

LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Andrew Blackburn: clerk.langcliffepc@gmail.com

Minutes of the Langcliffe Parish Council Meeting held in the Langcliffe Institute on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30pm.

Page 1

Councillors present – G. Cross (Chairman), H. Jarvis, R. Gledhill, B. Croft, I. Johnson, S. Fleming, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Councillor), A. Blackburn (Clerk), public present 1.

53/24. Apologies for Absence – all members present.

54/24. 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.

55/24. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th July 2024.

Council resolved to approve the minutes as submitted, P - H. Jarvis, S - B. Croft.

56/24. Matters Arising – actions.

Ref – 35/24 – Field storage shelters

The clerk informed council that the planning enforcement officer for the Yorkshire Dales National Park was in the process of issuing an enforcement notice to the owners of the shelters following the dismissal of their planning appeal to the Secretary of State, she would inform council when this had been done.

The chairman deferred further matters upon the arrival of Cllr Staveley.

57/24. Public Participation. No items for discussion.

The clerk reminded members that this part of the meeting is where they could highlight parish concerns for discussion.

58/24. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

Cllr Staveley had submitted his September report and this had been circulated to members and placed on the website. The chairman deferred this item until later in the meeting.

59/24. Councillor Vacancy – co-option.

Council resolved to co-opt Trevor Todd as a member, P – B. Croft, S – S. Fleming.

Cllr Todd signed the appropriate paperwork, witnessed by the clerk.

60/24. Bench Replacement – (Council to decide whether to purchase).

Council considered the necessity of a bench at this location, the chairman highlighted that there were a number of benches around the main green area and proposed that council did not replace this bench but to retain the base for a dedicated bench by a resident in the future.

Council resolved to approve the bench removal, P – G. Cross, S – B. Croft.

Action – clerk to remove the bench from the inventory.

61/24. Planning Applications.

North Yorkshire Council Planning – No new applications listed.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning – No new applications listed.

The clerk informed council that the Bowerley planning application regarding new houses had been submitted to the Secretary of State as part of the applicant appeal process, the original objection and comments made by Langcliffe PC would be considered at the appeal.

58/24. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

The chairman moved to this item due to the arrival of Cllr Staveley.

Cllr Staveley informed council that NY Highways were having difficulties regarding staff shortages and therefore were very much behind with their workload. He had made a representation on behalf of the PC about the parking issue around Stocks Tree and the junction of New Street & Main Street, and would continue to do so until something was done.

Swimming pool costing issues were causing financial problems and this had lead to additional activities being included, the chairman enquired about the gym equipment at Settle pool, Cllr Staveley stated that it was too early to gauge effectiveness.

There were only two units still available for letting at the limekiln industrial site as all the others were now occupied, there was to be improvement on the Hoffman Kiln Trail to enhance the visitor experience at the site.

62/24. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

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

Action – Clerk to process payments.

The clerk informed council that there was £400.73 available to Play@Langcliffe in the PC bank account towards the purchase of new play equipment, this was the Craven District Council grant money as part of the project.

Action – clerk to include the item on the October agenda.

Cllr Gledhill stated that Play@Langcliffe had made significant progress in securing funding for the new play equipment and was only £7000 short of the £41,000 total necessary for the purchase to proceed. The group were actively engaged in discussions with Tarmac & Heidelberg to facilitate the remaining funding. The chairman congratulated the group for their efforts and thanked Cllr Gledhill for her continued support.

63/24. Correspondence.

Police report

29/07/2024 – Domestic dispute.

29/07 & 09/08/2024 – Missing person/ safeguarding – joint partnership working.

The clerk read a request that had been received by email for funding towards a proposed cafe at the Hoffman Lime Kiln. Council considered the request but did not consider the business venture suitable for council involvement.

Npower default account

Notification had been received from npower stating that the PC electricity account was in default by £44.90 and this was in bold red ink. The clerk had contacted npower and had been informed that the account was in credit by the amount and had been so since November 2022, this being the amount that was left following government support for business during the high energy prices following Covid 19. They informed the clerk that the PC could deduct this from the latest invoice for payment, this has been actioned by the clerk and is reflected within the financial statement for September.

64/24. Highways, Street Lighting, & Maintenance.

1) Cllr Gledhill reported the poor road surface around the fountain area.

Action – clerk to report to NYC Highways.

2) Council considered the continued vegetation overgrowth from the garden of the Old Vicarage, the chairman had liaised with the owners back in June and they said that it would be trimmed but it has not been. The clerk reminded council that the grass area in front of the property was owned by the PC and the continued overgrowth was having a negative effect on the signs & notice boards. Council requested that the owners be informed with a polite letter requesting they trim the overgrowth.

Action – clerk to post a request letter.

3) The chairman reported that the notice board at Elwood Cottages had suffered from another one of its doors swinging loose, the clerk informed council that rain water had deteriorated the wooden doors further and had swelled making closure difficult. Council consensus was to gauge the board's usage and decide whether to continue with the board.

4) The chairman reported that a step that was installed along the right of way footpath which runs near the allotment was in a poor state of collapse and needed attention.

Action – clerk to report to North Yorkshire Council.

65/24. The date of the next Parish Council meeting – 14th October 2024.

Meeting closed 08.30pm

.....
Chairman