**Langsett Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held**

**Wednesday 18th January 2017**

Present: Cllr Adrian James (Chair), Cllr Sally Howe, Cllr Linda Taylor, and Cllr Lynne Hammond. Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk & RFO). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Public Participation**

None.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Key.

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

None.

1. **Guests**

**Irene Offei (Highways England), Wynne Davis (Arcadis)**

Business Items 10.3 and 10.4 were discussed at this point of the meeting.

Langsett AQMA

Councillors discussed their attendance at the Public event at Tankersley that they attended in October 2016, and their meeting with Irene and Wynne at that event.

Irene explained the role that she had and identified the HE departments of Air Quality and Operations Directorate that were involved in the Langsett AQMA workshops.

The response from Chris Shields on the actions that BMBC had looked into was discussed, and it was noted that HE still had actions from the workshop that had not been subject to feedback yet. Irene has been chasing for updates, and has some information now to give to Chris. She will continue to pursue the results from the OD department.

Some of the workshop options were discussed such as the options around access to Gilbert Hill, speed limits and the diversion of HGV’s from the route. It was noted that removal of HGV’s was not feasible.

It was noted that both HE and BMBC air quality departments have so far ruled out changing the A616 speed limits as this would impact negatively on the air quality. Councillors expressed concern about the possibility of the speed limit through Langsett being raised to 50mph as a means of reducing air pollution because this would increase the risk to pedestrians crossing the A616.

It was noted that traffic counts and queue lengths were important to calculate for the Gilbert Hill options.

There was discussion about the BMBC proposal for a possible 18 month TRO to close access to Gilbert Hill or restrict it to access for residents only in order to monitor the impact of such a measure on air quality. Councillors noted that this represented a positive response to the suggestion they had made to BMBC nearly two years ago in relation to the closure of Gilbert Hill as a through road.

It was agreed that a working party needs to be arranged again to include HE, BMBC and the Parish Council.

Irene will speak with Chris Shields about getting this set up again.

HE Trans Pennine Upgrade

Councillor Taylor informed Wynne Davis about horses crossing the A616 at Browns Edge Lane and the need for signage.

Issues regarding overtaking along the double white lines at Bord Hill on the A628 were discussed.

Wynne Davis outlined some improvements that were planned, such a automating the snow gates and more VMS signs on all sides of the Flouch roundabout. He explained that the signage has to be consulted with various parties and is a long process.

Several safety improvements are planned for the A628, in particular around the accident black spot near the Dog and Partridge.

It was noted that HE will be holding a further consultation event and the location is likely to be at Tankersley. There will be more advertising of this event through direct leafleting and local newspapers.

The Council thanked Irene and Wynne for attending the meeting.

1. **Minutes – 16th November 2016**

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

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. Re Cranberry Crossroads, the BMBC drainage department have confirmed that it is on the current schedule of winter works, and will be done shortly.
   2. The fallen down bridleway sign at Hartcliff Hill was re-reported to Sarah Ford.
   3. Sheep worrying signs have been installed around Langsett reservoir and the information boards will be put up when the frames have been made.

**6. Planning Matters**

6.1 There were no new planning applications.

6.2 Update on application statuses*:*

2016/1103 - Little Doubting Farm – extension. This application has been approved subject to the condition that the extension shall not be 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 - £178.52
* Vision ICT website hosting - £252.00
* Expenses: Paper, printer ink - £26.88
* ***Resolved that all payments be approved.***

7.2 Latest Bank Statement Balances: C/a 31 December £1753.91 D/a 27 December £9936.40

**7.3** The Precept for 2017/18 was discussed. The Clerk circulated a budget report for 2017/18 based on this year’s spending in conjunction with forecasted payments. The Clerk also circulated a variance report showing last year’s budget against actual spend. All items on the budget were agreed. The setting of the precept took into account the forecast spend and inflation, and factors such as the Local Council Tax support Grant and the possibility of future precept capping.

***Resolved to set a Precept of £3341, which is the same as last year. This will also be the budget for the year. This equates to £32.61 for a band D property. The Clerk will inform BMBC.***

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

8.1 The Council went through the correspondence list and several items were noted. There was nothing further to add.

**9**. **Councillors’ Report**

9.1 No borough Councillors were in attendance.

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

**10.1Litter Signs**

Cllr Howe showed the Council two design templates that had been made by Simply Signs. The signs were approved by the Parish Council.

***It was resolved to get four A3 sized signs made and decide at the next meeting whether to get further ones made or alter the sign or font size for the next batch. The signs are £10 each plus VAT including fixings.***

10.2 **Ward Alliance Update**

No update was available.

10.3 **HE Trans Pennine Upgrade**

Taken at the beginning of the meeting.

10.4 **Langsett AQMA**

Taken at the beginning of the meeting.

**11. Any Other Business**

**11.1** Councillor Hammond reported dog fouling around Langsett reservoir.

***It was resolved to contact Gordon Danks about the issue again.***

**11.2** Councillor Hammond reported that her declaration of interest was on the website with a signature visible.

***Resolved that the Clerk correct this.***

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

**12.1** Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 7.30pm at the Barn, Langsett.

Signed:

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