

LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Langcliffe Parish Council Meeting held in the Langcliffe Institute on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors present – G. Cross (Chairman), S. Fleming, R. Gledhill, B. Croft, I. Johnson, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Councillor), A. Blackburn (Clerk), public present 2.

107/23. Apologies for Absence – none received.

108/23. 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.

111/23. Public Participation. The Chairman brought forward this item.

A resident presented her objections to the planning application which was to be considered by Council under item 115/23, these objections had been received by Council and circulated to members.

115/23. Planning Applications. The Chairman brought forward this item.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning – no new applications listed.

North Yorkshire Council Planning –

ZA23/25502/OUT – Bowerley House, Langcliffe – erection of 4 new dwellings.

Council considered the objections as presented by the resident and discussed the application including: vehicle access/egress issues, car parking, bordering of conservation land, drainage problems, Cllr Staveley stated that the development would have 3 sides to open countryside.

Council resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:

- 1) The development would impact on the countryside at this location.
- 2) Close proximity to conservation land.
- 3) Traffic access/ egress from the B6479 would have a detrimental affect on road safety.

P – R. Gledhill, S – B. Croft.

Action – Clerk to submit Council response to the Planning Authority.

112/23. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. Item brought forward by the Chairman.

Cllr Staveley had circulated his report and the Clerk had placed it on the website.

Cllr Staveley briefly highlighted the financial difficulties that councils were experiencing around the country and North Yorkshire Council were to use their financial reserves to address any shortfalls, this would be only a short term solution as any reserves would soon disappear if used long term.

Settle Area swimming pool was to apply for grand funding as part of their financial strategy for service provision.

The Chairman highlighted the reduced number of firefighters employed at Settle Fire Station, staffing was now at a crucial level and operational availability is being affected. Cllr Staveley to seek information from a higher authority.

109/23. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th December 2023.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

110/23. Matters Arising – Actions.

Ref: The two lamps and connecting wiring affixed to Paley's Cottages to be discussed at the meeting in February.

Action – Clerk to add item to the agenda.

111/23. Public Participation. Item taken earlier in the meeting.

112/23. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. - item taken earlier in the meeting.

113/23. Vehicle Parking.

Cllr Croft highlighted the problem of inconsiderate vehicle parking in the village where recently vehicles had been obstructing a dropped kerb making it impossible for users with mobility aids to access the village post box. Also vehicles had been parking adjacent to Stocks Tree making manoeuvring of vehicles extremely difficult.

Council discussed various parking problems.

Action – Clerk to consult Highways requesting vehicle prohibitory markings for the dropped kerb and around the Stocks Tree area. Councillors to forward all photographs highlighting parking problems to the Clerk.

114/23. Foster & Poor Close Fund.

The Clerk informed Council that he was in possession of the fund amount for the year ending 31/12/2023. The Chairman stated that it would be appropriate that the funds be allocated to Play@langcliffe towards the purchase of new village play equipment. Council resolved to approve this cause P – B. Croft, S – S. Fleming.

115/23. Planning Applications. Item taken earlier in the meeting.

116/23. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement & invoices for January.

Action – Clerk to process payments.

117/23. Correspondence.

Police Report

08/12/2023 – Road Traffic Collision – single vehicle on ice in Langcliffe.

HSBC banking charge for December - £10.33

Clerks & Council Direct magazine.

118/23. Highways, Street Lighting, & Maintenance.

The Clerk highlighted the notice board near Elwood Cottages was in a poor condition and without one of the doors, this had allowed rain into the notice board and the timbers had swelled.

Council discussed the issue and the consensus was to determine costings for a new waterproof board.

Action – Clerk to explore boards & costings for the February meeting.

The Clerk informed Council of the broken flag stone used as the bottom step on the Old Vicarage grass as it was loose and causing a trip hazard.

Action – Clerk to seek remedial repair via contractor.

The Chairman highlighted the recent flooding of the High Road at Langcliffe near the first corner in the road, this had made it extremely difficult for pedestrians to use the road.

Action – The Clerk to liaise with NYC Highways on the issue.

119/23. The Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting - 12th February 2024.

Meeting closed 08.40pm

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Chairman