

N LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018

Present: Cllr Barbara Fiorato, John Colbert, Graham Cross, Brian Woollard, Paul Caffrey, DC David Stavely, CC Richard Welch, Abigail Horsfall (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr Jane Brown, CC Richard Welch, DC Wendy Hull

MIN 231/2018: Declaration of Interest: No Councillors declared an interest.

MIN 232/2018: To approve the Minutes of last meeting held on 11th December 2017.

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

MIN 233/2018: Matters arising:

1. **Fountain/War Memorial:** The Clerk has been in contact with another company to carry out a structural survey this week.
2. **Fairhurst Stone Yard –** Cllr GC reported that Fairhurst Stoneyard are defiantly playing music again. The Clerk will contact the Environment Health at Craven District Council and report that music is being played again. Cllr BW reported that Fairhurst Stoneyard had acquired an operator's licence for 6 wagons, but Cllr BW has seen 8 wagons leaving the yard. To complain you can ring and give them the number plates of the 8 wagons working from the yard. They are only allowed to run the engines on the wagons for 5 minutes before they set off and leave the yard, so they don't disturb the residents at Willow Wood.
3. **Community Gardens / Boards –** Cllr BF spoke about the email that David Croll had sent. He writes;

"With the agreement of Michael and Val Leigh and with the assistance of Graham Jarvis, I have now put the third board in Val's garage. This means that all three boards are safe and dry.

David Croll advised that the minutes have been corrected, but just for the record the CDC grant to the Community Garden was for half the cost of the new mower (the Craven Trust paid the other half). The tree seat was provided by the Roger Stott Community Fund (part of the YDMT)

David Croll thanked The Parish Council for nominating the Community Garden for a CDC community award. The Community Garden Trust have been shortlisted and invited to the awards ceremony at Conis-ton on 11th January. Four of the five trustees will be attending, and they will let the Parish Council know if the garden wins an award."
4. **Dog Fouling –** Cllr GC confirmed that there are still lots of bags laid on the ground up the lane. Summer is obviously worse because of more dog walkers.
5. **Play area –** The Clerk has received a quote to power wash the mats under the swings but is just waiting for another quote.
6. **Light on Main Road –** The Clerk has emailed Peter Ball and is awaiting a response to see if the light on the main road is one of the lightest North Yorkshire County Council would be changing.
7. **Layby by the Railway Bridge –** There was nothing new to discuss about the layby.

8. **Christmas Tree** – Cllr BW suggested that the Clerk contacts the Christmas Tree group to suggest that the Council thinks it's a promising idea to put lights round Stocks Tree and to ask if there are any lights that they would prefer.
9. **Parking round Village** – There have been more cars parked around the village due to the Christmas period. The Council thinks this may be a worse problem if the National Park manages to get the rates for second homes and holiday homes increased. The Clerk will email the police again and see if there is anything that can be done. The police have been asked before and they said that Langcliffe could have double yellow lines, but it becomes a problem when there is only the car park with limited spaces.
10. **School Site** – The Clerk is to email the owners of the school back and ask them to prove that they have access to the school across the car park, otherwise the Council will have to get legal advice regarding the access. The Council spoke about the car park and that there could be a problem in the future because of parking at the school and the owners saying that they need access into the school grounds through the gate and then there will be less car parking spaces. It was also suggested that walkers have not been able to park in the car park because of the work men, which means there may not have been as much money in the honesty box.

The Council also spoke about the problem of the water coming out of the school field at the side and that if it does run onto the high way then the owners need to solve the problem, otherwise Highways will get involved.

The Clerk is also to email the National Park and ask them why they did not put the Parish Council's objections in for the planning for the school.

11. **Second Homes / Holiday Cottages** – The Councillors discussed second homes and it was suggested that the Council contact the Yorkshire Dales National Parks and let them know that the Council feels that increasing the rates on second homes and holiday cottages is a good idea and the Parish Council is behind them. Cllr BW also suggested contacting other Parish Councils and ask them if they feel the same way to do the same. The second homes and holiday cottages in Langcliffe have diminished the village amenities because residents are not here all year.

The Clerk is to email Yorkshire Dales National Park and ask why they don't take the Parish Councils comments into consideration. Any new planning that comes up now for holiday homes should be turned down. The Clerk is also to ask the National Park Authority what they will spend the extra rates money on. Will it be put back into the villages it has come from, to help with local amenities like buses etc?

12. **Mill Pond** – The Clerk read out the message from Cllr JB, who had met with the Environment agency, and managed to persuade them to open the sluice gate a little and leave it that way. The water is now going through as it should be.
13. **Donations to Institute** – Cllr BW suggested that Parish Council should try and help Langcliffe Institute to advertise what goes on in the Institute whether it be by facebook, website, notice boards. Cllr BW said that when he first came to the village he had no idea what was going on and it would be a good idea if there was somewhere you could get the information about what is going on and when. Some of the activities that do happen in the Institute are from private groups that use the Hall for their own businesses profits. The Council will discuss this again at the next meeting.

MIN 234/2018: DC David Stavelly – The Local Plan has been submitted. There is a site in Langcliffe Parish that has been put forward for planning and does have the 106-agreement planning gain on it and it will contribute to the

community. Cllr DS spoke about the new Chamber of Trade website and about getting new signs for Settle and correcting some of the original signs. DC DS also reported that he still has some community grant money left if there are any worthy causes that the Council can think of.

MIN 235/2018: Financial Report: The Clerk distributed the monthly accounts and discussed the cheques for this month which were for Harrison & Cross Ltd, Eon, Langcliffe Institute Room Hire, and the Clerk's wages. The cheques totalled £450.42. The accounts were approved.

MIN 236/2018: Precept – The Councillors discussed the precept and agreed to increase it by inflation. The Clerk is to contact residents before the next AGM and ask them if they have any Ideas for the village.

MIN 237/2018: Planning: There was no planning to discuss.

MIN 238/2018: Correspondence: The correspondence was looked at and distributed to the Councillors to read.

MIN 239/2018: Any Other Business:

Speed Awareness signs – The Clerk will chase the Highways regarding the speed awareness signs.

Vacancy – Cllr BW asked about the vacancy on the Council and if the Council should advertise for a new Councillor. There are the elections in May, so the Council decided to wait to see if anyone would put themselves forward for election.

Foster & Poor Close money – Cllr BF spoke about Foster & Poor Close and asked if any of the Councillors had any suggestions of anyone who would be eligible for the money. The Councillors did suggest some residents but did say that it is very difficult to know what someone's financial situation is.

MIN 240/2018: Next meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 12th February 2018. Meeting closed at 8.48p.m.