

LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Langcliffe Institute on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors present – G. Cross (Chairman), H. Jarvis (Vice Chairman), B. Fiorato, I. Johnson, J. Sugden, B. Croft, J. Bagnall, R. Welch (N.Y.C.C.) D. Staveley (C.D.C.), W. Hull (C.D.C.), J. Grace (NY Police), A. Blackburn (Clerk).

Public present - 12.

1. Apologies for Absence – All invited Councillors & Guests Present.

7. Police Report. The Chairman moved the Police report forward as requested.

PC Grace reporting

28/02/19 – Suspect noise on Howsons Lane – area searched, nothing found.

04/03/19 – 36 dead birds dumped in field, Langcliffe Road – Defra dealing.

08/03/19 – Fraud text messages from D.V.L.A. & Natwest – Scams.

21/03/19 – Suspect vehicle – Henside Lane – left prior to Police attendance - local keeper.

24/03/19 – Highway disruption – sheep on Henside Road.

30/03/19 & 05/04/19 – Abandoned call – accidental.

07/04/19 – 2 reports off road bikes around Winskill area – persons & vehicles checked.

09/04/19 – Civil dispute.

15/04/19 – Domestic incident.

05/05/19 – Controlled fire – John Roberts – Fire Service aware.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 14th May 2018 (Approved).

3. Matters Arising.

a) Car Park – The Chairman commented on the re-surfacing of the car park, this being achieved by the kind donation of 80 tonnes of stone chippings by Dry Rigg Quarry.

b) Fairhurst-Stone – This item has been the main focus on the Parish Council agenda for some considerable time, with residents complaining about dust, noise, & seemingly unsafe practice. The Chairman informed residents that they must contact Environmental Health to report issues connected with the site, therefore complaints do not just come through the Parish Council. The Clerk informed the meeting that he was awaiting a response from Environmental Health after a recent inspection of the site.

Cllr Welch informed the meeting that the site was operating under an unlimited use licence.

Cllr Bagnall raised the issue of Health & Safety Executive involvement following the tipper wagon accident, Cllr Welch stated that the HSE investigation had concluded the cause being driver error. Consensus of the meeting suggested that emphasis should be placed on the reporting of all incidents affecting residents directly to Environmental Health.

c) Parking – The Chairman stated that parking within the village had been a problem for a long time, the car park had been re-surfaced and hoped that it would be used effectively. The Council had enquired about yellow lines being placed within key areas of the village, but Highways would not approve the suggestion. Cllr Welch highlighted the problem of the increasing number of holiday cottages which exacerbate the problem.

d) Lay-by – The Chairman thanked Cllr Welch for the work he did to facilitate the installation of the Lay-by. The site needing signs to prevent larger type vehicles using the space as this has damaged the edgings, as observed. Council to address the issue.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the new Council had been very busy throughout the year, and had achieved some positive outcomes.

The new street light installed on the Settle Road, near the Railway Bridge.

The new Lay-by has been landscaped, with grass and wild flowers sown, once this is established it will enhance the entrance to the village.

The Stocks Tree area had been enhanced with new stone sets, improving its appearance.

The War Memorial is being repaired and will result in improving that area.

The Chairman stating the car park requires re-surfacing every few years, the recent stone chippings were donated by Dry Rigg Quarry, 3 wagon deliveries, 80 tonnes, and we are very grateful to them for their generosity towards this project.

Still issues with Fairhurst-Stone, hopefully the various bodies that are involved will work to improve the site, which will then improve the lives of the local residents in the near future.

The Chairman thanked: David. Croll, for auditing the Council books.

Pat & Allan Smelt, for putting the flags up.

Kenneth Atkinson, for weeding and the War Memorial preparation.

Mike Slater and the seat painting group.

The Gardening Group, for keeping the flag pole garden tidy.

Thank you to any that has been missed.

David Staveley (CDC) & R. Welch (NYCC) for their help, and regular meeting attendance.

The previous Clerk & Council who started lots of projects which have now been completed.

The new Clerk for his knowledge and commitment to the Council which has helped considerably since November.

The Chairman thanked fellow Councillors for their commitment, support and hard work over the last year, and it has been a pleasure to be their Chairman for the last year.

5. Financial Report – Clerk

The Clerk introduced by the Chairman, gave a brief outline of his involvement at local Council level, followed by a review of the Council Financial Statement 2018-19 inclusive of: Balances opening & closing, receipts & payments.

The Council was in a very good financial condition with reserves in place to cover expected and unexpected eventualities. A resident enquired why the PC should have to pay the Institute to hold meetings, Chairman stated that charging was an Institute committee matter. Resident enquired as to the amount carried over could be considered excessive.

The Clerk stated that during past discussions with the Government accredited external auditors he had been informed that the figure that would be classed as excessive would be more than twice precept for a Council. Langcliffe had carried over twice precept but has a programme of improvement works planned for the Parish that would effectively reduce the financial balance. The Clerk informed the meeting that the full cash book would be available on the website shortly.

6. Garden Areas. Cllr Johnson reported that there was a desire for a pond within the community garden area in the near future.

Strimming of gardens to continue.

9. County Councillor Report - R. Welch (NYCC) - Chairman moving this agenda item.

Limited finances again. Council tax up 2.99% plus 2% to cater for elderly care.

Much concern regarding accidents on the A65 from Gargrave to Settle roundabout.

Statistics paper given to Clerk for consultation, requested info up to Ingleton.

Concern regarding road condition, more money found for repairs, but not enough.

Advertising banners on the A65, distraction to drivers, but no backing from NYCC.

9. County Councillor Report - R. Welch (NYCC) (Continued)

All surveys are now completed for Coniston Bridge, just need the £9 million pounds to complete the project. When finished there will be two bridges in operation.

The YDNP new barns policy for roadside conversions has resulted in 100 approvals, but not many have been started.

Cllr Welch conveyed his frustration at the lack of action from YDNP Planning over issues at Fairhurst-stone, issues reportedly from carcinogenic dust released when stone cutting.

The new Lay-by has been successful, HGV drivers to be made aware that they can not park. Settle Freight Quality Partnership, meeting soon to discuss road haulage issues.

Meeting in Victoria Hall, Settle with Castleberg Hospital on the agenda.

8. District Councillor Report – D. Staveley

Craven District Council – balancing budget looking at services.

A review of Craven Planning Department – report out soon.

Economic development – community, housing & employment.

Land identified in Langcliffe for housing development – adjacent to Barrel Sykes.

Skipton Town Hall project – museum development.

Grant funding of community projects.

Disability Grant review.

Crematorium at Skipton – review for future planning.

Cllr Hull

Chairman of CDC for the last year.

Council looking to attract and retain young people to the district.

Funding initiative to attract artistic young people

Funding available to engage a website developer to increase the profile, and the promotion of artists in the area.

Keeping services including healthcare local, evaluating the Middle School at Giggleswick as a healthcare centre, but no financial backing for the project as yet, ideas to use the building more effectively to further interest in any financial backing.

Question from resident regarding the viability of Castleberg Hospital building as the new health care facility. Cllr Hull explained that the middle school idea looks a more attractive and viable proposition as opposed to the antiquated Castleberg building.

10. Council Representative Reports. None received.

11. Parishioner Concerns.

Resident reported that the tree adjacent to the War Memorial Fountain is causing problems both in terms of shedding leaves directly into the fountain drain, and also its roots could be affecting the drain from the fountain.

Clerk to agenda the above item for the next Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

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