

LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Langcliffe Parish Council Meeting held in the Langcliffe Institute on Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

42/26. Apologies for Absence – All present.

43/26. 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.

44/26. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th June 2026.

Council resolved to approve the minutes, P – H. Jarvis, S – I. Geere.

45/26. Matters Arising.

Ref: 27/26 – The clerk reported that the council strimmer has now been transferred to the new volunteer.

41/26 – The grass triangle affronting St Johns Row and the strip of grass alongside the church wall has been reported to the contractor as requiring cutting, unfortunately this had remained uncut during the contractor's last visit, a second request has been made by the clerk.

46/26. Public Participation.

A resident gave a presentation to council in regard to his planning application at No 1 Bowerley House, Langcliffe. The chair moved to item 49/26.

The resident would like to move the boundary wall at the entrance to the property and informed council of the history relative to agreements made between the present owners and himself and associated legal implications. Cllr Staveley highlighted that the PC should concentrate on the application in regard to any conservation aspects and not legal agreements between owners. The resident stated that NY Highways were in favour of the change as it could make egress from the property safer.

Council discussed the application in detail with questions asked relative to verge edging, gate posts, implications for trees.

Council resolved to object to the application on conservation grounds as it would visually change the historical boundary. P – R. Gledhill, S – H. Jarvis.

Action – clerk to submit council response.

47/26. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

Cllr Staveley had submitted his report which had been uploaded to the PC website.

The proposed wind farm to be built in Calderdale was highlighted and the implications of the proposed 148 extra quarry wagons per day running along the B6479 and through Settle. Council raised concern about the proposal.

Action – clerk to forward council concern to the appropriate body.

48/26. Bench Seat – The Green.

The clerk had received a request from a member the public for them to donate a bench to Langcliffe in memoriam of a family member. Council considered the request and stipulated that the bench should be the Kedel re-cycled plastic type as previously adopted by the PC.

Action – clerk to liaise.

49/26. Planning Applications.

North Yorkshire Council Planning (Craven)

26/02872/FUL – 1 Bowerley House, new Street to Langcliffe – demolishing & reconstruction of boundary wall.

Item taken earlier in the meeting within public participation.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning - No new applications.

50/26. Training.

The clerk had enrolled on a full training day to be run by YLCA on 30/09/2026 and requested that Langcliffe PC consider financing half the cost of the training sharing with Stainforth PC (training day £105). Council resolved to approve the request.

The clerk reminded council that training was available to all members, including both initial & refresher training.

51/26. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement & payments for July.

Action – clerk to process.

52/26. Correspondence.

1) Police report for Langcliffe

Safeguarding checks, sudden death, road offence – speeding.

05/06/2026 – Concern for welfare – joint partnership working.

05/06 & 11/06/2026 - neighbour dispute/ civil.

20/06/2026 – Concern for safety – Fire service.

05/07/2026 – Suspect circumstance – camper van paying money to camp on land.

2) Rural Bus Franchising Study.

A request has been made for councils to submit comments in regard to bus service provision. Cllr Johnson highlighted the recent reduced bus service from Settle to Skipton.

Action – The Chair volunteered to complete the survey.

3) Foster & Poor Close Charity.

The trustee of the charity representing Langcliffe Parish has informed council that the chair of the charity had been approached in regard to selling a parcel of land owned by the charity. Council consensus was to advise further investigation by the charity to determine possible future land values before agreeing a sale.

Action – clerk to forward response.

4) Calderdale Wind Farm – Quarry Wagons. Item taken within 47/26.

5) Village Green Trees.

The tree assessment had been received from Tree Tops Forestry Ltd and a full survey had been undertaken. The main items of concern were discussed.

Tree no 17 – Silver Birch – reduce height of tree & re-shape.

Tree no 22 – Cherry Tree - remove branches away from Green Cottage.

Tree no 23 – Cherry Tree – remove branches away from Green Cottage.

Tree no 38c – Sycamore – remove tree before adjacent wall collapses.

Action – clerk to contact contractor for quotation purposes. Clerk to apply through YDNP for removal of tree 38c.

Cllr Adams stated that the tree plan 2 was inaccurate in relation to tree positioning.

Action – clerk to investigate.

53/26. Highways, Street Lighting, & Maintenance.

Cobbled area adjacent to the village fountain.

Council discussed the poor condition in relation to the area with moss & weeds growing over the cobbles.

Council consensus was to retain the cobbled area and removed all vegetation growth.

Action – clerk to obtain a price for vegetation removal.

Cllr Fleming informed council that she was experiencing difficulties in getting rid of the excess vegetation from the flag pole garden. Council discussed the lack of volunteers to undertake continued maintenance of the garden and considered more permanent solutions to the issue.

Action – clerk to liaise with contractor for quotation purposes.

54/26. The Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting - 14th September 2026.

Meeting closed 9.03pm

Chairman