

MINUTES OF THE LANGWITH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th JULY, 2015 AT 7PM IN THE WHALEY THORNS & LANGWITH VILLAGE HALL

Present - Councillors Sandra Peake (Chairman), Christine Dale, Brett Elliott, Connor Elliott, Lisa Fritchley, Stephen Fritchley, Helen Hornsby, Christopher Kane, Kath Sharpe and Joyce Wycherley.

Also in Attendance - Simon Oldham (Clerk), District Councillor Jen Wilson, Inspector Frank Burns (Derbyshire Police), Danny Butler (Shirebrook Town Council Leisure Services) and Jennie Street (Managing Director, Rhubarb Farm).

2015.55 Apologies for absence – Councillors Andrew Anderson, Salena Berry and County Councillor Joan Dixon.

The Council noted that Councillor Salena Berry had suffered the recent bereavement of her Mother. The Council asked the Clerk to send a card and convey the Council's best wishes to her at this very difficult time.

2015.56 To consider Motions for Variation of Business.

There were no motions to vary the order of business.

2015.57 Police Liaison Officer, if in attendance will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.

Inspector Frank Burns was in attendance and expressed that he wished to advise and reassure the Council of the actions the Police were taking to combat the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour experienced in Langwith and would be using the new powers available to them by introducing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's). Whilst there was a consultation process and legal formalities to abide, these could be up and running within 2-3 months and provide the flexibility to be as wide or narrow as required in order to address the relevant issues including introducing a no alcohol zone and dispersing the source of incidences of ASB. He outlined that one was currently being put in place at Shirebrook in view of the significant issues experienced there recently and reassured the Council that Langwith was the next priority and once in force, if the Order was breached, the Police had wider powers than previously existed to come down hard on the perpetrators.

Members of the Council took the opportunity to raise matters of concern with Inspector Burns including regular visitors to a property in New Scott Street at all hours, the continuing issue of the flat top rubbish bin used by people to congregate to consume drink and drugs and cause anti-social behaviour, a property in the Parish where it was believed that bicycles arrived regularly in the early hours of the morning and were being dismantled and sold on locally and the issue of over occupancy levels in some properties and scope to tackle this in conjunction with the Homes in Multiple Occupation (HMO's) regulations, although it was accepted that this latter issue was a District Council rather than a Police responsibility.

2015.58 Shirebrook Leisure Centre representative to discuss prospects for Leisure activities in the Village Hall.

Danny Butler from Shirebrook Town Council was in attendance at the request of the Chair, to advise on the prospects of putting together a programme of leisure activities for use of the Village Hall by local residents to become more active.

RESOLVED that a draft programme of leisure activities and costings be prepared for use of the village hall to support local residents to become more active and engaged, for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

2015.59 Declarations of Members Interests.

Councillor Kath Sharpe declared an interest in relation to item 9(a) "Preparations for the Langwith Show 5/9/15 - Jennie Street, Managing Director of Rhubarb Farm to attend and inform the Council of preparations for the day", in her capacity as a Director of Rhubarb Farm but would remain in the meeting as an observer unless any formal resolution of the Council was required.

Councillor Steve Fritchley declared an interest in items 12 "Schedule of proposed payments", relating to the invoice and advertising in the Post publication and item 13 "Planning" as a member of BDC Planning Committee and withdrew from the meeting during their consideration.

2015.60 Acceptance & Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd June, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

To note that a summary sheet of headings for the format of regular monthly advertising of Parish Council business/activities was tabled and would be considered under agenda item 12 "Proposed payments schedule" which contained the invoice from the Post for advertising in the next 3 editions.

2015.61 Public Speaking Session.

Councillor Jen Wilson (BDC Local Ward Councillor) was in attendance but had nothing specific to report but Parish Councillors raised the following issues with her:-

- Councillor Joyce Wycherley had been unable to get hold of her re an abandoned fridge left in the garden of a house on Devonshire Drive and she had contacted Councillor Crane in her absence who had taken the time to very effectively resolve the issue for which she was very grateful
- Councillor Kath Sharpe reported on another abandoned fridge that she had come across whilst out walking and highlighted the location to Councillor Wilson and asked if she could arrange for this to be cleared and disposed of
- The Chair Councillor Sandra Peake drew attention to the fencing on the right hand side right the way up Pit Hill, which was a real mess and questioned who owned it. In addition Councillor Helen Hornsby similarly advised that the businesses and old Pit Baths on Pit Hill should also have a responsibility to maintain the tidiness of their land and buildings which were run down and an eyesore. It was suggested that perhaps a joint effort could be pursued between the Parish Council and District Council to encourage all landlords, both private and residential to take a greater responsibility for the upkeep of their dwellings as this was placing a greater strain on public authorities in respect of tidiness and anti-social behaviour.

