

LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Langcliffe Parish Council Meeting held in the Langcliffe Institute on Monday 13th April 2026 following the APM at 7.30pm. Page1

Councillors present – H. Jarvis (Chairman), B. Croft, S. Fleming, R. Gledhill, I. Geere, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Council), A. Blackburn (Clerk), public - two.

1/26. Apologies for Absence – I. Johnson, T. Todd.

6/26. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chairman moved to this item.

Cllr Staveley had submitted his annual report which had been uploaded to the PC website. The increased financial pressure was highlighted and that councils were having to cut their cloth to suit. The Craven section of NYC are looking to relocate offices from Belle Vue into the Skipton Town Hall & the library and museum sharing location.

Cllr Staveley left the meeting.

2/26. 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.

3/26. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th March 2026.

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

4/26. Matters Arising.

Ref: 130/25 – The clerk informed council that he had attended to the bench seat at the Locks, this item is included later on the agenda.

134/25 – Cllr Fleming informed council that maintenance work in the flag pole garden was ongoing.

5/26. Public Participation.

The chairman highlighted that recently there had been dogs running free and not on leads, she had witnessed an owner not paying attention whilst his dog was defalcating.

Councillors to be aware and monitor if dogs not on leads were becoming a problem.

Cllr Gledhill enquired if it was possible for some football posts & nets be placed on the large village green. The clerk stated that the green is for the sporting, leisure & pastime use of the community and the temporary placement of football posts & nets would meet this criteria. Council discussed storage of suitable equipment and suggested that a possibility could be to store the posts down the side of the institute.

6/26. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. Item taken earlier in the meeting.

7/26. Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2025-26.

AGAR Certificate of Exemption

Council considered the certificate requirements and resolved to approve, P – B. Croft, S – R. Gledhill

Action – clerk to forward the document to the external auditors.

8/26. Bench Seat – The Locks, Langcliffe (council to consider adoption)

The clerk informed council that he had visited the location on numerous occasions recently and had observed a car parked in front of the bench which would make it unpopular for people to sit. Council to defer adoption decision until the next meeting.

Action – Cllr Croft to liaise with residents.

9/26. Planning Applications.

No new applications.

10/26. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

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

Action – clerk to process.

11/26. Correspondence.

Police report for Langcliffe

09/03/26 & 10/03/26 – X3 – crime violence/ neighbour dispute/ civil.

Annual report

10 – firearms admin, abandon call, sudden death, animal concerns, highway disruption, broken down vehicle, fuel spillage & found property.

8 – crime – theft of food, damage to street sign, damage to vehicle, drugs.

6 – concern for welfare,

11 – domestic dispute, harassment, violence.

3 – road related offence, manner of driving, speed.

2 – road traffic collisions.

3 – online fraud

13 – ASB nuisance, personal, civil.

Letter – J. Smith MP

Government's new Local Power Plan, £1 billion of funding and support to help communities develop and own clean energy projects.

Action – clerk to enquire further.

Bench seat grass strimming.

The clerk had been informed by a resident volunteer that he was no longer able to trim around the bench seats along the B6479 because of health reasons. Council discussed volunteer assistance and a resident stated that he may be able to assist in getting a volunteer.

Action – clerk to liaise.

12/26. Highways, Street Lighting, & Maintenance.

1) Stile at the Locks, Langcliffe – the clerk highlighted the recent accessibility improvements to the stile by the YDNP and praised the parks for their work.

2) Trees – advice from Zurich. The insurance company had stated that council was insured in the event of an incident involving trees if council was legally liable and an appropriate tree assessment had taken place.

Action – clerk to liaise with a tree arborist for assessment.

3) Grit bin – the grit bin had been paid for and was to be delivered shortly.

4) Buxton Park pot holes – an enquiry had been made by residents if council could assist in the repair to the pot holes along Buxton Park. The clerk highlighted that the area was registered as a village green and legally had proved difficult to resolve permanently because of restrictions placed upon council regarding its VG status.

A resident volunteered to repair the pot holes with gravel, council would reimburse the resident for any finance outlay, P – H. Jarvis, S – I, Geere.

Action – clerk to liaise.

The Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting - 11th May 2026.