

# LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of Langcliffe Annual Parish Meeting held in the Langcliffe Institute on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Councillors present – G. Cross (Chairman), H. Jarvis, B. Croft, S. Fleming, I. Johnson, T. Todd D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Councillor), A. Blackburn (Clerk), no public present.

### 1) Chairman's Statement.

'Over the past year we have seen progress in a number of areas most significantly for the village has been the replacement of the play equipment, this was led by Councillor Gledhill and her team of volunteers who managed to get grants and donations to cover the cost, I am sure that this will be a great asset to the village for years to come, I would like to add my personal thanks to them for their time and effort they have put in on our behalf, I would also like to thank all the other volunteers who make our village what it is.

We have replaced the main notice board and repaired the two others as part of our ongoing maintenance program which also extends to the street lights.

Parking in the village is an ongoing problem which we often grapple with but unfortunately there are no easy answers.

We have had the usual planning issues to deal with, some more contentious than others which we try to be fair and give constructive comments which are passed on to the relevant planning authorities who make the final decisions.

We unfortunately lost our long standing councillor Barbara Fiorato who had to relinquish her position due to ill health, as a council we would all like to thank her for her many years being a member of Langcliffe PC, this left a vacancy for a new councillor and we were very lucky to co-opt Mr T. Todd to fill our vacancy.

I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their support and hard work over the past year and to thank North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley for his attendance at our meetings and all the work he carries out on our behalf.

Finally I would personally like to thank our clerk for his hard work, efficiency and wise council.'

G. Cross

### 2) Financial Statement – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

The clerk informed the meeting that both cash books had been completed and had been uploaded to the council website for residents to see all council expenditure and receipts for 2024-25.

Income receipts - £13,159.

Expenditure - £11,916.

The clerk highlighted the VAT refund figure which was £1017, this was higher when compared to previous years, this included the purchase of the new notice board at the end of 2023-24 year but the VAT reclaim Was included in the 2024-25 year figures.

Concern was expressed at the gradual reduction in the donations for the car park and that council may wish to discuss this issue at a future meeting, £570 – 2024-25, £669 – 2023-24, £986 – 2022-23.

The clerk also highlighted the PC precept for this coming year (2025-26) of £13,500, and had been calculated that this would add approximately £6/ year to a band D council tax bill.

Cllr Staveley suggested that contact should be made with North Yorkshire Council to determine if council tax obtained from second home ownership is to be allocated towards the precept of parish councils. The clerk would enquire if this will be the case.

### 3) Parishioners Questions/Suggestions. - none received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Chairman