2015.62 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chair had no announcements to make.

2015.63 Preparations for the Langwith Show 5/9/15 - Jennie Street, Managing Director of Rhubarb Farm to attend and inform the Council of preparations for the day.

Jennie Street the Managing Director of Rhubarb Farm was in attendance and outlined the preparations being made for the Langwith Show taking place on Hardwick Street Recreation ground on Saturday 5th September, 2015. Members of the Council also asked questions of Jennie in relation to the operation and functioning of Rhubarb Farm.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the use of the recreation ground for the Show on the basis set out by Jennie Street based on previous years arrangements/ layout for the Showground and a contribution of £25.00 be agreed for a small Parish Council advert being placed in the Show programme.

2015.64 Development of a Website - To consider proposed dates for 2Commune to attend and demonstrate their Web package and to receive 2 alternative quotes.

RESOLVED (1) to note the three website development quotations presented and (2) a demonstration be arranged with 2Commune to demonstrate their web package, to take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st July at 2.30pm.

2015.65 Update on scheduling a meeting for Chair/Vice Chair and Clerk to meet with representatives of Scarcliffe Parish Council to reach agreement on the division of non fixed assets and the split in the allocation of reserves held at 31st March, 2015 between each of the two Councils.

RESOLVED to note that this meeting with Scarcliffe Parish Council was scheduled to take place next Monday 13th July at 4.30pm in the Village Hall.

2015.66 Scope for a replacement bus shelter on Langwith Road outside the Gate Hotel - To note the feedback from DCC and to consider specification requirements to enable the Clerk to pursue formal quotations.

RESOLVED that (1) formal written quotations be pursued for the 2 identified shelters in the brochures presented, the first from Queensbury Shelters and the second from Broxap Limited and (2) further enquiries be made with DCC on the requirements/regulations including whether building regulation approval was required should the Council decide to go out to tender for local tradesmen to quote to supply and build a brick built shelter.

2015.67 Quote for updating the Village Hall signs with the new Langwith Parish contact information.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the quote from Imprint for the design and supply of replacement vinyl signs x 2 to place on the existing mounted signs outside the Village Hall on the terms set out in their quotation.

2015.68 Update on status of land at bottom of Pit Hill, joining the Main Road, Langwith and scope for cutting back undergrowth.

RESOLVED (1) to note the reporting by the Clerk that this had been identified as "unregistered" land following enquiries with BDC and the Land Registry and that he had instructed the Caretaking staff to tidy the area up and it had been strimmed in the last few days and (2) an application be made to the Land Registry for "possessory title".

2015.69 HM Land Registry transfer of title of fixed assets from SPC to LPC - advice from Solicitors representing the Council in the proposed Medical Centre development/sale of land at Main Street, Langwith and associated update on progress of the sale as advised by the Developer.

RESOLVED (1) to note the correspondence and advice from Solicitors acting for the Council in the sale of land for the proposed new medical centre and that the Community Governance Order itself, was insufficient to register a change of title for all land and property identified in the Order as transferring from Scarcliffe PC to Langwith PC; (2) in light of (1), approval be given to the likely costings and authority be given to instruct the Solicitors to make an application to the Land Registry for the transfer of title for all appropriate land/property and a 50% contribution be pursued from Scarcliffe PC in this matter and (3) to note the correspondence presented by the Clerk on the progress of the Medical Centre development which had stalled and was caught up in the NHS England internal bureaucracy processes and until appropriate heads of terms could be agreed between Brackley Investments and NHS England, the development was unlikely to proceed further.

2015.70 Resignation of the Clerk - To consider interim arrangements and/or permanent arrangements going forward.

RESOLVED to note the letter of resignation of the Clerk/RFO with effect from 31st August, 2015 and his reasons for so doing and in the interim, temporary support be secured from Shirebrook Town Council's administrative resources to secure an effective handover of systems and work in progress etc, pending the Council identifying its desired permanent staffing arrangements in due course.

2015.71 Consideration of potential CCTV Surveillance to combat Anti - Social Behaviour Activity in Langwith.

RESOLVED to defer this matter for the time being pending the Police activity in combatting crime/ASB with the introduction of Public Space Protection Orders in the village.

