

# Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008

## Attendance

Cllr R Hosmer  
Cllr R Wright  
Cllr Bailey  
Cllr F Mitchell  
Cllr R Knight  
Cllr H Crouch  
Cllr P Duncan

### 1. Apologies

Cllr G Kirk has a British Legion Meeting.  
Cllr J Higgins is looking after her father.

Meeting approved the apologies.

Cllr Wright  
Cllr Bailey

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wright is involved with the Langham News.  
Cllr Mitchell has a planning application.

### 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

These were signed as correct.

### 4. Matters arising therefrom.

- a) Cllr Crouch has met with Gary Toogood of Rutland County Council Highways dept regarding the speed monitoring data received. Langham village is low on speeding priority as many other villages have worse issues than here.
- b) Cllr Kirk has met with Tony Gowtage, solicitor regarding the registry of several parcels of land around the village. Having reviewed minutes from 1950's and 60's further proof of use of this land has been obtained. Cllr Kirk and Cllr Hosmer have revised their declarations and the information has been submitted to the Land Registry.
- c) Cllr Wright advised the shed at 71 Church Street has been moved from the front garden today.
- d) Cllr Hosmer has been in discussions with Zetland Plants regarding

their legality of operation. Mr Burton has consulted his Solicitor, and as the site was used to trade by T Wade for many years there appears to be no need to apply for a Certificate of Legal Use. The meeting was in unanimous agreement that the business should be supported and were very pleased to have this service within the village.

- e) Royal Mail are in discussions with RCC regarding planning to move the Post box located at the Village Hall.
- f) Cllr Wright has received many enquiries regarding the barns at the sewage works from residents, as they are very visible. Planning was granted for this development.

## 5. Resignation of R Knight

Cllr Knight had written on 10<sup>th</sup> March to resign his post due to other commitments. RCC have been informed of a vacancy and appropriate notices have been placed.

Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Kirk had possible interested parties and a note had also been placed in the Langham News.

There is a need for a village hall representative, for the time being the meeting felt a request from the committee for a copy of the minutes would be adequate until a replacement is available.

## 6. Correspondence

- a) Cllr Kirk had written with concerns regarding the work carried out at the Gypsy site. A response had been received from Helen Briggs, Chief Executive of RCC regarding our queries. This stated that all development was to be agreed with the planning dept and would be monitored. The Benefits Section of RCC is investigating the collection of council tax. The council has a statutory duty to provide a permanent site within the county, which will be facilitated through the Local Development Framework.
- b) Email received from Susan Holford regarding a welcome card for new residents of the village. Discussions followed regarding the viability of such a venture and previous organisations who provided the same. Suggestions were made regarding the Langham News being given to new residents. The layout of the card needs to be agreed but the idea was accepted with the possibility of a donation of £10 from the Chairman's Fund.
- c) A copy of POSH group accounts had been received which showed an amount of £650 had been donated to the Village Hall. The group

are to be congratulated.

- d) Rutland County Council Poop Scoop campaign where Parish Council can purchase bags was dismissed. Why should whole village pay for just a few inconsiderate owners?
- e) The blocked drain on Manor Lane will be further investigated by RCC in the next budget year.
- f) The stables on Manor Lane have erected 2 new stables, planning had not been received therefore planning dept had been advised. Cllr Hosmer is to talk to the owners.

## 7. Finance

Cllr Duncan had created a finance report that was acceptable to the meeting. Balance of accounts were agreed.

Cllr Mitchell  
Cllr Bailey

Subscriptions to the following organisations were agreed:

Campaign to Protect Rural England	£28.00
Rural Community Council	£40.00
LRAPLC – a discussion followed regarding the usefulness of this organisation. The Chair attends the meetings, and whilst Leicestershire County Council fund them Rutland do not. It was generally agreed to continue the membership	£234.37

Cllr Mitchell  
Cllr Crouch

- d) Langham News – Have requested a grant to fund the changes in production costs now that a printer had been purchased. It was agreed to fund a grant of £250.

Cllr Mitchell  
Cllr Crouch

Langham Parish Council  
 Finances April 2007 -March 2008  
 The financial year is divided into six two-month periods.

