

LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Langcliffe Institute on Monday 3rd December 2018 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors present – G. Cross, B. Fiorato, I. Johnson, J. Sugden, B. Croft, J. Bagnall, H. Jarvis, A. Blackburn (Clerk).

Public present – 1.

330/18. Apologies for Absence – R. Welch.

331/18. Code of conduct – localism Act 2011

a) To record any councillor's disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to any item on this agenda.

b) To consider any changes in member's register of interests

c) To consider any dispensations

Dispensations received – **None**

333/18. Public Participation (Including Community Groups).

The Chairman brought this agenda item forward.

A presentation was given to the Council by Mr P. Wales on plans to build an eco-friendly house within the grounds of Bowerley House, consideration for any environmental impact was addressed through the proposed dwelling having a subterranean effect. Further plans for the development of an allotment garden for the residents of the Bowerley were shown.

332/18. Police Report – None Received.

334/18. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12th November 2018 – Approved

Except amendments – Councillor Fiorato not present, Fairhurst-Stone – Contact name.

335/18 - Matters Arising - Items addressed within this agenda.

336/18 – Fairhurst-Stone Yard.

Council discussed reported concerns relating to Fairhurst-Stone operations.

Action – Clerk to organise a meeting with Fairhurst-Stone representatives and Council members.

337/18 – Christmas Tree & Solar Lights (Resolved)

Council resolved to approve the purchase of the Christmas Tree & Lights. (s137).

Action – Councillor Johnson to purchase.

338/18 – Land Issues.

1. Car Park – Council confirmed that the land in front of the school was being used as a vehicle park when it was registered as a green.

2. Buxton Park – To determine any easement whether as a result of payment.

Action – Clerk to study minute books.

3. Piece of Land in front of House – This is shown on the register as village green, it is for the property owner to prove otherwise.

339/18 – Foster & Poor Close Charity.

Councillor Fiorato informed Council of the constitution and practises of the charity.

Council discussed options relative to prospective recipients in Langcliffe Parish.

Action – Clerk to contact Charity Secretary for further advice.

340/18 – Budget & Precept (2019-20) – Resolved

The Clerk presented a budget forecast graph to Council as a guide to establish the Council precept requirement for 2019-20. Council discussed necessary repairs and maintenance costs to its open spaces, lighting, and administration costs.

Council resolved to approve an increase to the precept in line with inflation costs (3%).

(£6603) Prop – H. Jarvis, Sec – B. Croft, resolved.

341/18 – Clerk – Contract of Employment – (Resolved).

Council considered the proposed contract for the Clerk, the contract is based on the recommended version provided by the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

One question in relation to salary after probation period – Clerk informed Council that the maximum level of payment relating to Langcliffe PC is based on SCP 23.

Council resolved to approve the Contract of Employment.

Prop – G. Cross, Sec – I. Johnson, resolved.

342/18 – Council Equipment – Purchase of Laptop, Security & Software (Resolved).

The Clerk informed Council of the requirements relative to the Transparency Code 2014, and the importance of items of equipment to enable the Council to meet its statutory obligations of the code.

Council resolved to approve the purchase of a laptop, security & software, value approximately £400.

Action – Clerk to purchase suitable equipment.

343/18 – Planning Applications (Approval)

No planning applications received, or displayed on YDNP & Craven website.

Council expressed concern at the lack of correspondence from the planning authorities in relation to planning applications.

Action – Clerk to address.

344/18 – Correspondence Received.

One item – Annual swim challenge for charity poster to benefit Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

345/18 – Highways & Street Lighting.

Council enquired to when the street lamp would be connected at the lay-by.

Action – Clerk to enquire.

The lay-by is due for renovation, Council unaware of start date.

Action – Clerk to enquire.

346/18 – Financial Statements & Invoices for payment (Resolved)

Council resolved to approve the Financial Statement & the following Invoices.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

A. Blackburn – Admin reimbursement.

A. Blackburn – Clerk salary.

A. Horsfall – Clerk salary.

347/18 – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting Monday 7th January 2019.

Meeting closed – 9.15pm

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