

LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Langcliffe Parish Council Annual Meeting held in the Langcliffe Institute on Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors present – G. Cross (Chairman), R. Gledhill, I. Johnson, S. Fleming, B. Croft, T. Todd, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Council), A. Blackburn (Clerk), public present – one.

14/25. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Cross expressed his desire to resign from the position of chairman and hoped that another member would take up the position. Council resolved to approve that Cllr Jarvis became chairman P – B. Croft, S – R. Gledhill.

Because Cllr Jarvis was unwell at the moment and was unable to attend the meeting Cllr Cross remained in role for the next two items on the agenda.

15/25. Apologies for Absence – H. Jarvis.

16/25. Election of Vice Chairman & Any Other Roles.

Cllr B. Croft was elected as vice chairman, P – G. Cross, S – T. Todd.

Cllr Croft took the position of chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

17/25. Code of conduct – localism Act 2011

To record any Councillor's dis-closable pecuniary interests in relation to any item on this agenda. To consider any change in member's register of interests and discuss any associated dispensations. – none received.

18/25. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting & the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th April 2025. Council resolved to approve the minutes, P – G. Cross, S – R. Gledhill.

19/25. Matters Arising.

6/25 – The clerk had asked Cllr Staveley at the last meeting about the Langcliffe Enterprise Centre road surface and who was responsible for the maintenance, Cllr Staveley was not in attendance at the meeting yet and the chairman deferred this item until he arrived.

Council had received a reply from N. Y. Police in response to reports of motorcycles being parked on the pavement area between the Naked Man Cafe and the Royal Oak, although Police were in attendance at the Artisan Market they had been unaware of this obstruction and advised the public to make officers aware of this if it occurs again.

7/25 – The AGAR Certificate of Exemption had been forwarded to the external auditors and confirmation of receipt had been received.

All other items were forming this current agenda.

20/25. Public Participation – including any items passed to councillors.

Nothing received.

21/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chairman deferred this item.

22/25. Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2024-25.

1) Receipt of Internal Auditors Report

Cllr Cross read the report to council which stated that all necessary documents and records were available and were clearly presented, and that council had met all their financial obligations and procedures throughout the year.

2) AGAR Section 1

Council resolved to approve this section, P- T. Todd, S – I. Johnson.

3) AGAR Section 2

Council resolved to approve this section, P – T. Todd, S – I. Johnson.

Cllr Johnson highlighted the issue of cash purchases and recording of such purchases.

The clerk suggested that future Christmas tree cash purchases could be utilised through the Foster & Poor Close funds as this could also be used for community benefit.

23/25. Flying of Flags – Langcliffe garden area.

Council discussed the request made by a member of the public to fly a flag of another country, this request was considered. Cllr Cross proposed that the only flag that should be flown from the flag pole should be, the union flag, the flag of St George, & the Yorkshire flag, S – B. Croft.

Council resolved to approve the proposal unanimously.

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24/25. North Craven Heritage Trust – Grant Funding.

Members were provided with leaflets from the N. C. H. T. which stated that grant funding was available for restoration of historical features including buildings, boundary stones, or for cultural events. The clerk felt that Langcliffe has many historical features and could benefit from grant funding to help maintain these features.

25/24. Planning Applications.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning

C/48/656A – 1 Willow Wood, Stainforth Road, Langcliffe – loft conversion.

Council considered this application and resolved to approve.

Action – clerk to forward approval to the planning authority.

26/25. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement & invoices for May.

Action – clerk to process.

21/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chairman moved to this item.

Cllr Staveley reported that NY Council had been made aware that there was to be less funding available next year and this will have implications for all grant funding projects.

Cllr Staveley informed council that he was still liaising with NY Council and owners of the Langcliffe Enterprise Centre for the repair of the road surface at the site.

The clerk highlighted the new national park depot building which was being constructed on the enterprise centre site and that it did not seem to be built to the same specification as the other buildings on site.

27/25. Correspondence.

Police report

14/04/2025 – Road Traffic Collision/ public order – 2 vehicles.

15/04/2025 – x2 – animal concern/ civil dispute.

26/04/2025 – Domestic dispute.

02/05/2025 – Crime drugs.

04/05/2025 – Crime violence.

HSBC bank charges - April charges of £10.55 to be debited on 16/05/2025.

RT Hon J. Smith MP – Information letter advising the community that Electricity North West are offering free support services in the form of an ‘extra care register’. The register will prioritise people who are vulnerable in the event of power disruptions.

Also help is available to residents who are having difficulty in affording their electricity bills, this is through their ‘take charge service’, further information can be found at www.enwl.co.uk

28/25. Highways, Street Lighting, & Maintenance.

1) Adoption of new benches – play area, council to consider bench installation quotation.

Council considered three quotations as presented and resolved to approve the T. Fortune quote of two concrete bases for £375 + VAT.

Action – Cllr Gledhill will liaise with the landowner prior to the contractor proceeding with the works.

2) Placement of no parking signs – item deferred until the next meeting.

3) Parking issues – A resident had notified council that she was having difficulty parking her car in the village as the number of vehicles had increased recently, also she was nearly hit by a car as it passed along New Street.

The clerk had replied to the resident and had stated that parking issues and the volume of vehicles within the village forms a regular item for council and members continue to find an effective solution to the problem

The clerk reminded members that if a vehicle is causing an obstruction it is a Police matter.

29/25. The date of the next Parish Council meeting – 9th June 2025.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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