



Langwith Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM
ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2023
AT WHALEY THORNS & LANGWITH VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Cllrs S. Broadley, P. Brown, A. Cartwright, K. Chappell, B. Elliott, L. Fritchley, Y. Mather, S. Peake and J. Smith.

Mrs Jennifer Jeffery – Parish Clerk and RFO
Mrs Deborah Watson – Centre Coordinator

In attendance: Mark Seston BDC - Community Safety Officer
Lisa Parsons BDC - Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

2023/096 To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

Resolved: that apologies be accepted from Cllrs S. Berry, C. Dale, and S. Fritchley.

2023/097 To receive declarations of interest.

Councillor J Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in item **2023/104 k.**

2023/098 Agenda items not addressed at previous meeting due to Standing Orders

2023/092 To Receive information from the Clerk.

a) The Clerk informed Cllrs that round 4 of the PCC Anti-social Behaviour Prevention Grant was now open.

Resolved: that an application be submitted for funding to install a running track at Cockshut Lane.

b) Community Rail Partnership

Information Noted

c) 2 Minute Foundation – Litter Pick Stations.

Resolved – to decline the offer.

2023/093 To Receive Chairman's Communications.

Cllr Peake stated this would be detailed under the current meeting agenda.

2023/094 To Receive motions from Elected Members.

- a) A motion was received from Cllr Janet Smith suggesting that a working party be created to deal with updating the allotment rules. The Chair stated that in fact a meeting of Council would be convened separately to undertake this work.
- b) A further motion from Cllr Janet Smith regarding the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday was noted to now be out of time.

2023/095 To approve the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved: As per the meeting schedule this was to be held on 14th November.

2023/099 To discuss any police matters and decide any issues for report.

No police representatives were present.

2023/100 To hear representation from Bolsover District Council Enforcement Team.

BDC Community Safety Officer, Mark Seston, and BDC Anti-social Behaviour Officer Lisa Parsons updated Cllrs on the current statistics for Langwith and the wider District of Bolsover around both crime and anti-social behaviour and supplied copies of Bolsover's three year Community Safety Plan covering 2023 – 2026.

Councillor Peake thanked the officers for their attendance.

2023/101 To permit Public Participation.

No members of public were present.

2023/102 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th September 23.

Resolved: that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

2023/103 To review and approve financial information.

- a. **Resolved:** that the cashbook entries since the previous meeting be authorised.
- b. **RESOLVED: That the reviewed bank reconciliation, showing a balance of £260,197.49 at the 31st of October 2023, be authorised.**

2023/104 To consider responses as necessary to listed correspondence.

- a. Cllrs considered the letter from Karl Gibson of Langwith Cricket Club.

Resolved: that the Cricket Field be gifted to the Cricket Club and that a solicitor be engaged to arrange the details.

- b. Cllrs considered the letter from County Councillor Joan Dixon regarding speeding on the A632. The contents were noted.
- c. Councillors considered a request for funding to support the Children's Air Ambulance Service.
Resolved – to give a one-off donation of £100.
- d. Cllrs considered the letter from nether Langwith Parish Council regarding arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

Resolved: that whilst the scaled back arrangements had gone well, it was clear there was clear public support for a joint event be held in Langwith and that arrangements for this should take place much earlier for the following year.
- e. The letter from Derbyshire County Council detailing the Road Traffic Regulations for the new development on Pit Hill was noted.
- f. A letter from the Zero Hour team requesting support for the Climate & ecology Bill was noted.
- g. The update from DCC (Cllr Joan Dixon & Bridget Gould) regarding the speed limit signs on Rectory Road was noted.
- h. In response to a written request from Cllr Janet Smith that draft minutes of Council meetings be both circulated to members and also published, it was explained that minutes are only published once they are approved at the subsequent meeting.
- i. The Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement from BDC was noted.
- j. Councillors discussed the issue of the road visual obstruction as raised by Cllr Kevin Chappell, at the junction of Rectory Road and Bassett Hill.
Resolved: that the Clerk contact the landowner expressing the Council's concerns.
- k. Councillors considered the request from the Langwith Society to again provide free use of the Council Chamber room for the Bounce Back Mental Health Group.
Resolved: that for future sessions the standard room hire rate should be charged and a recommendation to seek alternative funding from the Health and wellbeing Partnership should be made.
- l. The Local Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document from BDC was noted and individual Councillors encouraged to submit their comments.
- m. A letter of thanks from Eileen Staniforth, for the children's Halloween Party was noted.
- n. Councillors considered the street name consultation letter from DBCP to name the new street on the development off Pit Hill
Resolved: to submit the chosen name Colliery Close.
- o. A request from Whitestar F C to place an advertisement for the sponsors of their kits, on the gates of Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground, was considered.
Resolved: not to approve as the Council does not allow advertising on its property.

2023/105 To consider planning applications and review planning decisions.

No comments were submitted on the listed applications.

2023/106 To receive a report from the Centre Coordinator.

The Centre coordinator reported verbally:

- a) She had completed Level 3 Food Hygiene & Safety Training in order to undertake the catering of some of the Council’s Community Events.
- b) That there was potential to substantially reduce the costs of some of the Village Hall’s utility bills and an opportunity to upgrade the broadband to fibre in the village hall along with the renewal of the landline and broadband contract.
- c) The new commercial fridge and freezer now in situ in the kitchen at the village hall were proving very useful not only for the Food Hub but also for the community events.
- d) The Children’s Halloween Party had been a success.
- e) Attendance figures were low at the first session of the new Over 50’s Social and Activity Hub but participants had enjoyed the session.
- f) There was significant issue of damp in the walls at the Community Centre and the CEO of Dragonfly (Bolsover District Council’s Development Company), had kindly offered to get an assessment undertaken of the necessary works to rectify the problem.
- g) That it was proving difficult to get cheques signed to make Council payments now there were only two signatories

2023/107 To receive information from the Clerk.

- a. The minutes of the Bolsover Community Voices Forum were presented for information and duly noted.
- b. The Clerk gave an update on the Bank account detailing that the Council could now transfer to a Lloyds account which would allow for online banking, and card facilities etc, and information was requested from those Councillors who were to be signatories.
- c. A successful Macmillan Coffee morning had been held on Friday 29th September in the Village Hall.

2023/108 To receive Communications from the Chair.

Councillor Sandra Peake reported that:

- a) Tickets were selling fast for the upcoming Christmas community events.
- b) Noticeboards around the Parish would be replaced during the coming year in accordance with the monies already budgeted for this.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date