

# LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Langcliffe Annual Parish Meeting held in the Langcliffe Institute on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm. Page1

Councillors present – G. Cross (Chairman), H. Jarvis, B. Fiorato, I. Johnson, R. Gledhill, B. Croft, A. Blackburn (Clerk), public present – 6.

### 1. Chairman's Statement.

The Chairman opened the meeting thanking residents and Councillors for their attendance and read the following report:

'Over the past year we have had a new Council where everyone has worked together for the good of the village in their different ways, and I would like to thank all the Councillors for their effort and the support they have given me.

Apart from the day to day decisions we have to make to keep the village running smoothly everything has been reasonably quiet.

One of the major planning issues coming up will be the re-development of Fairhurst-stone but as yet nothing concrete has been submitted, there is also the industrial storage units off Mill Lane which is currently ongoing.

I am very grateful to the voluntary group who are applying for grants to hopefully replace the old play equipment, and also many volunteers who help to keep the village what it is, keeping the precept lower than it would otherwise be.

Finally I would like to thank our Clerk for all his good work and sound advice'.

### 2. Resident's Questions.

A resident enquired about the current situation regarding the storage container planning application for the site below Christie's Mill.

The Chairman stated that the application had been re-submitted by the applicant and that members of the public could make a comment through the North Yorkshire Planning system if they wished. The Clerk informed the meeting that the planning application was on the agenda to be discussed by Council at the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The Clerk informed the meeting of the procedure for setting a Local Authority precept and how inflation rates must be accounted for in setting a precept for next year's budget. The Langcliffe band D tax base had increased to 176 for 2023-24 from 163 in 2022-23, this has the benefit of more home owners paying towards the Langcliffe precept so this would benefit all by limiting the nett increase to the Government's inflation figure.

A resident enquired into expected future price increases.

The Clerk explained that an increase in electricity prices was expected as the Government rebate to help businesses and Local Authorities had ceased, but this had been mitigated by Langcliffe Council investing in reduced energy LED lamps which should help to maintain realistic electricity prices.

A resident asked whether second home owners would have to pay more council charges. The Clerk stated that the situation was being looked at by Principle Authorities at the moment.

**2. Resident's Questions.**(Continued)

The Fairhurst-stone site was discussed with the prospect of new homes being built, the Chairman stated that this would potentially lead to a further increase in the tax base for Langcliffe therefore helping to maintain a reduced precept charge.

A resident asked if the Lime Kiln Business Development would contribute towards the council charge. The Clerk stated the development is classed as a business and therefore would contribute towards business rates, funds would not be received by Langcliffe PC.

A resident enquired about car park repairs and funding. The Chairman stated that the garden area had been removed to allow a further six cars to utilise the new space helping to ease parking congestion within the village.

The Clerk informed the meeting that approximately £1000 had been received in cash donations over the previous twelve months and this money would help to maintain the car park without burdening the precept. A resident suggested a new sign suggesting that an increase to the donation figure may be beneficial, Council would discuss this item within a future meeting.

In response to a resident enquiry relating to future costs, the Clerk informed the meeting that Council constantly explore ways to reduce costs whilst maintaining services.

A resident asked if he could remove some old deteriorated signs relating to dog faeces, the Chairman agreed to the removal.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Chairman