	2007-8	Year to date:			Current period: 6		
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>							
Precept:	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,500.00	500.00	2,333.33		-2,333.33
Grass Cutting:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,133.64	133.64	166.67		-166.67
Street Lights:	1,022.00	1,022.00	713.40	-308.60	170.33		-170.33
Burial Ground:	300.00	300.00	1,377.50	1,077.50	50.00		-50.00
Admin fees:			60.00	60.00			
Insurance:							
Sundries:			6.40	6.40			
Playground Fund			600.24				
Interest:			35.52	35.52			
Transfer to Deposit			1,000.00				
VAT:			943.69	943.69			
balance b/fwd							
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16,322.00</b>	<b>16,322.00</b>	<b>20,370.39</b>	<b>4,048.39</b>	<b>2,720.33</b>		<b>-2,720.33</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>							
Clerk's Salary:	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,051.76	248.24	383.33	377.04	6.29
Clerk's Expenses:			154.67	-154.67		44.11	-44.11
Street Lights:	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,021.89	478.11	416.67	1,958.90	-1,542.23
Burial Ground RCC:			644.34	-644.34		36.96	-36.96
Grounds & Open Space:	6,500.00	6,500.00	5,156.89	1,343.11	1,083.33		1,083.33
Insurance:	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,274.14	125.86	233.33		233.33
Admin:			4.30	-4.30		64.33	-64.33
Sundries:			1,027.96	-1,027.96			
Recreation Ground:			739.93	-739.93			
Grants:	1,600.00	1,600.00	2,247.00	-647.00	266.67		266.67
Bus Shelter:			270.06	-270.06			
Audit:	150.00	150.00	135.00	15.00	25.00		25.00
Subscriptions:			370.99	-370.99			
Hall Rental:			141.00	-141.00			
Chairmans Fund:	50.00	50.00	64.06	-14.06	8.33		8.33
Contingency:							
Post Office:							
VAT:			614.19	-614.19			
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	<b>16,918.18</b>	<b>-2,418.18</b>	<b>2,416.67</b>	<b>2,481.34</b>	<b>-64.67</b>
<b>OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT:</b>	<b>1,822.00</b>	<b>1,822.00</b>	<b>3,452.21</b>	<b>1,630.21</b>	<b>303.67</b>	<b>-2,481.34</b>	<b>-2,785.01</b>

Current a/c: at 1 Apr 07: 2,508.10  
 Deposit a/c: at 1 Apr 07: 7,508.73  
 Opening balance: 10,016.83

Income to date: 20,370.39  
 Expenditure to date: 19,399.52  
 Surplus/deficit to date: 3,452.21  
 Bank balance at 25th March 08: 13,469.04

(Including invoices for £2481.34 requiring approval)  
 (Current: £4924.79 Deposit: £8544.25)

Invoices from this period to be authorised this month:

Salary: 421.15  
 Lighting repairs 1,958.90  
 Ordnance Survey 64.33

## 8. Planning

Planning report was reviewed – number of plans received had dropped markedly over the last 6 months.

Cllr Duncan reported the removal of some trees in the Old Hall. Cllr Wright is to talk to tree officer at RCC. Also bushes at Pumping Station of Church Street need pruning, Cllr Wright to gain permission.

Ref No	Address	Proposal	Granted/ Refused
<b>GRANTED</b>			
FUL/2006/0091/CP	Laurel Cottage, Melton Road	Dormer and gable window	<b>G</b>
LBA/2007/0299/NT	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Signage	<b>G</b>
ADV/2007/0298/NT	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Advertisement Consent	<b>G</b>
CAT/2007/0342/MT	29 Well Street	Fell Ash	<b>G</b>
CAT/2007/0344/MT	2 Well Street	Reduce height of Eucalyptus	<b>G</b>
CAT/2007/0337/MT	The Limes, 42 Burley Road	1 Lime Tree to ground level	<b>G</b>
ADV/2007/0356/NT	Noel Arms Holbeck Farm, Main Road	Signs and Illumination	<b>G</b>
FUL/2007/0376/CP	Shearwater House Melton Road	Agricultural Building	<b>G</b>
CAT/2007/0437/MT	The Paddock Oakham Road	Fell 3 fir and 1 Poplar	<b>G</b>
FUL/2007/0175		Amendments	<b>G</b>
FUL/2007/0433/MT	15 Cold Overton Road	2 storey house	<b>G</b>
Ful/2007/0512/NT	40 Church Street	Paint outside of house	<b>G</b>
FUL/2007/0587/NT	21 Fairfield Close	Replace Porch and kitchen ext	<b>G</b>
CAT/2007/0663/MT	13 Bridge Street	Fell Fruit, Leylandii, Holly and Laburnum	<b>G</b>
FUL/2007/0687/MT	3 Orchard Road	Conservatory	<b>G</b>
FUL/2007/0618/MT	1 Ruddle Way	Conservatory	<b>G</b>
FUL/2007/0670/NT	33 Lonsborough Gardens	Extension	<b>G</b>
FUL/2007/0715/NT	44 Church Street	Extension	<b>G</b>

