

Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 25th November 2008

Attendance

Cllr R Hosmer
Cllr G Kirk
Cllr R Wright
Cllr R Bailey
Cllr J Higgins
Cllr A Pickard
Cnty Cllr N Wainwright

1. Apologies

Cllr Fin Mitchell is with his sick father
Cllr Peter Duncan has had an operation.
Cnty Cllr Wainwright is attending a Town Partnership meeting and will arrive late.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of meeting held on 23rd September 2008

Page 445 d – With respect to the councillors to liaise on the xmas tree festival these should include Cllr Wright and amend spelling of liaise. Minutes signed as correct.

4. Matters Arising

- a) The parish service has been confirmed as a bi-annual service therefore will be held in 2009.
- b) Quotes have been received from Pete Burdett for the repair of the slide at a cost of £260 plus VAT and Lapsett UK Ltd £1500. It was proposed to accept Pete Burdett's quote.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Wright

- c) The Christmas Tree Festival preparations are well under way. Concerns were raised regarding the tree to be provided by Cllr Crouch. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Crouch.
- d) Cllr Kirk advised the meeting that Tony Gowtage is still waiting on the Land Registry regarding the parcels of land.

5. Correspondence

- a) Letter received from County Councillor Wing Cmdr Rob Toy regarding the planning applications for the school. The problem lies with the Property Dept who took the risk in order to complete the work before the end of the school holidays in August. The Clerk advised that the work is still not complete and no end date has been advised.
- b) Regarding The Paddock, Oakham Road – letter received from Sue Hall, Enforcement Officer RCC and from Roger Begy leader of RCC. Cllr Nick Wainwright had advised that permanent travellers site selection process was going before Cabinet on 2nd December; this is to confirm selection criteria. Sites are anticipated to be located on the edge of Oakham to allow for services to be accessed. Sites will be in place before 2012 when 5 year planning lapses on The Paddock.
- c) Ashwell Parish Council had sent a letter to Highways Dept, copied to us, regarding the lack of footpath from Kimball Close to bus stop or telephone box. Letter to be sent to Highways supporting this initiative.
- d) Robert and Joy Cross had emailed regarding the lack of lighting on Bridge Street. The Clerk advised the light is due to be replaced, which would brighten that area. The cherry tree also needs trimming, George Chase to be contacted.
- e) Gary Toogood from Highways Dept has reported results from speed monitoring box located on Cold Overton Road. Cllr Wainwright suggested by phone conversation, to invite the new head of Highways, Aman Mehra to the January meeting to discuss our concerns.
- f) Village Hall minutes had been received.
- g) Rutland Community Spirit invitation to information evening on 9th December. Cllr Pickard to attend.

6. Finance

a) Current Financial Position

Clerk advised of invoices paid for last quarter and bank balance of £8,176. The replacement of lights at Manor Lane and Bridge Street are to be discussed at next meeting.

Cllr Higgins
Cllr Pickard

b) Precept

The finance committee had met and recommended the precept can stay at the same level as 2008-09, of £16,000. Cllr Wright asked how much should be kept in reserve? Clerk to investigate. The meeting accepted the precept for 2009-10.

Cllr Higgins

Cllr Bailey

	2008-09	Year to date:			Current period: ⁴		
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
INCOME							
Precept:	16,000.00	10,666.67	16,000.00	5,333.33			
Grass Cutting:	1,000.00	666.67		-666.67			
Street Lights:	700.00	466.67	1,214.89	748.22			
Burial Ground:			365.00	365.00			
Admin fees:			40.00	40.00			
Insurance:							
Sundries:							
Interest:			73.69	73.69			
VAT:	1,000.00	666.67	897.86	231.19			
TOTAL:	18,700.00	12,466.67	18,591.44	6,124.77	3,116.67		-3,116.67
EXPENSES:							
Clerk's Salary:	2,400.00	1,600.00	1,345.56	254.44	400.00	390.00	10.00
Clerk's Expenses:	150.00	100.00	61.32	38.68	25.00		25.00
Street Lights:	4,230.00	2,820.00	2,206.70	613.30	705.00	201.78	503.22
Burial Ground RCC:	600.00	400.00	750.00	-350.00	100.00	220.00	-120.00
Grounds & Open Space:	7,100.00	4,733.33	4,433.98	299.35	1,183.33	1,847.00	-663.67
Insurance:	1,000.00	666.67	1,028.06	-361.39	166.67		166.67
Admin:			386.86	-386.86			
Sundries:	500.00	333.33	2.24	331.09	83.33	2.24	81.09
Recreation Ground:	850.00	566.67	50.00	516.67	141.67	262.00	-120.33
Grants:	1,700.00	1,133.33	1,075.00	58.33	283.33		283.33
Bus Shelter:							
Audit:	150.00	100.00	135.00	-35.00	25.00		25.00
Subscriptions:	400.00	266.67	302.37	-35.70	66.67		66.67
Hall Rental:	120.00	80.00	69.50	10.50	20.00	13.00	7.00
Chairmans Fund:	100.00	66.67	20.00	46.67	16.67	20.00	-3.33
Contingency:							
Post Office:							
VAT:			465.22	-465.22		59.50	-59.50
TOTAL:	19,300.00	12,866.67	12,331.81	534.86	3,216.67	3,015.52	201.15
OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	-600.00	-400.00	6,259.63	6,659.63	-100.00	-3,015.52	-2,915.52