2015.72 Finance - To approve a schedule of proposed payments & to receive the bank reconciliation for May, 2015

RESOLVED that (1) the following schedule of payments be authorised:-

Date	Supplier	Details	Amount £
28/6/15	Employee Payroll - June including HMRC PAYE/NI	June payroll (on-line banking transfer)	3899.14
6/5/15	*Jephsons DIY (cheque signed by former account signatories & cheque sent 4/6/15)	Maintenance supplies/equipment	42.93
23/4/15	*Cubit Ultrasonic DIY (cheque signed by former account signatories & cheque sent 4/6/15)	Lighting Column Testing for hanging baskets	292.50
17/5/15	Orange	Mobile Phones - Contract charges May	64.60 (paid by direct debit 2/6/15)
25/5/15	British Telecom	Landline and Broadband charges	120.22 (paid by direct debit 8/6/15)

9/6/15	British Gas	Village Hall - Gas charges (1 st -23 rd April)	19.02 (paid by direct debit 26/6/15)
29/5/15	Mitchell Fire Protection Limited	Fire Safety Annual Inspection - Langwith Cricket Club Pavilion	44.40
21/5/15	Jephsons DIY	Maintenance supplies/equipment	22.40
17/6/15	Orange	Mobile Phones - Contract charges June	63.24 (paid by direct debit 2/7/15)
9/6/15	JB Littlewood	Maintenance Supplies	18.72
26/6/15	JB Littlewood	Maintenance Supplies (Weed killer)	54.00
		TOTAL	4641.17

(2) the following schedule of supplementary payments/invoices tabled at the meeting be approved:-

Date	Supplier	Details	Amount £
2/7/15	Connect	Supplies for WTVH -HD Refuse Sacks	55.17
2/7/15	Connect	Supplies for WTVH - Cleaning/Toiletry/Kitchen supplies	79.72
28/6/15	UK Fuels Limited	Diesel for Council van and petrol supplies for mower/trimmer	185.66 (Direct debit 8/7/15)
25/6/15	British Telecom	Landline and Broadband charges (June)	79.46 (Direct debit 9/7/15)
2/7/15	Mansfield Woodhouse Drive Hire	Ford Transit Van Hire 1/4/15 - 2/7/15 @ £125 per week + VAT	2100.00
26/6/15	Wright's Garage	MOT & Repairs to existing Council Ford Transit Van	1008.03
2/7/15	Post Office Limited	Council van 12 months road fund licence	225.00
26/6/15	Bolsover District Council	Premises Licence Annual Fee for WTVH	70.00

30/6/15	Cockell Electrical Ltd	Plumbing repairs to WTVH water heater	72.00
6/7/15	Mick Plant	Council A4 page advert in next 3 editions of "The Post"	390.00
		TOTAL	4265.04

(3) approval be given to the template proposed re headings to be utilised in publicising Parish Council business/activity in each months edition of the "Post" and

(4) the year to date financial summary and bank reconciliation for May 2015, be noted.

2015.73 Planning.

(a) Decision Notice - 15/00214/FUL - Extension to garage, The Jays, Basset Hill, Upper Langwith - NOTED.

(b) Decision Notice - 15/00223/FUL -Two storey extension to side, 18 Station Road, Langwith, NG20 9AQ - NOTED.

2015.74 To note Derbyshire Association of Local Councils' Circulars 2015.

RESOLVED (1) to note the following Circulars:-

1	DALC 14/2015	DALC Website Sign In Details; NALC Co-option Legal Briefing Note ; Electronic Meetings' Summons; Training Reminder ; New Transparency Code Requirements; Big Lunch Extras; NALC Procurement Toolkit; Connecting Derbyshire Consultation
2	DALC 15/2015	The Employment of the Clerk and Council Staff; Grave Matters – A guide to managing cemeteries and closed churchyards – Training; Allotment Training; The Dark Arts! (Minutes & Procedures Training)
3	DALC 16/2015	Building Better Opportunities – Big Lottery Fund; Landfill Communities Fund – SITA Trust; £800k up for grabs from Prince's fund; My Community – Free advice and grants to be had; Neighbourhood planning grants available from Locality; The Power to Change – Power to Change Trust

(2) to enquire further with "My Community" re Circular 16 and the scope for pursuing sources of funding for new play equipment for Langwith recreation sites.

2015.75 Information Items/Correspondence.

(a) Lightsource Renewable Energy - Proposed Solar Farm at Bolsovermoor Quarry
RESOLVED to note the consultation on this proposal.

(b) DCC - Various temporary road closures 12/6/15 to 30/9/15

RESOLVED to note the temporary road closures proposed.

(c) BDC Parish Council Liaison Forum - Cancellation of scheduled meeting on 6/7/15

RESOLVED to note.

(d) BDC Street Sports Programme 2015

RESOLVED to note the proposed programme.

(e) BDC Parish Election May 2015 - Candidate satisfaction survey

RESOLVED to note the satisfaction survey and any Member wishing to respond should do so individually.

2015.76 Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 1st September, 2015 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman - _____