

## Langsett Parish Council

### Meeting 2 June 2009

#### Minutes

*Apologies:* Cllr J Key

*Present:* Cllr S Barnes (chair), Cllr L Taylor (vice chair), Cllr L Hammond, Cllr G Hill

*Previous Minutes:*

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved by Cllr Barnes.

*Election of chair, vice chair, year 09/10:*

Cllr Hill proposed that Cllr Barnes and Cllr Taylor be re-elected as chair and vice chair respectively. They were re-elected unanimously.

*Finance:*

The clerk reported that the annual return final accounts had been completed. The accounts book entries were approved by Council and the return authorized by Cllr Barnes and counter-signed by the Clerk. Clerk to send off to the auditors.

Cllr Taylor reported that the insurance renewal cheque had been signed and sent off to Zurich Municipal since the last meeting.

Cheques raised : 1. Macmillan Nursing Support (£32), this to be sent with a covering letter by the Clerk and being payments from Charity of Samuel Wordsworth for 08/09 and 09/10, in memory of Mr Leslie Hill. 2. PDNPA (£15), barn rent for next meeting. 3. BMBC (£1) land rent.

*Correspondence:*

Little Doubting Farm egg unit: It was noted that a BMBC site visit had taken place and that in the light of objections from neighbours, a decision on planning permission had been deferred.

2009/0506 Illuminated sign, bus shelter, Manchester Road/Gilbert Hill: The clerk reported that details of this application had been received and that an extension had been sought in order for Council to discuss it. The plan was reviewed and Council voted unanimously to object to the application on the following grounds:

1. Safety.

- a) A closed-ended sign would be an obstruction to visibility of drivers emerging from Bank View Cafe car park into the main road.
- b) Lights at night would be an added distraction to drivers on the A616 passing through Langsett.

The existing, open-ended model was preferred for safety reasons, therefore.

2. Appearance.

A brightly lit sign displaying advertising would be too garish and urban for a rural village and out of place in the planned location and have a detrimental effect on the rural character of the village.

The existing, open-ended model was preferred for aesthetic reasons, therefore.

Clerk to object to the application.

*Correspondence:*

Invitation received for Chair to attend Lord Mayor's Civic Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Barnsley on 11 June 2009. Cllr Barnes to attend. Clerk to inform BMBC.

Invitation received for 2 ladies to attend Lady Mayoress' "at home" at Barnsley Town Hall on 18 June 2009. Cllrs Taylor and Hammond to attend.

Invitation for Council to attend Peak Park Parishes Forum at Bakewell on 15 July 2009. It was unanimously decided not to send representation. Clerk to inform Philip Thompson.

The Clerk reported that the notice board had been updated with the latest release re European Elections on 4 June 2009. There was nowhere to display the list of candidates as it was too large, but its contents were noted.

An email received from BMBC in response to more information re road repairs to Sheephouse Hill. Reply gave a possible start date of beginning of June 2009. Cllr Hill reported that no work had begun and that an August 2009 start was more likely.

A press release dated 6 May 2009 by Alan Hey, press/publicity officer to Project Sheepphouse Heights Action Group was circulated to Councillors for their consideration

*Clerk's Report:*

The clerk stated that attempts to get a spare bin from Neighbourhood Pride for the Gilbert Hill picnic site had failed. A quote of £275 to make and fit a bin had been obtained by the Clerk. The Clerk was in the process of applying for a grant from the Area Forum to cover most of this cost.

Council voted unanimously to accept the quote, providing funding offset the cost. Clerk to proceed.

*Any Other Business:*

Cllr Hammond reported that the verge at the junction of Cranberry Road/ Mortimer Road urgently needed cutting and was a hazard to motorists. Clerk to report this to BMBC.

Council discussed the problem of car parking in Langsett at weekends in Summer and Bank Holidays, when the car parks at Langsett Barn and also the car park on the right of the A616 towards Flouch were full, as well as every other space such as the Waggon & Horses car park. It was felt that there is a need for more car parking spaces. It was expressed that elaborate landscaping had been provided at the expense of more parking spaces on these sites.

Clerk was asked to write to Yorkshire Water and BMBC to ask if anything could be done.

*Next Meeting:*

Tuesday, 28 July 2009.