

Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 24 May 2007

Attendance

Cllr R Hosmer
Cllr G Kirk
Cllr R Wright
Cllr Bailey
Cllr J Higgins
Cllr F Mitchell
Cllr R Knight
Cllr H Crouch
Cnty Cllr N Wainwright

1. Appointment of Chair

Cllr Hosmer was elected.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Wright

All declaration of acceptance forms have been signed.

2. Welcome

Cllr Hosmer welcomed Cnty Cllr Nick Wainwright and new Parish Councillors Fin Mitchell, Richard Knight.

3. Apologies

Cllr Duncan
Cllr Crouch will be here soon.
Cllr Bailey is attending PCC meeting but will be here for 8pm.

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. Minutes of Meeting held 10th May were read and approved.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Wright

Minutes of meeting held on 29th March

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Minutes were signed as correct.

Cllr Higgins
Cllr Wright

6. Matters Arising therefrom

- a) There has been no further information regarding the boundary changes between Langham and Ashwell.
- b) The stile from the Woodlands to Mickley Lane has been repaired.
- c) Congratulations were given to the Clerk for the repairs to the bus shelter which were completed quickly and proved to be less than quoted.
- d) Proposed re-siting of the Post box at the village hall is in hand.

7. Correspondence

- a) Association of Local and Parish Councils have sent information regarding new councillor training, venue needs to be confirmed.
- b) Invitation to attend draft East Midlands Regional plan sessions was refused by all councillors due to the “hot seat” policy of attendance.
- c) Invitation to attend the visit of Her Majesties High Court Judge to Oakham Castle on 7th June, Cllr Kirk to attend.
- d) Letter from Rutland County Council regarding cleaning week this week. W.I. have completed their annual clean of the village several weeks ago, many thanks to them.
- e) Changes to the Code of Conduct will need discussion at the next meeting. To be included on the Agenda.

8. Planning

To add to report – plans for dwelling house at Jubilee Drive have been refused.

Noel Arms advertisement and lighting plans were received after they had all been erected. Objections were raised to the lighting of the pub, which would cause considerable light pollution whilst not lighting the car park.

Additional plans for The Paddock, Oakham Road, were regarding the drainage and what was considered to be a spelling error, in fire oreganos, which had been queried but no explanation had been forthcoming. Rutland County Council planning meeting regarding this application has been postponed until June 26th.

07 March	CAT/2007/0195/MT	19 Ruddle Way	Work to 3 Limes	G
07 March	CAT/2007/0192/MT	21 Ruddle Way	Work to 2 Limes	G
07 March	CAT/2007/0194/MT	11 Well Street	Fell Cherry Tree	G
07 March	CAT/2007/0127/MT	Apple End, Church Street	Crown Reduce Cherry Tree	G
12 March	FUL/2007/0159/MT	Parva Lodge	Demolish existing and construct single storey ext.	G
13 March	CAT/2007/0209/MT	Parva Lodge	Remove Leylandi and Poplar	G
19 March	Ful/2007/0238/MT	52 Well Street	Alter footbridge	
	FUL/2007/0264/CP	32 Well Street	2 Storey ext	
28 Feb	FUL/2007/0136/MT	23 Lonsborough Gardens	Conservatory	G
5 March	FUL/2007/0166/CP	Rocott Lodge Farm	Conversion farm buildings to dwelling	
6 March	FUL/2227/0175/CC	The Paddock Oakham Road	Change of use for 4 caravans	
6 March	FUL/2007/0186/CP	3 Jubilee Drive	2 storey dwelling house	
6 March	Ful/2007/0151/NT	The Gatehouse, Ranksborough Drive	Demolition and replace single storey garage	
		Laurel Cottage, Melton Road	Dormer and gable window	G
3-Apr-2007	FUL/2006/0091/CP	Road	Amendments	
5-Apr-2007	FUL/2007/0175	The Paddock Oakham Road		
		Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Signage	
16-Apr-2007	LBA/2007/0299/NT	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road		
16-Apr-2007	ADV/2007/0298/NT	Road	Advertisement Consent	
1-May-2007	CAT/2007/0342/MT	29 Well Street	Fell Ash	
1-May-2007	CAT/2007/0344/MT	2 Well Street	Reduce height of Eucalyptus	
2-May-2007	CAT/2007/0337/MT	The Limes, 42 Burley Road	1 Lime Tree to ground level	
11-May-2007	ADV/2007/0356/NT	Noel Arms	Signs and Illumination	
11-May-2007	CAT/2007/0389/MT	Fieldfare House	Remove Sycamore	
11-May-2007	FUL/2007/0376/CP	Holbeck Farm, Main Road	Agricultural Building	

9. Finance

Vote of thanks to Julian Jenkins for carrying out the internal audit. Audit papers were read and governance statement were completed and signed.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Higgins

Financial report was read and explained by the clerk.

