



Langwith Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM
ON 16TH JANUARY 2024
AT WHALEY THORNS & LANGWITH VILLAGE HALL.**

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

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

In attendance: One member of the public.

2024/001 To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

All members were present.

2024/002 To receive declarations of interest.

No interests were declared.

2024/003 To discuss any police matters and decide any issues for report.

It was noted that the Police had not attended the Food Hub when it had been advertised that they would be in attendance.

2024/004 To permit public participation.

One member of the public who was present at the meeting raised the issue of potholes and flooding locally and suggested that local action should be taken and that she felt kerb stones being installed at the sides of the road on the A would help to alleviate the problem.

Councillors agreed that the problems identified were a major issue and agreed to look further into what could possibly be done.

2024/005 To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th November 2023.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

2024/006 To review and approve financial information.

- a. **Resolved:** that the cashbook entries since the previous meeting be authorised.
- b. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation for the period of October, November and December showing a balance of **£248,385.61** be authorised

2024/007 To consider responses as necessary to listed correspondence.

- a. **Resolved:** to support the offer from Martin Staley of Digital Connect to start delivery of free Digital Skills Training in Langwith.
- b. The letter from DBCP confirming that the developer was happy with the name Colliery Close for the new street off Pit Hill was noted.
- c. **Resolved:** to accept the offer from Charley Blackford (London Hearts Defibrillator Information)) for the supply of two defibrillators.
- d. The information from Derbyshire County Council regarding a road traffic order restricting parking at the entrance to the new development on Pit Hill was noted.
- e. The offer from the Office of the PCC to support Council Tax Discounts for Special Constables was noted.
- f. The request for comments on Bolsover District Council's Planning Advice note on Biodiversity, was noted.
- g. The letter of thanks from the headteacher at Brookfield School for the visit by Santa arranged by the Parish Council, was noted.
- h. **Resolved:** to accept the proposed location for the biodiversity offset location for tree planting at Whaley Thorns and agreed to feedback to Katie Walters at BDC in the affirmative.
- i. The information from Hedgehogs R US was noted.
- j. The information from Blidworth Welfare Band was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk enquire about their availability for Remembrance and a possible D Day anniversary event.
- k. The information from 2Commune stating that they would no longer maintain the Council's website was noted. The Clerk informed Councillors that the provision of alternative websites was being investigated. Cllr Janet Smith recommended going for a Wordpress website.

2024/008 To consider planning applications and review planning decisions.

No comments were submitted on the listed applications.

Cllr Salena Berry left the meeting.

2024/009 To receive a report from the Centre Coordinator.

The centre coordinator reported :

- a. The events held at the end of 2023 had all proved very successful.
- b. There had been issues with water ingress in the Community Centre building and contractors were being sought to address the problems.
- c. The next Langwith Gazette was currently being produced.
- d. Langwith Whitestar FC were requesting to be able to site a container on Cockshut Lane recreation Ground. The Clerk stated this request should be put in writing.

- e. Moles were so prolific on the football field on Cockshut Lane, they were causing a danger to football players. It was agreed to seek three quotes from pest controllers to resolve this problem.

2024/010 To receive information from the Clerk.

- a. The information from 50 Five – E – Mobility regarding electric charging points, was noted.
- b. Councillors reviewed the Clerk’s report detailing the current year’s budget information and discussed the setting of the precept for 2024/2025. and it was
A councillor suggested that an investment account be used in which to keep reserves and again stressed that the VAT needs to be claimed back for the preceding years.
It was moved by Cllr B Elliott and seconded by Cllr P Brown and duly Resolved: that the precept be set at £197,600.00 for 2024/2025, being an increase of 4.96%, and equating to a rise of £10.94 per annum on a Band D property.

2024/011 To receive Chairman’s Communications.

The Chair reported the quotation from Baggeley and Jenkins to undertake the remedial works for the damp issues at the Community Centre. As this company was a contractor approved under the District Council’s procurement rules and recommended by them, it was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair be authorised to approve the quote following agreement of the schedule of works.

2024/012 To approve the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

As per the agreed meeting schedule, the next meeting will be held on 12th March 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed(Chair)

Date