

# Minutes of a meeting of Langwith Parish Council held at 7:00pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Whaley Thorns & Langwith Village Hall, Portland Road, Langwith, NG20 9EZ.

PRESENT

Cllr. S Berry Cllr. C Dale Cllr. B Elliott Cllr. L Fritchley Cllr. S Fritchley Cllr. H Hornsby Cllr. C Kane Cllr. S Peake – Chairman Cllr. A Rozynska Cllr. K Sharpe

 $Mrs \; J \; Jeffery-{\tt Parish Clerk \& RFO}$ 

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Members of the public (0)

# 2023/001 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence had been received or were tendered on behalf of;

Cllr. M Mitchell Cllr. J Smith

# **RESOLVED:** That the apologies be received and that the reasons for absence be noted.

# 2023/002 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

2023/008 – Planning Matters – Cllr. C Kane

2023/010 iii – Langwith Heritage Centre – Cllr. K Sharpe and Cllr. A Rozynska

Councillors withdrew from the meeting at suitable points and returned after the relative conversations had concluded.

Where appropriate Councillors remained in the meeting but took no part in the relevant discussions.



#### 2023/003 TO DISCUSS ANY POLICE MATTERS AND DECIDE ANY ISSUES FOR REPORT.

Crime statistics had been supplied with the agenda and are available at <u>https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/derbyshire-</u> constabulary/scarcliffe/?yourlocalpolicingteam=aboutus

The statistics provided by the Clerk were discussed and noted.

It was requested that the Clerk no longer provide the statistics from the Police website with the agenda as they were often out of date and difficult to determine how they related to crime in the local area.

#### 2023/004 TO PERMIT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

A PERIOD OF UP TO BUT NO LONGER THAN TEN MINUTES TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ANY MATTER WHICH AFFECTS THE TOWN.

There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

# 2023/005 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVING BEEN HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be accepted as true record of the meeting.

#### 2023/006 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

a. TO AUTHORISE CASH BOOK ENTRIES SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING AND ADDRESS ANY QUERIES PRIOR TO AUTHORISING.

The Clerk addressed any queries raised.

### **RESOLVED: That the reviewed cash book be authorised.**

b. TO REVIEW AND AUTHORISE BANK RECONCILIATION/S FOR CASH BOOK PERIOD.

# **RESOLVED:** That the reviewed bank reconciliation, showing a balance of £205,702.62 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, be authorised.

c. TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

No applications for financial assistance had been received.



#### 2023/007 TO CONSIDER RESPONSES AS NECESSARY TO LISTED CORRESPONDENCE.

#### a. NINA BOWS - BOWLS CLUB REQUEST.

**RESOLVED:** That the request to remove the small brick structure be approved.

#### **b.** BOLSOVER **DC** – TAX BASE INFORMATION.

NOTED.

### c. Bolsover DC – Matt Connley – Football post costs.

**RESOLVED:** That the cost be authorised.

### d. Kingstand Feeds – Advertising enquiry.

# **RESOLVED:** That the Chairman and Parish Clerk be authorised to establish further information.

#### 2023/008 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND REVIEW PLANNING DECISIONS.

APPLICATIONS		NOTES/COMMENTS
Application No Proposal: Location: Applicant:	22/00583/FUL Decision Level: Delegated Installation and operation of a solar farm renewable energy generating station comprising: ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays, substation, inverter/transformer units, site access, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements Land To South Of Frithwood Farm Cottage Frithwood Lane Elmton Ms Michelle Howley	Elected Members raised no objections to this application
Application No Proposal: Location: Applicant:	b: 22/00615/LBC Decision Level: Delegated New underground pipework and a small external box to house pipework to the exterior of the house to facilitate independent water supply, cosmetic improvements to the external front elevation, including painting/staining exterior and interior window frames, replacing exterior rainwater/drainage pipes with the same materials and colours, moving telephone wiring and aerials internally, internal updates including a full electrical re-wire of the house and updating sockets, switches and light fittings, enclosing an en suite, improving stair safety, general updates and refurbishment of the existing fixtures and fittings. 1 Old Hall Scarcliffe Lanes Upper Langwith Mansfield Miss Jeni Berridge	Elected Members raised no objections to this application

