

## LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Present:** Cllr Barbara Fiorato, Jane Brown, John Colbert, Graham Cross, Paul Caffrey, George Beck, DC David Staveley, DC Wendy Hull and Clerk Abigail Horsfall.

**Apologies:** Cllr Brian Woollard.

**MIN 144/2017: Declaration of Interest:** No Councillors declared an interest.

**MIN 145/2017: To approve the Minutes of last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

*Cllrs authorised the minutes as a true copy for Chairman Barbara Fiorato to sign*

**MIN 146/2017: District Councillor Wendy Hull – Fairhurst Stoneyard** - Reported that she had to chase the MP Julian Smith twice to get a reply. The Councillors read the reply. It was suggested that all relevant authorities need to be brought together with a meeting to see if there is any way forward instead of them passing the buck to other authorities. The police have been out to look at the road. If the road is dangerous the police will come out and make the Highways and sweep the road. The Highways will log when they sweep the road. Jayne Grace has taken lots of videos of the road. The road is horrendous and all residents need to keep building the evidence up. Fairhurst Stoneyard have said that they would put a wheel wash in when they put plans in for the new office building. The path is starting to break up where the wagons cross the path to go into Fairhurst Stoneyard, the Clerk will contact the Highways about this. Cllr GC suggested that the Council should complain about the letter that Council received from MP Julian Smith. Fairhurst Stoneyard is trying to organise a contract for the staff to be able to park their cars in the Hoffman Kiln carpark instead of on the side of the road. The Clerk had received an email back regarding the speed limit and apparently that stretch of road does not fit the criteria to have the speed limit reduced. The Clerk is going to contact CC Richard Welch to see if he can help.

Cllr BF said a Fairhurst Stoneyard wagon went past and the driver was on his phone.

**MIN 147/2017: DC David Staveley** – The new bin collection is starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Craven District Council is looking at its long term portfolio of assets, and where houses to rent can be built. With affordable housing for rental and new houses, first time buyers can then buy with shared ownership. Craven District Council are going to be investing in the crematorium as more people are using this facility. The Council tax will go up.

**MIN 148/2017: Matters arising:**

1. **Fountain/War Memorial:** The Clerk has spoken to the War Memorial Grant and is just waiting now.
2. **Fairhurst Stone Yard** – Was discussed earlier in the meeting.
3. **Community Gardens** – Cllr PC said he was digging his plot and there were 3 children playing in the tree at the community garden. The Community Garden trustees have started planting fruit trees.
4. **Dog Fouling** – Ongoing problem.
5. **Wobbly Bridge** – The wobbly bridge has been fixed.
6. **Light on Main Road** – The Clerk is meeting Peter Ball on Thursday at the light to discuss the issues and why it will cost so much for a new light.

7. **Layby by the Railway Bridge** – The Clerk has contacted the Highways regarding the Langcliffe Sign but has not had a reply.

**MIN 149/2017: Financial Report:** The Clerk distributed the monthly accounts and discussed the cheques for this month which were for Eon – Street Light Elec, C Marklew for fixing the wobbly bridge and the Clerk's wages. The cheques totalled £419.22. The accounts were approved and the cheques were signed.

**MIN 150/2017: Planning:** No Planning Issues to discuss.

**MIN 151/2017: Correspondence:** The correspondence was looked at and distributed to the Councillors to read.

**MIN 152/2017: Any Other Business:**

**Parking on the Cobbles** – The Councillors discussed the letter that they had received from Dorothy Phillips regarding parking on the cobbles. The Clerk is to email Mrs Harding and send her copy of the letter and explain that the Council has had to make a decision, and prefers that no one is to park on the cobbles. The cobbles are sinking at the side of War Memorial Fountain.

**Phone Box** – The Council would like to keep the phone box because the phone signal in Langcliffe is very poor. The Clerk is to let Craven District Council know that the Council would like to keep the phone box.

**Langcliffe School** – The Clerk is to email Viktorya Hollings to ask if there is any news regarding the school.

**MIN 153/2017:** Next meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Meeting closed at 20.34p.m.