INCOME

Item	Budget	Actual YTD	Budget less Actual	Received this period	Notes
Precept	14500.00	14500.00	0.00		
Street Lights		0			
Burial Ground		232.50		232.50	1 Burial, 1 monument
Admin Fees					
Grass Cutting					
Insurance					
Gardeners Association					
Post Office Fund					
Bank Interest					
VAT Refund		943.69			
Sundries					
TOTALS	£14,500.00	£18,184.29		£360.00	

PAYMENTS

Item	Budget	Actual YTD	Budget less Actual	Paid this period	Notes	Invoices outstanding
Clerks Salary	2,300.00	543.60	1756.40	181.20	Salary	181.20
Clerks Expenses		37.86	-37.86	2.88	Expenses	14.98
Street Lights	2,500.00	496.36	2003.64	221.79		

Item	Budget	Actual YTD	Budget less Actual	Paid this period	Notes	Invoices outstanding
Grounds & Open Space	6,500.00	989.89	5510.11	489.89	Mowing	500.00
Insurance	1,400.00	1,274.14	125.86		Insurance	1,274.14
Admin		0.00	0.00			
Subscriptions		323.49	-323.49			
Sundries		1,075.46	-1075.46	27.96	To Deposit	1,000.00
Recreational Ground		121.00	-121.00	121.00		
Grants	1,600.00	27.00	1573.00			
Bus Shelter		265.00	-265.00	265.00		
Audit	150.00		150.00			
Hall Rental			0.00			
Chairman's Fund	50.00		50.00			
Contingency			0.00			
Post Office		0.00	0.00			
VAT		162.73	-162.73			
TOTALS	£14,500.00	£5,450.87	9049.13	£1,359.72		£3,020.32

BANK BALANCE 24th May 2007 £12,732.23
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT £7,544.25
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE **£20,276.48**

10. Appointment of Sub Committees

Planning to remain the same – Janet Higgins, Rosemary Wright, Ray Bailey.

Cemetery, grounds and environment – Roy Hosmer, Hugh Crouch, Fin Mitchell.

Finance – George Kirk, Peter Duncan, Richard Knight

11. Approval of Grants

- a) Parochial Church Council for the maintenance of the clock agreed £565.

Cllr Wright
Cllr Kirk

- b) Langham Baptist Church for maintenance of the grounds agreed £380.

Cllr Wright
Cllr Crouch

- c) Langham Village Hall have requested a donation towards the set up costs of the Post Office of £1283.90

Cllr Higgins was concerned by the village hall treasurers report and letter as the Village Hall felt the Parish Council had obligations to these costs.

Cllr Knight, who is Chair of the POSH group, explained that POSH was a device to get a Post Office back in the village not a fund raiser or trading, as had no bank account or contracts. It was a semi formal situation to promote people's interest in a post office for Langham. The community café is a security element to allow the post office to operate.

Parish Council has no problems with this, the issue is the lack of communication regarding the set up costs of the post office and the assumption that the PC will pay.

There is an element of cross fertilisation of the various committees involved which was highlighted by a certain amount of ill feeling at the village hall committee meeting of 22nd May. Issue is the money spent without any initial sharing of the budgeted costs with the Parish Council.

Parish council are not duty bound to give any grant, Village Hall received £750 in January 2006, £300 towards the rent of the new post office in January 2007, a further £73 was donated to the community café which was the balance of a £100 donation received from a local resident following the village meeting to discuss the post office in October.

Cllr Knight has a close working relationship with the treasurer of Village Hall. The nature of the beast was to hit a deadline of re-opening the post office within 6 months, the expenses were coming in quickly and would have been difficult to liaise with Parish Council to approve payment, all contact was with the treasurer. Cllr Knight asked whether the £300 rent

payment is a continuing payment? The answer was no, as was a one off to assist with initial set up, post office should be able to cover own costs. Cllr Knight felt the Village Hall will review rent of Post Office once it was on a stable footing, so far so good. Footfall is being measured.

Parish Council has to have evidence of precept money being spent properly, as is public money. Cllr Higgins suggested that annual grant is a separate issue, proposed the set up costs of post office to be covered minus the cost of the sliding door as according to the village hall this would have been completed anyway, therefore propose payment of £900.

Cllr Higgins
Cllr Kirk

If information regarding costs for post office are available to the Parish Council by November 2007 they can be included in budget calculation.

d) Rutland Citizen Advice Bureau agreed to donate £50.

Cllr Higgins
Cllr Wright

e) Crimestoppers agreed to donate £25. Cllr Wright not in agreement.

Cllr Crouch
Cllr Mitchell

12. Confirmation of Clerks Salary Increase.

All agreed increment to £8.701.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Wright

13. Any Other Business

a) Ranksborough Drive wooden lamp post outside no 5 is not working. AW

b) Right of way from Ranksborough Drive to The Range has been fenced off, is there any need for a stile? Does stop vehicles using right of way but may need a review of the type of stile, as is quite high and does not allow dogs to walk under. AW

c) Speeding drivers on Burley Road, who do not stop at the roundabout. Speed monitoring box has been in place on Burley Road, no results at present. Cnty Cllr Wainwright to investigate. NW

d) A query has been raised regarding a grass verge on Ruddle Way, outside no 43, which is not maintained, ownership of the verge needs to be ascertained. Cnty Cllr Wainwright to investigate. NW

e) The footpath between Manor Lane and Well Street, the stile is broken and needs mending. P Burdett to be asked to repair. RH

f) Inspections of the playground, volunteers are required to inspect weekly, the following agreed this rota:

June – Cllr Hosmer

July – Cllr Bailey

August – Cllr Knight

September – Cllr Mitchell

October – Alex Wilby

Meeting arranged for Tuesday 29th May at playground to train new members on what to look for. Peter Burdett is to be asked to maintain items on the playground in liaison with the Clerk.

g) Two Parish Councillors Guides to be purchased.

Annual Parish Meeting is Next Thursday 31st May

Next meeting on Thursday 26th July

Meeting closed at 8.50pm