#### CLLR. KANE DECLARED AN INTEREST FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM AND LEFT THE MEETING



Application No:22/00672/TCONProposal:Gas mains replacement worlLocation:Main Road LangwithApplicant:Lexie Graham		Elected Members raised no objections to this application
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DECISIONS		ACTION TAKEN
Application No Proposal: Location: Applicant:	22/00427/FUL Change in the extent of the roof Terrace above a single storey rear extension- Originally scheme approved under 21/00193/FUL 71 Langwith Road Langwith Junction Mansfield NG20 9RP Mr Ajay Bapodra	Granted Conditionally
Application No Proposal: Location: Applicant:	: 22/00491/FUL Retention of single-storey side extension (incorporating garage) 3 Old Hall Scarcliffe Lanes Upper Langwith Mansfield Paul and Marion Bingley and Vesey	Granted Unconditionally
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Application No Proposal: Location: Applicant:	: 22/00517/VAR Variation of Condition 2 (Proposed layout plan) and 7 (Tree Protection Measures) of Planning Permission 21/00024/FUL Scarcliffe House Pit Hill Whaley Thorns Mansfield Soteria Childrens Services	Granted Conditionally
Application No Proposal: Location: Applicant:	: 22/00532/TCON Oak Trees, to reduce the crown of the smaller tree, tree 2, and to remove the larger tree identified as tree 1 Bassett Farm Rectory Road Upper Langwith Mansfield MR Robert Hopewell	Granted Unconditionally

CLLR. KANE RE-JOINED THE MEETING

# 2023/009 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK.

a. PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON - MEETING INFORMATION.

#### NOTED

#### b. TO REVIEW PRECEPT DOCUMENTATION AND APPROVE PRECEPT FOR 2023/2024.

The budget information was tabled at the meeting and Elected Members were given the opportunity to review it thoroughly prior to discussing the contents.

It was recognised that the Council continued to function on a negative budget but that the balance had survived due to costs efficiencies across all departments.



It was noted that general rising costs across most suppliers, particularly across utilities at all sites, would impact the precept demand but that the Clerk would continue to seek best value for supplies and works wherever possible.

It was also included in the budget to return to a full program of events throughout the year, which cater for residents of all ages.

Projects discussed for inclusion in the current year budget had gone well and would be expanded on in the coming year; these included improvement to the Christmas Lighting Scheme and the planting schemes as well as taking part in the Extreme Sports project.

The following recommendations were included in the report;

- 1. That the budget assumptions are accepted, and any non-material amendments be delegated to the Parish Clerk.
- 2. That the above be considered alongside this report to show an increase in the precept demand of £12,000
- 3. That a precept of £185,000.00 be set.

Following further discussion on balancing the budget, recommendation three (3) from the Parish Clerk was adjusted to balance the budget.

3. That a precept of £217,495.00 be set.

# **RESOLVED:** To accept the Parish Clerk's financial reports, approve recommendations 1 and 2 plus amended option 3 above and notify a precept demand of £217,495 to Bolsover District Council.

### 2023/010 TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS.

#### a. Updates from previous meeting.

Cllr. Peake reported on various events that had been staged in the parish, including some double events to ensure that both extremities of the parish were catered for. Discussion relating to planned events for the coming year ensued.

She went on to inform the meeting of the improvements to the planting scheme for the parish.

The Centre Co-ordinator had prepared a report to the Chairman which Cllr. Peake shared details of. This included but was not exclusive to, the acquisition of a red bin to enable recycling of relevant products, investigations into the improvement of lighting at both venues, and disposal of unused equipment.



- **b.** OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
  - i. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING DALE CLOSE.
    - **RESOLVED:** To write to Derbyshire County Council again relating to a pedestrian crossing for the A632 around the Dale Close access point and general safety along that route.
  - ii. VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR.

**RESOLVED:** To write to Cllr. Joan Dixon to request assistance with placing a defibrillator in the parish.

iii. LANGWITH HERITAGE CENTRE.

CLLRS. SHARPE AND ROZYNSKA DECLARED AN INTEREST FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM

**RESOLVED:** To allow Langwith Heritage Centre to relocate in to the Community Centre on a 'free of charge' basis.

iv. MENTAL HEALTH GROUP.

**RESOLVED:** To allow the Mental Health Group to continue to use the Village Hall on a 'free of charge' basis.

v. Approval to purchase crockery / cutlery at a cost of up to £500.

# **RESOLVED:** To approve purchase of crockery and cutlery for use at the venues, to a value of £500.

#### 2023/011 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS/S – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

#### **Exclusion of public**

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be instructed to withdraw from the meeting.

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the items to be discussed, Members passed the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 & the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, Part 1, paragraphs 11, (due to sensitive commercial and staffing nature of the issues being discussed).



#### 2023/012 CONTRACTUAL / BUSINESS MATTERS.

There were no matters raised for discussion under this item.

### 2023/013 PERSONNEL MATTERS.

The Chairman and Clerk reported on an improved Parish Council minimum wage for all staff.

Current employee documents and contracts were approved for review by the HR department of Bolsover District Council.

Operational staff were awarded a Christman bonus in December's payroll.

### 2023/014 TO APPROVE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Set as 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 as per the approved meeting schedule.

SIGNED: CHAIRMAN