

Langsett Parish Council

Meeting, 15th September 2009

Minutes

Apologies: None.

Present were: Cllrs S Barnes (chair), L Hammond, L Taylor, J Key, G Hill

Previous minutes: The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. These were approved and signed off by Cllr Barnes.

Finance: The clerk reported that the auditors of the annual accounts for year 08/09 had queried the amount held in reserve by the Council. This was discussed and the clerk is to reply that Council considers it prudent to retain a reserve in case of eventualities and if there are any future projects requiring capital expenditure.

A cheque for £15 was raised for hire of the barn for the next Council meeting.

Planning: A letter from BMBC Planning Dept had been received advising that the applicant for permission at Little Doubting Farm had appealed against the refusal of permission. This was noted but Council resolved that they wished to make no further comment regarding the case. The majority decision to support the application, which was taken in April 2009, was affirmed.

The clerk produced written confirmation that application for advertising at the bus shelter at Manchester Road / Midhopestones Bridge had been refused.

No such confirmation had been received re the similar application for the shelter by the cafe on Manchester Road, but Cllr Taylor reported that the ground by the shelter had been resurfaced with no alterations to the shelter, so it was assumed that this application had also been refused. Clerk to check this.

A new application, 2009/0930, for which an extension was requested by the clerk, was considered. This is for a small extension to the rear of the house at Cote Farm. Council voted unanimously to raise no objection. Clerk to contact BMBC.

Correspondence: Invitation to Parishes Day, PDNPA, 19th September 2009. Councillors may wish to attend.

Letter from Yorkshire Water advising that they are looking at the problem of too few parking spaces for Langsett Reservoir but that any improvements would be long term and dependent on funding. Clerk to express Council's support in principal for the plan and to reaffirm that more practical landscaping of car parks would provide more spaces.

Letter from BMBC agreeing to fund 50% of cost of new bin for Gilbert Hill. A cheque is to follow, for which Council must then produce an invoice.

Clerk produced a catalogue from Shaw & Sons Ltd as an example of minute books available. Clerk to order one when current book is almost full.

Clerk's report: Clerk reported that work on the bin for Gilbert Hill is progressing.

Clerk mentioned a training day to be held by SLCC at Aston on 9 October 2009 which would be free for Langsett PC. Council agreed that clerk should attend if he wished.

Matters Arising: Cllr Barnes asked that clerk report the faded road markings at Cranberry / Mortimer Road crossroads and ask for them to be re-marked as drivers currently did not recognize it as a junction. Clerk to contact BMBC.

Cllrs Barnes, Taylor and Hammond resolved to undertake bulb planting around Langsett to improve the look of the village. Clerk to investigate where funding / materials / labour may be available to help with this. Clerk to contact Cllr Taylor as soon as possible.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st December 2009.