LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Andrew Blackburn: clerk@langcliffe-pc.gov.uk

Minutes of the Langcliffe Parish Council Meeting held in the Langcliffe Institute on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present – H. Jarvis (Chair), S. Fleming, R. Gledhill, I. Geere, M. Adams, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Council), A. Blackburn (Clerk), public – two.

67/26. Apologies for Absence – I. Johnson, B. Croft.

68/26. 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.

69/26. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th September 2026.

Council resolved to approve the minutes, P – H. Jarvis, S – R. Gledhill.

72/26. North Yorkshire Councillor Report – the chair moved to this item.

Cllr Staveley highlighted the NY Council Transport Consultation including buses to the nearest schools for pupils. Financial pressures placed upon the authority in regard to rural transport provision and recent reductions in bus times from Skipton to Settle, work was continuing for the return of this service. Bus service subsidies cover a timetable for a 2 hour service only, it has become a challenge to retain a transport service provision more than this.

70/26. Matters Arising.

46/26. The clerk had submitted the additional comments from council in regard to the 26/02872/FUL planning application at 1 The Bowerley, but a decision by the planning officer had not yet been determined.

53/26 – The clerk had made contact with the next of kin in regard to the disused vehicle in the car park, this was via a neighbour, power of attorney was being sought to enable removal of the vehicle by the next of kin.

72/26. North Yorkshire Councillor Report – item taken earlier in the meeting.

71/26. Public Participation – nothing received.

73/26. Play Area (behaviour of users).

The clerk had received two emails in regard to poor behaviour by visitors to the children's play area, the behaviour included:

Excessive noise levels including screaming, using the area as a toilet, dogs not on leads excrement being left, litter being left around the area.

Residents present at the meeting engaged with council members to determine a practical way forward to this problem.

The clerk presented signage examples for council use to address the issue.

Council resolved to purchase a 'neighbour respect' sign and a 'no ball games' sign.

Council to monitor behaviour to determine any future action.

Action – clerk to purchase signs.

74/26. Planning Applications.

North Yorkshire Council Planning (Craven) - No new applications.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning - No new applications.

75/26. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement & payments for October.
Action – clerk to process.

76/26. Correspondence.

1) Police report for Langcliffe
3 x reports of abandoned vehicles – NY Council are dealing.
12/09/2026 – Suspect vehicle parked in a field, Locks Barn – holiday makers.
17/09/2026 – Burglary – John Roberts Mill – theft of power washer, power tools etc.
24/09/2026 – ASB personal/ civil dispute.
07/10/2026 – 5 x burglaries – house/shed/garage & found vehicles.
North Craven suffered 10 burglaries, most of the property has been recovered with the exception of one car. Three males were arrested and enquiries ongoing looking at further arrests, the Police responded quickly in response to multiple reports from residents resulting in these arrests.
2) Clerk Training
The clerk presented a condensed report from the day training course he attended.
During the day it became apparent that Langcliffe PC were operating at an effective level of governance and have procedures in place to substantiate this.
All local authority clerks should be contracted to the National Joint Council Green Book for pay & conditions – Langcliffe PC have this in place.
The Annual Governance documentation process is moving to a digital platform shortly – Langcliffe PC are registered for this and the clerk has had the initial training.
National Planning policy 2026 issued to all planning authorities.
Designed to speed up all planning application processes.
Moving to 98% of all applications decided by a planning officer not a committee.
Up to half of a garden area can be utilised for building purposes.
All brown sites to be a green light for building.
Stricter guidance for all applications in a national park or an area of natural beauty.
Planning enforcement has been identified as a problem and this is to be addressed nationally.

77/26. Highways, Street Lighting, & Maintenance.

1) Cobbled Area Adjacent to the Village Fountain – equipment required.

Council considered available equipment for the removal of the moss type vegetation covering the cobbled area and determined that hand tools should be adequate for the work required. The initial working party to include I. Johnson, M. Adams, I. Geere, Cllrs to liaise for areas of work.

2) Flagpole Garden Maintenance – volunteers.

Council resolved for the initial tidy up in preparation for winter to be done by the contractor.

Action – clerk to liaise.

3) Buxton Park Access – signage.

Council resolved to purchase the ‘no parking access required’ sign.
Action – clerk to purchase.

77/26. Highways, Street Lighting, & Maintenance (continued).

4) Hedgehog – signage.

Council discussed the issue of signage relative to this resident request and the consensus was not to proceed with formal signage at this stage.

5) Play Area – picnic table base.

Council considered the location if the picnic bench and the play safety assessment suggesting moving the bench to an area away from the play equipment.

Council also considered the problems that residents are experiencing with noise near the play area and therefore resolved to move the picnic table onto the large green opposite the Institute, the bench could be utilised during Langcliffe Teas and visitors nearer the car park area.

Action – Cllrs to relocate the picnic bench.

6) The Old Bench on the Green.

The clerk informed council that the new donated bench to be positioned on the green is nearing delivery and it would be useful if the old bench could be removed. A resident would remove the bench.

78/26. The Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting - 9th November 2026.

Meeting closed 08.50pm

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Chair