Current a/c: at 1 Apr 07:	1,983.45			
Deposit a/c: at 1 Apr 07:	8,544.25			
Opening balance:		10,527.70		
Income to date:	18,591.44			
Expenditure to date:	12,331.81			
Surplus/defici t to date:		6,259.63		
Bank balance at 18th Nov 08:		16,787.33	(Current: £8,176.30	Deposit: £8,611.03)

Invoices from this period to be authorised this month:

Salary:	195.00
Grass Cutting	705.00
	<u>900.00</u>

7. Planning

Planning applications had reduced considerably. The Old Hall rebuilding was discussed.

Planning Report - November 2008

Date	Ref No	Address	Proposal	Granted/Refused
GRANTED				
7-Apr-2008	CAT/2008/0295/NT	Green Cottage 33 Church Street	Work to Ash	G
8-Apr-2008	LBA/2008/0274/CC	The Old Hall	Restoration of Roof and Wall	G
	CAT/2008/0305/NT	14 Ranksborough Drive	Fell Mountain Ash	G
15-Apr-2008	LBA/2008/0276/CC	The Old Hall	Access and drive to hall grounds, Burley Road	G
	Ful/2008/0275/CC Plans revised	The Old Hall	Access and drive to hall grounds, Burley Road	G

	FUL/2008/0275	The Old Hall	Revised details	G
	FUL/2008/0314/JR	4 Kennel Cottages	Single Storey Extension	G
25-Apr-2008	CAT/2008/0361/NT	26 Melton Road	Fell Leylandii	G
	FUL/2008/0352/NT	Manor Farm	Shed	G
12/05/2008	CAT/2008/0422/NT	Steels Cottage, 40 Church Street	Fell 2 Leylandii and 1 Maple.	G
20-May-2008	CAT/2008/0460/NT	17 Well Street	Remove 6 conifers	G
28-May-2008	FUL/2008/0440/JR	7 The Glade, Ranksborough	Conservatory	G
20-May-2008	FUL/2008/0325/JR	57 Manor Lane	UPVC Windows	G
2-Jun-2008	CAT/2008/0481/NT	42 Burley Road	Fell Silver Birch	G
24-Jun-2008	CAT/2008/0508/NT	5 The Rookery	Fell 3 Conifers 1 Norway Spruce	G
	CAT/2008/0539/NT	4 The Rookery	Fell 4 Conifers	G
1-Jul-2008	FUL/2008/0519/MW	6 Briggins Walk	Replacement Windows	G
	FUL/2008/0546/JR	Langham C of E Primary School	External Canopy	G
4-Jul-2008	FUL/2008/0567/JR	19 Lonsborough Gardens	Conservatory	G
	FUL/2008/0568/JR	10 Lonsborough Gardens	Conservatory	G
8-Jul-2008	CAT/2008/0575/NT	Langham Baptist Church	Removal of deadwood and crown raise	G
	FUL/2008/0577/JR	Hubbards Lodge	Extension, porch and garage	G
19-Aug-2008	FUL/2008/0577/JR	Hubbards Lodge	Revised details	G
15-Jul-2008	FUL/2008/0604/JR	Deals Cottage 59 Church Street	Extension	G
22-Jul-2008	CAT/2008/0610/NT	Land to rear of 3 & 5 Ruddle Way	Remove branch and crown lift, Beech Tree	G
	CAT/2008/0630/NT	Langham House, 11 Church Street	Prune 4 Yews	G
29-Jul-2008	LBA/2008/0632/MW	34 Well Street	Conversion of outbuildings to Annex, various extensions and replacements.	G