Ful/2007/0744/MT	20 Harewood Close	Fell Acer and remove access to Oak & Acer	G
CAT/2007/0747/MT	Islington Cottage	Fell 3 Conifers, 1 Willow, 3 Sycamore	G
FUL/2007/0735/SUH	43 Lodge Park Road	Summerhouse	G
FUL/2007/0755/NT	3 Well Street	Single & 2 Storey Extension	G
FUL/2007/0795/NT	9 Sharrad Way	Conservatory	G
FUL/2007/0808/NT	8 Ruddle Way	Replace garage Doors	G
FUL/2007/0860/MT	41 Manor Lane	Single storey extension	G
FUL/2007/0689/CP	12 Cold Overton Road	Demolish existing and replace with 2 storey house	G
FUL/2007/0238	52 Well Street	Revised plan of foot bridge	G
LBA/2007/0897/DTR	13 Bridge Street	Various Internal Alterations	G
FUL/2007/0688/MT	Islington Cottage The Paddock, East of Orchard Road, Well Street	Remove shutters, replace windows and render, erection of wooden fence and gate	G
CAT/2007/0968/MT		Fell 4 Ash and trim 1 Ash	G
CAT/2007/0990/MT	11 Jubilee Drive	Fell 1 Norway Maple and all conifers	G
Ful/2007/0982/MT	11 The Range	2 storey extension	G
CAT/2007/1029/MT	23 Manor Lane	Fell conifer and deciduous tree	G
FUL/2007/1018/NT	12 Ruddle Way	External alterations	G
CAT/2007/1061/MT	7 Melton Road The Coach House,	Reduce 2 Holly tress and Fell 1	G
CAT/2007/1106/MT	Melton Road	Reduce height Leylandii	G
FUL/2007/1035/NT	15 Melton Road	Demolish & Rebuild front boundary wall	G
FUL/2007/1078/MT	Land at Ranksborough Farm	American barn stabling	G
FUL/2007/0821/NT	2 Harewood Close	Retrospective application of Gate, Burley Road	G
CAT/2008/0002/MT	Elm House, 10 Sharrad Way	Remove Chestnue tree and reduce Beech tree	G
CAT2008/0007/MT	Land adjacent to 35 Ruddle Way	Remove Leylandii	G
FUL/2007/1203/MT	Land adjacent to 15 Cold Overton Road	Erection of 2 storey dwelling house	G
FUL/2008/0036/MT	13A Melton Road	Garage and dormer Window	G
FUL/2008/0040/MT	21 Bridge Street	2 Storey extension	G
Cat/2008/0055/MT	3 The Rookery	Fell Oak Tree	G
CAT/2008/0070/MT	8 Sharrad Way	Fell Conifer	G
CAT/2008/0082/MT	1 The Rookery	Remove Weeping Willow	G
FUL/2008/0128/JR	23 Lodge Park, Rankaborough	Summerhouse	G

## REFUSED

FUL/2007/0761/MT	21 Bridge Street	2 storey extension	R
LBA/2007/0436/NT	35 Church Street	Replacement windows	R
FUL/2007/0682/NT	35 Church Street	Replacement windows	R
Ful/2007/0870/MT	51 Church Street	Single Storey Extension	R
FUL/2007/0958/MT	13A Melton Road	Garage, dormer window and boundary wall height	R

### **TPO**

CAT/2007/0389/MT	Fieldfare House	Remove Sycamore	<b>TPO</b>
CAT/2007/0664/MT	1 The Range	Fell Lime and Maple and replace with fence	<b>TPO</b>

### **UNDECIDED**

FUL/2007/0649/CP	Rutland Garden Centre	2 Retail Units
FUL/2006/0782/CP	34 Church Street	Garage - amendment
FUL/2007/0970/MT	HMP Ashwell	2 Storey residential block
FUL/2008/0120/NT	35 Church Street	Replacement windows
LBA/2008/0121/NT	35 Church Street	Replacement windows
CAT/2008/0133/MT	25 Harewood Close	Trim Willow
CAT/2008/0148/MT	5 Ruddle Way Langham CE Primary	Remove branch Beech
CAT/2008/0187/NT	School	Fell 5 Leyandii Trees
Ful/2008/0206/NT	17 Orchard Road	Conservatory

## 9. Annual Parish Meeting

Date was agreed for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in the main hall.

## 10. Report from any Sub Committees attended.

- a) Burial ground committee had had some complaints regarding rabbits digging holes around graves and eating flowers. Cllr Hosmer had obtained a quote for rabbit proof fencing for £640 plus VAT. As this is a rural burial ground fencing will not be an ultimate solution and the meeting agreed not to go ahead with any fencing.
- b) Broken glass on playing field has been collected over the last week. Cllr Crouch is to talk to local policing to start monitoring again.

## 11. Report from any Meetings Attended on behalf of Parish Council

- a) Cllr Hosmer attended the Village Hall AGM. Nick Holford is now chairman and there is a new treasurer and Mrs H Reid is booking secretary.
- b) Cllr Hosmer also attended a Police Liaison meeting and Langham had few problems when compared with other villages.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> May 2008

13. Items for inclusion of Next Agenda

None were forthcoming.

14. Any Other Business

a) Cllr Mitchell advised he would be away from 26<sup>th</sup> May until Sept as he is sailing around the UK for charity.

b) Cllr Crouch informed the meeting of the feedback received from police questionnaire, these were:

45 forms returned

22 reported no problems

10 speeding concerns

3 theft concerns

1 parking concern

3 drinking concerns.

c) Langham news article for May to be written by Roy.

d) Contact details displayed on village hall notice board, Cllr Wright would like only a phone number to be displayed.

e) Cllr Mitchell highlighted the recent failed planning application by Gates Nurseries, which the Parish Council had no knowledge of but would have had a traffic impact on the village. We have written to Melton Borough Council asking to be advised of any future applications.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm