

# Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009

## Attendance

Cllr R Hosmer Chair  
Cllr R Wright  
Cllr J Higgins  
Cllr P Duncan  
Cllr F Mitchell  
Cllr A Pickard

Also present was Peter Atkinson

1. Apologies  
Cllr G Kirk  
Cllr R Bailey  
Cllr H Crouch

## Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009

P481 The amendment to the previous minutes to be amended to read. '5c The minutes to be amended to read ' Cllr Wright advised that the Village signs were installed as a result of the Millennium activity and not as a result of additional money being available due to the Millennium''

P492 3b1. The wording to be amended to read 'other villages have used ancient stone **or** reconstructed monuments.

P493 3c The wording on the discussion around the sale of land to read 'Cllr Wright advised that it may not be legal to dispose of the land '

P493 3e Cllr Wright to be changed to read Cllr Higgins

P493 3f The wording to be amended to show that it was Cllr Crouch who reminded everyone that the village is in the fortunate position being only 5mins away from Oakham ambulance station.

P494 3f The word 'fantastic' to be removed from the description of the ambulance service.

P502 6b The fact that Cllr Higgins had apologised for missing the application to be added and the word 'completely' to be removed.

The Minutes were signed as correct.

Proposed Cllr Pickard  
Seconded Cllr Duncan

### 3. Matters Arising

#### a. Seat on Oakham Road

The Clerk advised that the seat had been delivered and permission granted by Highways to install it next to current seat.

Cllr Hosmer advised that he has contacted P Burdett who is to call the clerk to arrange to instalation. Clerk to follow up.

FT

#### b. Village sign

Cllr Higgins reminded councillors of the discussion at the previous meeting and asked for a steer on which way to progress. Cllr Higgins advised that she was still waiting for a response from Mike Frisby regarding information on the ancient stone. Cllr Mitchell suggested that the local colleges be contacted to see if they would be interested in using this as the subject of an arts project with the possibility of the best one actually being used if good enough. He also advised that it may be possible to get some publicity from this and perhaps some sponsorship. It was stressed that the use of the ancient stone and a creative design were not necessarily exclusive and it may be possible to do both.

Cllr Higgins recognised Cllr Duncan's reluctance to spend money on such a venture. Cllr Wright advised that in the latest CPRE Publication, now being circulated to councillors, there was an article highlighting the fact that parish councils could now apply for grants of up to £5000 from the Lottery "Awards for All" scheme and that this was a possible source of funds for a village project

Cllr Mitchell suggested approaching the local council to see if they would be interested in taking on such a project. Cllr Duncan admitted he was not overly keen on this idea although he did recognise the good mural outside of Tesco which had been produced by local schools.

Cllr Hosmer asked Cllr Higgins if she wished to pursue this, Cllr Higgins asked if council wished to have a sign..

Cllr Mitchell suggested putting money aside over the next 3 – 5 years to pay for such a sign.

Cllr Mitchell proposed that the concept of a sign and of a sinking fund be put to the local community at the next Parish AGM.

Cllr Higgins seconded this .

JH

Cllr Higgins to approach Catmose College to get an indication of their likely interest.

#### c. Gates on Church St footpath

Cllr Hosmer advised that the gates had been removed although one post had been left as it was now giving structural support to the fence.

#### d. Playing Field Repairs

Cllr Hosmer advised that the playing field was in good condition. Both Cllr Duncan and Cllr Mitchell advised that the chain on the Trim Trail needs tightening as you end up on the ground rather than dangling in the air. Cllr Hosmer to investigate

RH

PD

Cllr Duncan was reminded that he had agreed to provide steel to go on a picnic table to protect against BBQ damage.

#### e. Seat on burial ground

Cllr Hosmer advised that there had been a complaint regarding the seat in the burial ground and it's position under trees making it prone to be covered in bird droppings.

He also advised that a lady living on Ranksborough Drive would like to put up a seat in the village to commemorate the loss of a loved one. Cllr Hosmer to contact her to see if she would be interested in placing a seat on the burial ground. RH

#### 4. Correspondence

a. Letter from Gary Toogood regarding the closing of Bridge St to enable essential sewer repairs to be done. Clerk to post notice. FT

b. Letter from Tim Webster on behalf of the Chairman of the County Council, Roger Wilson requesting nominations for awards within the Equality and Diversity Week. Cllr Higgins suggested that there may be someone within Rutland Sailability who could be nominated. Clerk to contact Rutland Sailability at Rutland Sailing Club to enquire as to whether there was anyone suitable. FT

c. Cllr Hosmer read out the letter from Inspector Johnny Monks regarding the issue of speeding on Cold Overton Road. Inspector Monks offered to attend the next parish council meeting to discuss possible measures to be taken. The councillors felt that with the development at Gates being still undecided, it was a little premature to have this discussion at this point and that the discussion would be better had once the planning application had been decided. Clerk to contact Inspector Monks. FT

d. Cllr Hosmer advised on a Homelessness consultation being held in Rutland on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Mitchell asked if there were any homeless people living in Rutland. Cllr Higgins advised that this had been a topic of discussion at the recent Parish Forum meeting. Clerk to post notice. FT

e. Cllr Hosmer advised that he was to attend the Neighbourhood Watch meeting following on from recent correspondence. RH

f. Cllr Hosmer advised on the communication from Link . Cllr Higgins advised that this had caused a heated debate within the Parish Forum with people concerned with the short deadlines. There appears to be a large interest in this. The nominations are due by Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 09.

g. Letter advising of an evening on 20<sup>th</sup> October entitled ' The Environment and Communities – Working within the third sector' was read out. Clerk to put poster on noticeboard. FT

h. Letter from the church wardens asking if the councillors would like to choose a hymn, reading or poem for the Community Service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The councillors requested the hymn 'Praise my soul, the King of Heaven.' Clerk to contact Susan Holford with the choice. FT

i. Cllr Hosmer read out a letter from Wendy Broad expressing her

concern regarding the area where children are required to wait to catch the bus for school. The spot is in a lay-by just off Melton Road, opposite Ranksborough Drive, with no hard standing and no shelter. There was significant sympathy with the councillors. Cllr Wright pointed out that the County Council had installed a bus shelter opposite the prison and suggested asking for one for the schoolchildren. Cllr Mitchell asked where the bus shelter would be placed. Cllr Duncan suggested that this would be unlikely given that it was not a regular bus stop and it was only used once a day in term time. Cllr Higgins suggested putting down shale. Cllr Pickard asked for clarification of the area in question. It was felt that there were three main problems identified by Mrs Broad.

- The pick up point itself and the vicinity to a very busy road.
- The lack of hard standing
- The lack of any protection from the elements

The councillors felt that point one was the most critical and discussed a number of possible alternatives but without reaching a suitable conclusion. It was felt that Mrs Broad should pick up this matter with the bus company, the school and the county council. Clerk to write to Mrs Broad to advise her on next steps.

FT

Cllr Higgins also proposed that all the councillors review the area in question and that the matter be put on the agenda for the following meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Duncan.

ALL

- j. The previously circulated letter from Mr Dayman was discussed and Cllr Hosmer asked for comments. Cllr Duncan referred to his draft response and proposed that it be sent to Mr Dayman. Cllr Pickard seconded this. Cllr Higgins suggested some small changes but Cllr Duncan was unhappy to change.

Cllr Mitchell suggested also suggested a response which was accepted in principle by the councillors. Cllr Higgins proposed that the letter be from the council and not from individuals.

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Clerk to draft letter along the lines outlined by Cllr Mitchell. Proposed Cllr Duncan. Seconded Cllr Higgins. All in favour.

## 5 Finance

### a. Current Financial position

The clerk presented the accounts and advised that they are in line with budget. The overspends are as a result of timings of the budget and will be in line with budget at year end.

Cllr Duncan questioned the income for street lighting being significantly bigger than budget. Clerk to investigate.

FT

### b. Accounts for payment

There were no accounts to be discussed

## 5. Finance Report

Langham Parish Council

Finances April 2009 - March 2010

The financial year is divided into six two-month periods.

	2008-09	Year to date:			Current period:		3
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	Actual	Variance	<i>Budget</i>	Actual	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>							
Precept:	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grass Cutting:	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Street Lights:	700.00	0.00	2,538.79	2,538.79	0.00	2,538.79	2,538.79
Burial Ground:		0.00	1,411.00	1,411.00	0.00	571.00	571.00
Admin fees:		0.00	75.00	75.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
Insurance:		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundries:		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest:		0.00	19.08	19.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
VAT:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,185.43	185.43	1,000.00	0.43	-999.57
		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18,700.00</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	<b>21,229.30</b>	<b>4,229.30</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>3,135.22</b>	<b>2,135.22</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>							
Clerk's Salary:	2,400.00	1,200.00	1,117.25	82.75	400.00	372.50	27.50
Clerk's Expenses:	150.00	75.00	126.03	-51.03	25.00	98.11	-73.11
Street Lights:	4,230.00	2,115.00	1,657.22	457.78	705.00	713.11	-8.11
Burial Ground RCC:	600.00	300.00	160.00	140.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Grounds & Open Space:	7,100.00	3,550.00	4,614.68	-1,064.68	1,183.33	2,321.69	-1,138.36
Insurance:	1,000.00	500.00	1,005.96	-505.96	166.67	0.00	166.67
Admin:		0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.00	25.00	-25.00
Sundries:	500.00	250.00	114.85	135.15	83.33	34.43	48.90
Recreation Ground:	850.00	425.00	50.00	375.00	141.67	0.00	141.67
Grants:	1,700.00	850.00	1,050.00	-200.00	283.33	1,000.00	-716.67
Bus Shelter:		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit:	150.00	75.00	135.00	-60.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Subscriptions:	400.00	200.00	353.37	-153.37	66.67	0.00	66.67
Hall Rental:	120.00	60.00	37.00	23.00	20.00	0.00	20.00
Chairmans Fund:	100.00	50.00	9.99	40.01	16.67	0.00	16.67
Contingency:		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Post Office:		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VAT:		0.00	342.91	-342.91	0.00	201.28	-201.28
		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>19,300.00</b>	<b>9,650.00</b>	<b>10,849.26</b>	<b>-1,199.26</b>	<b>3,216.67</b>	<b>4,766.12</b>	<b>-1,549.45</b>
<b>OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT:</b>	<b>-600.00</b>	<b>7,350.00</b>	<b>10,380.04</b>	<b>3,030.04</b>	<b>-2,216.67</b>	<b>-1,630.90</b>	<b>585.77</b>

<b>Closing account mgmt acct</b>		<b>9,837.51</b>
Ordnance Survey	62.96	
Cory Enviromental	221.38	
<b>Expenditure</b>		<u>284.34</u>
Rutland CC Grass	1,133.00	
<b>Income</b>		<u>1,133.00</u>
<b>Closing account for y/e</b>		<b>10,686.17</b>
Current a/c: at 1 Apr 09:	4,647.99	
Deposit a/c: at 1 Apr 09:	8,611.03	
Less uncleared cheques/income	<u>2,572.55</u>	
Opening balance:		<b>10,686.47</b>
Income to date:	21,229.30	
Expenditure to date:	<u>10,849.26</u>	
Surplus/deficit to date:		<u>10,380.04</u>
Balance at 31/5		<b><u>21,066.51</u></b>
Current a/c: at 17 Sept 09	11,964.88	
Deposit a/c: at 17	8,622.82	
Less uncleared cheques/income	<u>-478.81</u>	
		<b>21,066.51</b>

## Planning

Date	Ref No	Address	Proposal	Granted/Refused
2-Mar-2009	FUL/2009/0126/NT	Manor Farm , Manor Lane	Erection of general purpose shed ( revised)	G
2-Mar-2009	FUL/2009/0092/JM	Church View, 30 Church Street	2 Storey extension to garage	R
23-Mar-2009	FUL/2009/0143/APB	6 Melton Road, Langham	Garage frontage chg to brick	G
16 April 2009	FUL/2009/0149/APB	15 Ruddle Way, Langham	Replacement of garage roller doors	G
15 April 2009	FUL/2009/0221/PG	Rutland CC Depot , Ashwell Rd, Langham	Depot to Small business offices	G
20 April 2009	FUL/2009/0154/APB	52 Well Street, Langham	2 porches and bank repair	G
01/05/2009	FUL/2009/0277/NT	Land adj to 24 Church Street, Langham	2 Storey Dwelling House	G
01/05/2009	FUL/2009/0238/APB	8 Fairfield Close, Langham	Ground floor extension - replacing garage	G
13/05/2009	FUL/2009/0246/JM	Langham Bowls Club 39 Manor Lane	Wooden Storage Shed	G
13/05/2009	PTA/2009/0301/APB	5 Oakham Road , Langham	Raise crown of 3 Corsican Pines	G
20/05/2009	FUL/2009/0300/JM	20 Kimball Road, Ashwell	2 storey extension	
15/06/2009	CAT/2009/0424/APB	29 Cold Overton Road	Various work to 27 trees	G
22/06/2009	FUL/2009/0442/APB	The Moorings, 56 Church St	Replacement of rotten timber windows with painted PVCu	G
23/06/2009	FUL/2009/0449/PG	Rutland Garden Centre, Ashwell	Retrospective application for change of use of first floor of retail unit from storage to living accom revised FUL/2008/0208	
9-Jul-2009	CAT/2009/0557/APB	Green Cottage, 33 Church Street	Pollard 1 no. Ash tree	G
8-Jul-2009	CAT/2009/0537/APB	28 Burley Road Langham	Reduce 1 no. Conifer by 40%	G
6-Jul-2009	FUL/2009/0309/JM	37 Church Street	Replace old timber windows with white UPVC to front elevation	G
6-Jul-2009	CAT/2009/0536/APB	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Revised Fell 1 Conifer and reduce conifer by 40% - (Fell 1 Holly bush and reduce conifers by 40%)	G
6-Jul-2009	CAT/2009/0538/APB	25 Church Street	Fell 2 Ilex trees	G
14-Jul-2009	FUL/2009/0232/APB	7 Ruddle Way, Langham	Construction of first floor balcony to rear (west) elevation	W
20-Jul-2009	FUL/2009/0440/JM	2 Melton Road	Replacement of windows and doors to UPVC	G
28-Jul-2009	FUL/2009/0588/NT	45 Kimball Close, Langham	Extension to front and side (N&E elevations). Erection of boundary wall and gates	G

3-Aug-2009	FUL/2009/0656/PG	Rutland Garden Centre, Ashwell	Retrospective application for change of use of agricultural land to create an extension revised FUL/2009/0331	
29-Jul-2009	FUL/2009/0486	24 Kimball Close, Langham	Construction of 2 storey extension to side (west) revised 2008/0804	
4-Aug-2009	CAT/2009/0704/APB	3 Harewood Close	Fell 1 Cherry Tree	G
3-Aug-2009	CAT/2009/0662/APB	1 The Bungalows Bridge Street	Fell 1 conifer tree	G
17-Aug-2009	FUL/2009/0638/NT	40 Melton Road	Creation of new vehicular access	R
18-Aug-2009	FUL/2009/0696/NT	The Rookery, 2 Church Street	Replacement of timber door and window to UPVc	G
18-Aug-2009	FUL/2009/0697/NH	The Paddocks, Sharrads Farm, Burley Road	Variation of agricultural occupancy Condition no4	
19-Aug-2009	FUL/2009/0747/JM	20 Kimball Close	Ground floor extension to south	G
24-Aug-2009	CAT/2009/0783/APB	7 The Range	Work to 6 trees	
25-Aug-2009	FUL/2009/0811/APB	Tweeny Cottage, 16 Church St	Reclaimed brick and stone wall to east boundary	
1-Sep-2009		Langham Cof E School	Wall	
1-Sep-2009	CAT/2009/0816/APB	3 Grange Close, Langham	Fell 1 fir and prune 1 cherry tree	G
8-Sep-2009	FUL/2009/0858/NT	4 Orchard Rd, Langham	2 storey extension to nth side	
7-Sep-2009	FUL/2009/0837/NT	Ostlers Cottage, 63 Church Street	1st floor extension to south elevation	
15-Sep-2009	CAT/2009/0905/APB	8 Fairfield Close, Langham	Fell 4 trees – various	
22-Sep-2009	LBA/2009/0845/PG	The Old Hall , Church St	Refurbishment of Gatehouse buildings	
22-Sep-2009	LBA/2009/0818/PG	The Old Hall , Church St	Blocking of doorways to facilitate division of property into 2 dwellings	
22-Sep-2009	LBA/2009/0847/PG	The Old Hall , Church St	Conversion of granary barn into 2 storey dwelling inc grd floor extension to rear.	
22-Sep-2009	LBA/2009/0733/JM	13 Church Street	Installation of 2 Velux windows to rear	
23-Sep-2009	FUL/2009/0866/NT	Huntsmasters House, 22 Kimball Close	Chg of use from residential (3) to mixed use B&B(C1) and resid(3)	
23-Sep-2009	FUL/2009/0844/PG	The Old Hall , Church St	Refurbishment of Gatehouse outbuildings (43a, 45 and 47 Church St)	
24-Sep-2009	FUL/2009/0817/PG	The Old Hall , Church St	Conv of property into 2 residential units	
24-Sep-2009	FUL/2009/0846/PG	The Old Hall , Church St	Conversion of granary barn into 2 storey dwelling inc grd floor extension to rear.	
29-Sep-2009	CAT/2009/0972/APB	Land between Ruddle Way and Harewood Close Langham	Work to 13 trees	

29-Sep-2009	CAT/2009/0949/APB	Land at end of Ruddle Way	Work to 54 trees	
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20/07/2009	FUL/2009/0440/JM	2 Melton Road	Replacement of windows and doors to UPVC	G	This application concerns a modern house lying back off the Melton Road. A few months ago applicants from 2 of the Victorian/ Edwardian houses were given permission to replace wooden windows with UPVc/PVCu windows therefore it would be difficult to oppose this application. Felt that UPVc windows are acceptable in the right houses. Recommend approval.
28/07/2009	FUL/2009/0588/NT	45 Kimball Close, Langham	Extension to front and side (N&E elevations). Erection of boundary wall and gates	G	This application concerns a family sized house indevelopment of historic kennel buildings, on edge of consevation village but outside of conservation area. The extension footprint is in proportion to the main house and is proposed to match materials with original build. It should have minimal impact on neighbouring properties. We commend the use of slate and reclaimed bricks. It is assumed that the boundary wall will be brick and wrought iron. Recommend approval.
03/08/2009	FUL/2009/0656/PG	Rutland Garden Centre, Ashwell	Retrospective application for change of use of agricultural land to create an extension revised FUL/2009/0331		<p>The parish council has no objection in principle to the extension of the business and are in favour of accepting this proposal with the exception of Area A which is of concern with regard to the safety aspect of lorries turning and unloading in a car park area. The full analysis of the planning proposals are of considerable assistance to understanding the rationale and need for the matters proposed in areas A, B, C and D. The changes of use are now specific as to what is required.</p> <p>Area B – no objections to this area being used to hold trees – it would be a welcome addition to the garden centre and less intrusive than polytunnels.</p> <p>Area C – displaying tents – again no objections</p> <p>Area D – the only consideration here is the Bund. No objection to this but perhaps there is a possibility of planting hawthorn on or close to it in order to reduce the impact on the surrounding area.</p> <p>Area A is the main area of concern. There is obviously a problem with the number of delivery vehicles. This business like many has developed piecemeal over the years and it is often difficult to accommodate the large lorries that, at one time, could hardly be envisaged. We are assuming that the delivery vehicles currently enter the premises between the retail area and the car park and proceed to Area A. As goods are displayed along this driveway and it is therefore used by customers this is far from ideal. The main plant area as well as other displays are easily accessed from here. If vehicles are using this route then it is not a safe option and it is difficult to see how it could be made safe with the present arrangements in place. However we accept that this may be possible with the appropriate knowledge and expertise. Not sure that the proposal for access to A has yet achieved the safety that is required for pedestrians and staff.</p> <p>The current entries from Ashwell Road are not totally suitable for mixed lorry and car entry/ exit. There is a possibility of a new entrance to the south of the site. Could a driveway come from Ashwell Road and pass behind Perky Pets turning north into Area D, Area C and then Area A for unloading and turning? Staff cars would be able to use this route too. This may be a solution and may be worth investigating.</p> <p>There is no objection to a storage area in Area A but believe that this should be kept separate from vehicles and turning areas in order that staff have a safe working environment.</p> <p>Recommend approval for Areas B, C and D Concerned about the safety implications of Area A.</p>
29/07/2009	FUL/2009/0486	24 Kimball Close, Langham	Construction of 2 storey extension to side (west) revised 2008/0804		<p>The application concerns the review of an earlier application for a 2 storey extension for one of a pair of semi detached cottages on the historic Cottesmore Hunt Kennels.</p> <p>The footprint for the extension now appears to be appropriate in size, it will not be as wide as the original extension and will therefore have less of an impact on the adjoining property and the surrounding area than the original proposal. The extension design is of a design that is sympathetic to the existing cottage and we commend the use of reclaimed bricks, natural slate and wooden joinery. There are a few doubts about the balcony but this is personal choice.</p>

					Recommend approval
04/08/2009	CAT/2009/0704/APB	3 Harewood Close	Fell 1 Cherry Tree	G	The tree is in a prominent position and can easily be seen from Burley Road. It is of some significance. The report concerning the tree sadly advises of the need to fell the tree. There are some signs of disease and we can see no objection to the proposal. It could be considered that the tree has infact outgrown it's position, taking up a considerable area of the garden, perhaps a replacement tree may be advised. Because of the condition it is not worthy of a TPO. Recommend approval
03/08/2009	CAT/2009/0662/APB	1 The Bungalows Bridge Street	Fell 1 conifer tree	G	The conifer can be seen from Bridge Street but is not a significant tree as such. It probably reduces the amount of natural light reaching the bungalow and adjoining rear garden a considerable amount. It is of no great merit to either the property itself or the surrounding COnservation Area, infact a conifer may even be considered inappropriate for the area. It is not worthy of a TPO. Recommend approval.
17/08/2009	FUL/2009/0638/NT	40 Melton Road	Creation of new vehicular access	R	This is a revised application to one refused previously. This application has a lot more detail, it has been well thought through and is supported by design and logistical statements. These cottages are in a significant part of Langham along the Melton Road exit to the countryside. Off Street parking would be beneficial both to the residents and to those using Manor Lane. The enclosed plans do seem to provide a solution to an ongoing problem. As long as the plan meets approval from the Highways Department and complies with other legislation, recommend approval.
18/08/2009	FUL/2009/0696/NT	The Rookery, 2 Church Street	Replacement of timber door and window to UPVc	G	This application concerns a semi detached house with frontage in late 30s style, within the conservation area of the village and within the secluded area of the Rookery. The first floor window above the bay has already been successfully replaced by UPVc materials in the main period of the house. We have no objections to the proposed replacement windows. We do not have an illustration of the proposed front door but if as stated it is to be of the same design then this too would be fine. Recommend approval.
18/08/2009	FUL/2009/0697/NH	The Paddocks, Sharrads Farm, Burley Road	Variation of agricultural occupancy Condition no4		This application seeks to regularise the present situation. The supporting statement is helpful in being able to evaluate and comment on the proposal and we can see no objection to this proposal. Recommend approval.
19/08/2009	FUL/2009/0747/JM	20 Kimball Close	Ground floor extension to south	G	The footprint of this extension is small in relation to the larger house. The roofline to the single storey is acceptable, together with the making of a courtyard between the house and the extension which softens the enviromental view of the extension. There is still a view that this extension would be better situated on the west elevation where it would have less impact on the immediate area, however with the proposal it is felt that it is probably of small enough size to be unobtrusive to the surrounding properties. Recommend approval
24/08/2009	CAT/2009/0783/APB	7 The Range	Work to 6 trees		The 6 trees are not significant and cannot be readily seen from either the Range or Ranksborough Drive. We do not consider that these trees are worthy of protection by a Tree Preservation Order. Recommend approval.
25/08/2009	FUL/2009/0811/APB	Tweeny Cottage, 16 Church St	Reclaimed brick and stone wall to east boundary		We have no objections to this proposal and commend the use of reclaimed bricks. Recommend approval.
01/09/2009	0	Langham Cof E School	wall		0
01/09/2009	CAT/2009/0816/APB	3 Grange Close, Langham	Fell 1 fir and prune 1 cherry tree	G	No objections to felling of fir tree. Some pruning of the cherry tree would be acceptable but the application does not state the amount of work to be done. The tree is significant. It is readily seen by the public, contributes to the street scene in general and has considerable amenity value in this part of the village. It is possible that the tree should be considered worthy of a TPO, the work proposed may determine whether this is necessary.

				Recommend approval to pruning subject to Tree Officer agreement to extent of proposed works.
08/09/2009	FUL/2009/0858/NT	4 Orchard Rd, Langham	2 storey extension to nth side	This application concerns a modern house in a road leading to open countryside. A house close by has been similarly enlarged. The appraisal statement and drawings are helpful. The frontage will be enhanced. It is assumed that this current extension does not impinge too close to the neighbours boundary. Recommend approval
07/09/2009	FUL/2009/0837/NT	Ostlers Cottage, 63 Church Street	1st floor extension to south elevation	This application concerns a small significant property in the central conservation area of the village. The extension is to the first floor above an existing single storey building - hence there is no increase in footprint. The appraisal statement is full and helpful. The use of natural slate, wooden joinery and green oak are to be commended. The rooflights will ensure the existing roof line is retained. Recommend approval
15/09/2009	CAT/2009/0905/APB	8 Fairfield Close, Langham	Fell 4 trees - various	These trees are more shrub like than trees. They are non-native on the front drive of a modern house. They are not of significance and not worthy of protection. Recommend approval.

## 6 Planning

### a. Updates received

The clerk advised that no updates had been received relating to the school wall.

The clerk advised that there are now a number of planning applications in concerning developments to the Old Hall.

Cllr Mitchell updated the councillors on the Gates Planning Application. At this stage there is no date set for the application to go to committee. The retail assessment was quite negative advising that there would be an adverse affect on both Oakham Town centre and Ashwell Garden Centre. Gates have been given time to respond to this. Rutland Highways have given their opinion on the % increase on cars and requested that Gates will have to perform and Environmental test relating to noise, fumes, vibrations, dust etc. Cllr Hosmer is to approach Mr Davies to discuss the current position. RH

Cllr Higgins advised the meeting that the tarmacing outside the bridge to 8 Well Street had been done and the new tarmacing was now unsightly. The clerk reminded the council that this work had been done as a result of the residents complaints regarding flooding of the main road and was done in agreement with RCC Highways.

Cllr Mitchell left the meeting at 8.39pm

### b. Comments

Cllr Hosmer requested that comments that had been withdrawn be removed from the planning schedule. Clerk to action. FT

### c. Review of procedures

As one of the councillors on the planning sub-committee was unable to attend due to ill health it was decided to postpone this discussion to the next meeting.

Cllr Hosmer felt that perhaps the Village Design Statement (VDS) was no longer important with regard to planning applications. Councillor Wright reminded councillors that the VDS had been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance by Rutland County Council and that it was still relevant in all planning applications. Cllr Duncan concurred and it was agreed that the VDS would still continue to be part of the planning process. Cllr Wright requested that a copy of the Development Plans be kept at her house to enable regular reference rather than having to access them from the Village Hall. Cllr Wright to advise clerk of document in question, Clerk then to request a new copy from the Council.

RW  
FT

Cllr Wright issued a copy of the document 'Putting your views to the Council' to the clerk and Chairman to help with responses to planning applications.

7. Report from any Sub Committees

- a. Cllr Hosmer advised that three new headstones had been agreed by the burial sub-committee and that there had been one burial for the late Harry Hemsley.
- b. Cllr Hosmer also advised that the work on the playing field had been completed although the posts on the slide are still to be painted.

8. Report from, Meetings Attended on Council behalf.

a. Parish Council Forum

- i. Cllr Higgins advised that papers have been submitted to the chairman to be circulated relating to the Parish Forum meeting.
- ii. There had been a presentation by C.Councillor Hugh Rees relating to the Rutland Over Sixties Engagement ROSE.
- iii. Cllr Higgins advised that there was to be a consultation on homelessness and affordable housing at Catmose Council Chamber. Parish councillors are invited to attend on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1-4.30pm.
- iv. Cllr Higgins advised that the Rutland Minerals Core Strategy pre-submission document had been reviewed. It now includes Stretton, Clipsham and Ketton but excludes N. Luffenham Airfield.
- v. Cllr Higgins advised that there had been a lively discussion re close of applications for various levels of governance in community re personal social services local network.

- b. Cllr Higgins advised on the 'Big Switch Off', 12 -18<sup>th</sup> Oct. Cllr Hosmer asked if there had been any publicity, and Cllr Duncan asked if this related to power cuts. Cllr Higgins advised that it related to trying to reduce our Carbon Footprints, and that everyone was encouraged to make a big effort to switch off all unused electrical devices. Cllr Pickard asked if it were nationwide. Cllr Higgins advised that it is in areas where the difference can be easily monitored. Cllr Hosmer advised that it had been for 4 hours the previous year and is for 6 days this year.
- c. Cllr Higgins advised that she had attended training provided by the long standing Chairman of Anstey which had been attended by a

number of councillors, all with significant experience. Cllr Higgins advised that it had taken the form of problem solving discussions and had been very interesting and informative. Two books were recommended. 'Pointers to good practice' ISBN 0861706935 2005 edition and 'The Good Councillors guide'. Clerk to source one for each councillor.

FT

9. Playing field inspection rota as follows

Oct Cllr Mitchell  
Nov Cllr Pickard  
Dec Cllr Hosmer

10. Items for Next meeting.

**Next meeting – Tues 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

- a. Bus stop / standing area for children waiting for school bus re Wendy Broad's letter. Clerk to write to Mrs Broad to advise.
- b. Cllr Wright advised that two trees on the green by the sub station need attention. Cllr Wright to write out planning application. Cllr Hosmer to approach Glynn Hubbard to do the work.

FT

RW  
RH

11. AOB

- a. Cllr Wright asked if anyone was willing to write an article for the next Langham News. Cllr Higgins agreed to write one on training. It was felt that it was relevant for parishioners to understand the training done by councillors on their behalf.
- b. Cllr Wright advised of a CPRE / English Heritage article on conservation areas and replacement windows.
- c. The clerk advised that the insurance cover held was in line with other parish councils.

JH

The meeting closed at 9.05

Meeting closed