	FUL/2008/0633/MW	34 Well Street	Conversion of outbuildings to Annex, various extensions and replacements.	G
28-Jul-2008	FUI/2008/0658/NT	Langham C of E Primary School	Metal stroage shed	G
6-Aug-2008	CAC/2008/0666/NT	Langham C of E Primary School	Demolish Shed	G
6-Aug-2008	CAT/2008/0662/NT	The Old Bakehouse, 11 Melton Road.	Fell flowering cherry	G
2-Sep-2008	CAT/2008/0753/NT	17 Well Street	Fell Pear and Sycamore	G
24-Sep-2008	CAT/2008/08458/APB	Reduce Magnolia by 30%	28 Church Street	G
8-Oct-2008	CAT/2008/0868/APB	18 Well Street	Fell 8 Leylandii	G
REFUSED				
27-May-2008	FUL/2008/0457/NT	3a Jubilee Drive	two Storey dwelling house	R
9-Jun-2008	FUL/2008/0490/JR	51 Church Street	Porch	R
13-Aug-2008	FUL/2008/0484/NT	Rutland Polo Club	Retrospective application for permanent siting of portacabin	R
	FUL/2008/0669/NT	Land rear of 11 Bridge Street	2 storey dwellinghouse	R
PENDING				
1-May-2008	FUL/2008/0208/Dh	Rutland Garden Centre	Retrospective change of use	
19-Aug-2008	FUL/2008/0693/NH	Rutland Garden Centre	Retrospective Application for retail with storage over.	
	FUL/2008/0691/NH	Rutland Garden Centre	Change of use to relocate polytunnels	
	FUL/2008/0692/NH	Rutland Garden Centre	Erection of retail building	
	FUL/2008/0698/BL	Rutland Garden Centre	Retrospective change of use	
	FUL/2008/0699/BL	Rutland Garden Centre	Retrospective change of use from agricultural to seasonal	
8-Sep-2008	LBA/2008/0723/DTR	The Old Hall	Internal Layout	
09-009-08	LBA/2008/0722/DTR	The Old Hall	Restoration of Windows and Doors	

17-Sep-2008	FUL/2008/0770/BL	Rutland Garden Centre	Sandwich bar	
	FUL/2008/0804/NT	24 Kimball Close, Ashwell	2 Storey extension	
7-Oct-2008	FUL/2008/0881/BL	16 Lowther Close	2 Storey extension & garage	
20-Oct-2008	PTA/2008/0928/APB	Walnut House, manor Lane	Reduce Walnut Tree	
20-Oct-2008	CAT/2008/0935/PB	12 Ranksborough Drive	Reduce Norway Spruce, Silver Birch	
	CAT/2008/0929/APB	49 Manor Lane	Reduce Ash Tree	
	ADV/2008/0875/NT	Langham Primary School	Flag Pole	

Report from any Sub Committees

8.

Playing field has new notices on both entrance gates and quarter pipe.

Inspection rota as follows:

Dec R Bailey

Jan R Hosmer

Feb A Pickard

9. Report from meeting attended on behalf of Parish Council

- a) Cllr Hosmer attend Parish Council Forum in September which included presentations from Youth Service and Rutland Community Spirit. Minutes to be circulated.
- b) Cllr Higgins attended the information evening regarding the Local Development Framework hosted by Rutland County Council planning dept. There was some concerns raised regarding the weighting of responses received to LDF consultation as 19 Parish Council were responding for the whole community, while 58 were residents and 53 from local businesses and organisations. There were other concerns regarding development in Oakham and Uppingham and infill in villages and rural craft centres. Ketton and Casterton were also earmarked for further development. Affordable housing would increase to 65 p.a. Final version of LDF available summer 2009 and would be in place by 2010-11.
- c) Cllr Hosmer attended Rutland Neighbourhood Watch meeting, which is going through a new registration process.

Cnty Cllr Nick Wainwright arrived at 8.50pm

10. Items for Next Meeting

Bridge Street & Manor Lane Lights

Village Sign

Street sign clutter

Head of Highways

11. Date of Next Meeting

27th January 2009

12. Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Hosmer proposed that Glynn Hubbard be asked to trim hedges around the burial ground.

Cllr Bailey

Cllr Kirk

- b) Rutland County Council has requested a bus shelter be erected opposite Ashwell Prison. Cllr Wright hoped a wooden shelter more in keeping with rural area, Cllr Higgins pointed out the lack of all round vision in this design. The shelter has not been erected as yet. Our own shelters were in poor repair it was noted.
- c) Cllr Pickard is to write for the Langham News coy date 12th January 2009.
- d) Cllr Pickard raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic on Bridge Street where no pavement exists. To raise at January meeting if head of highways present.
- e) Resignation of Clerk. Jenny Morris had shown an interest. It was felt the post should be advertised locally and in the paper. Cllr Higgins thanked the present clerk for her contribution to the council over the last 3 years.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Following the meeting Cllr Wainwright reported on the progress of identifying a Travellers Site in Rutland.