

**Minutes of the Langwith Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7pm at Whaley Thorns & Langwith Village Hall.**

**Present** –Councillors S Peake, S Fritchley, A Anderson, B Elliott, H Hornsby, C Kane, C Dale, K Sharpe, S Berry, County Councillor J Dixon and 1 member of public Mr J Smith

**Also in Attendance** –Mr Ian Boulton, Parish Clerk.

Chairman of the meeting Cllr S Peake.

**2016.1 Apologies for Absence** Cllrs, C Elliott, J Wycherley and L Fritchley

**2016.2 Declarations of Members Interests**

No declarations of members interests were disclosed for today's meeting.

**2016.3 Public Speaking**

Mr J Smith was present at the meeting and expressed his concern in regards to the fly tipping on the Langwith Maltings site. The chair informed Mr Smith that the Clerk had been in communication with Bolsover District Councils Enforcement officer on several occasions.

The legal procedure that Bolsover District Council had gone through was explained and also that a contractor had been appointed to install a padlocked A-frame gate to stop vehicles gaining access to the area. Immediately afterwards the Enforcement Team are to erect signage warning against fly tipping.

The council asked that confirmation is sought from Bolsover District Council that all the waste will be removed and if possible to view any contracts signed in respect of this.

The council also expressed their concerns that Bolsover District Council consider that there is no public right of way in this area, the council asked that clarification be made to confirm that this is in fact not the case.

Mr Smith also expressed his concerns over littering on the Archaeological Way and informed the council that a member of public was regularly picking up litter on there voluntarily. Mr smith was advised the area is maintained by volunteers and that if himself and the un-named member of public did wish to volunteer then details could be exchanged.

The overall general tidiness of the parish was discussed by council and concerns expressed in regards to properties and land. Member asked that Cllrs J Wilson of Bolsover District Council be approached with a request that some skips be placed around the parish in order that residents could dispose of household rubbish.

**2016.4 Police Liaison Officers were not present. Derbyshire County Cllr J Dixon gave the following report to the council.**

Cllr Dixon stated that Derbyshire County Council had to make a further £100 million in cuts this forthcoming financial year. As a result a number of frontline services

maybe cut. Cllr Dixon stated that there were numerous areas to be cut but outlined main areas such as Children's Centre's, Community Transport and Public Transport Subsidies to our local bus routes, Countryside Services, Home to School Service for children with Learning difficulties and the DCC Aiming High Programme.

The Council thanked Cllr Dixon for the information and stated that all tiers of Local Government should come together in order to oppose the cuts being made.

Cllr Dixon also informed members that after the success of her surgeries she is currently running in Bolsover she is now to extend this and run a Local surgery in the Shirebrook Library 10.30 to 12 Noon on the last Saturday of the month. The first surgery to be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

#### **2016.5 Acceptance and Signing of the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

The minutes of the above mentioned meeting were moved Cllr S Fritchley, Seconded by Cllr Anderson approved by all and signed by the chairman as a true record.

#### **2016.6 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair announced that all the grit bins had now been placed in and around the area. The chair expressed concern that our bins could not be identified as belonging to us therefore we should look into marking them in some way with a sticker or Spray painted LPC initials.

It was announced that the first online meeting took place to review the council's new website, the members were asked for their preferences of colour and if they would like to change the logo, if so suggestions on logo styles. Members asked for examples of colours and suggested the logo be kept simple. Any logo suggestions to communicated to the Clerk.

The chair also announced that DALC were running a new councillor induction course on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 and that if any Cllr wished to attend to speak to the Clerk.

Members were also informed that site visits were to be made to view various types of BMX tracks with a view to obtaining funding to develop part of the Recreation Ground off Cockshutt Lane and that if any councillor wished to attend to speak to The Chair. Initial interest shown from Cllr B Elliott.

#### **2016.7 Applications for Funding.**

There were no applications for funding.

#### **2016.8 To determine Parish Council's Precept for 2016/17.**

The chairman read the Precept setting report prepared by the clerk and members reviewed the proposed budget for 2016/17. Increases in the budget for 2016/17 were explained and efficiencies were discussed on the following.

Summer hanging baskets were reviewed and it was decided that this forthcoming year no hanging baskets would be purchased but the planting of plants would be carried out in properly identified areas within the parish.

This was moved by Cllr Anderson, Seconded by Cllr B Elliott and approved by all.

The grounds maintenance contact was discussed and it was agreed by all to leave the proposed budget amount for 2016/17 unchanged but with a view to exploring alternative options including the purchase of a ride on Lawnmower or an alternative third party to carry out the grass cutting.

The Clerk explained the potential effect to residents Council Tax bills dependant on various levels of increases and further outlined the councils potential year end bank balances dependant on those increases. It was also pointed out that potentially an increase over 2% could trigger a referendum but as we were coming to the end of our first financial year as a new Parish Council an increase above the 2% could somewhat be justified.

It was moved by Cllr B Elliott to increase the 2016/17 total precept to £126,365.00  
Seconded by Cllr Anderson, approved by all.

#### **2016.9 To Consider Changing the Councils Bank Account to a more suitable Provider.**

The Clerk informed the council that research had been conducted into Banks that indicated some interest in dealing with Parish Councils. Those being Unity Trust, Barclays, Cambridge Building Society and Metro Bank. The Clerk advised the council that Unity Trust displayed an understanding of the structure and operations of a Parish Council in far more detail than any other bank researched.

It was moved by Cllr Dale, Seconded by Cllr Anderson, agreed by all to transfer banks to Unity trust for the forthcoming financial year.

#### **2016.10 Update on Medial centre Development**

There were no updates to provide the council with.

#### **2016.11 Schedule of Planning and Decisions**

There were no schedules of Planning or decisions.

#### **2016.12 Parish Clerks Report**

The schedule of payment report was moved by Cllr Fritchley, Seconded by Cllr Anderson and approved by all, the cheques were duly signed.

#### **2016.13 Derbyshire Association of Local Council Circulars.**

DALC Circulars 27/2015 General Circular, 01/2016 Index of most important elements of 2015 DALC Circulars, 02/2016 General Circular and DALC Information on HM Treasury Budget were noted by all and a copy made available to all councillors.

#### **2016.14**

There were no information items or correspondence for this meeting.

**2016.15 Confidential Items.**

There were no confidential items this meeting.

**2016.16 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

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