

LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Langcliffe Parish Council meeting held in Langcliffe Institute on Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors present – G. Cross (Chairman), H. Jarvis, B. Fiorato, B. Croft, J. Sugden, D. Staveley (Craven District Council & North Yorks County Council), Hannah Kay (Yorkshire Dales National Park Dark Sky Status), A. Blackburn (Clerk). No public present.

92/21. Apologies for Absence – I. Johnson, J. Bagnall.

93/21. Code of conduct – localism Act 2011

- a) To record any councillor's disclosable pecuniary interests in any item on this agenda.
- b) To consider any changes in members' register of interests.
- c) To consider any dispensations – none received.

96/21. Lighting Units – YDNP Dark Sky Status – H. Kay.

The Chairman brought forward this item.

H. Kay gave a brief talk on the Dark Sky Status initiative and referred to photographs to detail numerous examples of lighting units, these units together with electricity timers were recommended by YDNP as a strategy in order to reduce light pollution in the National Park. The Chairman enquired whether grant funding would be achievable by Council for the purchase of replacement lighting units, unfortunately this does not seem possible for Local Authorities. Langcliffe PC are already replacing old units with LED downlighters and are to implement timers, but this would be dependent on future available finance.

The Chairman thanked H. Hay for her input in this matter.

94/21. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4th October 2021.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

95/21. Matters Arising – Actions

Ref 75/21 – The notice board at Sedgewick View had now been repaired by the contractor.

83/21 – Correspondence had taken place between the Clerk, the letting company of previously flooded property in the village, and land owners. All land owners had now been informed of the situation regarding the verge edge ditches along Malham Road, NYCC Highways stating that it is not their responsibility to maintain the ditches but that of the land owners.

85/21 – Thank you correspondence received from The Friends of the Dales Society regarding Langcliffe Council policy of identifying areas for natural habitat within the village as part of the 'Protect Our Verges' campaign.

88/21 – The grass cutting contractor had been informed of the Council decision to cut the grass in the village at a frequency of every two weeks within the growing season.

97/21. Public Participation. - nothing received.

The Chairman brought forward an item from 102/21, the Clerk informed Council of an item of correspondence received from E-ON regarding a price increase for electricity from the 1st of December 2021. This increase was the second one implemented since August and would see a 53% rise in the price of street lighting electricity, Council would discuss in more detail during the future precept meeting.

98/21. District/ County Councillor Report. (see separate report).

99/21. Play Area Update.

The Clerk referred to the recent Play Safety report following the annual inspection of the play equipment, areas identified did not highlight imminent risk to injury.

1) Worn swing bushes, 2) Small area of rust on swing seat 3) Grass growing between gaps in mats. Council acknowledged the report.

Cllr Jarvis informed Council that the wicker based equipment had proved unsuitable and more substantial build on equipment was now being considered, finance was still a problem.

Cllr Staveley informed Council that financial assistance may be available via locality budgets

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100/21. Planning Applications.

Craven District Council Planning

The Clerk informed Council that the Langcliffe Park planning application initially submitted in 2019 had been refused because of the adverse impact on an adjacent residential property.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning

Consideration – Fairhurst-stone planning application 2019

Council discussed the situation regarding this application with comments and replies considered from YDNP Planning. This application was submitted by the applicant over two years ago and considering a formal complaint had been submitted by Council regarding a lack of progress answers received from planning suggest nothing is progressing towards a final decision for the application. **Action** – Clerk to liaise with YDNP senior management & further complaint if necessary.

101/21. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement and the invoices for November.

Action – Clerk to process.

102/21. Correspondence.

Impact on tourism report – Cllr Staveley informed Council that two meetings had already taken place and a questionnaire had been distributed to all Councils for their comments.

YDNP Planning seminar – the recent you-tube seminar was discussed and received a favourable response, particularly useful for Councillors was what constitutes a qualifying objection to an application and what does not.

Craven Disability Forum Survey – placed on notice board.

103/21. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.

104/21. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 6th December 2021

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Chairman

