please tell us why?

**Poll 2.** The Parish Council are considering establishing a website, where you can view minutes and agendas, gain a more informed insight into the work of the Parish Council, keep up to date with what's on in the parish and more. Please let us know by ticking one of the following boxes, which statement most closely reflects your personal opinion?

- ☐ Yes I think a website is a good idea and I would visit it regularly
- ☐ Yes I think a website is a good idea and I would visit it periodically
- ☐ Yes I think a website is a good idea and I would be willing to contribute material to the site
- ☐ I'm not sure/don't know
- ☐ No, I would not support the idea

Please contact the Clerk to arrange collection of your responses on 07999 979727 or please post them back to: - The Clerk, Langsett Parish Council, 25 Ecklands Croft, Millhouse Green, Penistone, S36 9AJ or email them back to us at [langsettpc@btinternet.com](mailto:langsettpc@btinternet.com)

### Your Parish Precept

Parish Councils raise a precept each year, a 'levy' that is then paid to them by the Borough Council and added to Parishioners' main Council Tax bills. For at least ten years, Langsett Parish Council has maintained their precept at a very low rate, with a Band D property paying less than £10 per year. This is the lowest precept in the Borough out of 17 Parishes. It is with deep regret that, in order to ensure the Parish Council operates within its legal duties and responsibilities, the precept is increased for the year 2013/14. This means that a Band D property will now pay £33.93 per year an increase of £24.29. This will seem like a big increase, but across the year, equates to an extra 47p per week. Hopefully, put like this, it will not seem so severe.

### Supporting our Local Community

Are you or a group you know, trying to get a local project off the ground but are struggling for financial support? The Parish Council would be interested to hear from individuals or groups in the parish of Langsett as the Parish Council may be able to make some financial support available during 2013. Please contact the Clerk with details.

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