

Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 26 July 2007

Attendance

Cllr R Hosmer
Cllr G Kirk
Cllr R Wright
Cllr Bailey
Cllr F Mitchell
Cllr R Knight

1. Apologies

Were received from;

Cllr Higgins
Cllr Duncan
Cllr Crouch
Cnty Cllr Wainwright

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th May were amended as follows:

Page 381 11 1st paragraph was amended to read - 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.

Minutes were signed as correct

4. Matters arising therefrom

- a) The lamppost at 5 Ranksborough Drive is actually 7 Ranksborough and is still not working. Clerk to re-advise ABB
- b) The stile has been removed from the footpath connecting Ranksborough Drive and The Range.
- c) Query regarding the footpath around Brocklehurst Park needs to be clarified.
- d) Page 382, 13 d, RCC cannot identify any grass outside No. 43 that would belong to the Council. There is a strip of grass between private driveways that would fall to the respective owners. Away from 43 there are other grass areas that appear to be likewise. Highway only extends to the back of the footway and no further. Title is to be ascertained through the land registry, a plan of the area is required.

- e) Footpath connecting Manor Lane to Well Street Cnty Cllr Wainwright has advised Highways will repair in next 14 days. As Parish Council were under the impression it was their responsibility the repair was undertaken in June.
- f) Burley Road – Speed Monitoring Highways have collected data and are deliberating on potential solutions. A separate reply will follow on this shortly. School parking has been monitored by police presence and the school have talked to the landlord of the Wheatsheaf to allow parking.
- g) Inspections of the playing field have identified no problems. Parts have been received from Playdale for the hammock, Pete Burdett is to be asked to fit. Clerk has been unable to contact by phone supplier of the Slide Tower to shorten the rope, a letter has been sent.
- h) The bin on the play field is small, a larger bin may be the solution. RCC and Corey to be asked to quote.

5. Correspondence

- a) Parish Council forum have requested support, Cllr Higgins is to attend meeting on 30th July. Cllr Kirk to attend working group on 24th September.
- b) Email received from Julie Bellamy inviting members to a Neighbourhood Policing Priorities meeting on 6th August, Cllr Hosmer to attend. Concerns to be raised are parking on pavements and speeding within the village.
- c) RCC are to renew the stile at Mickley Lodge footpath.
- d) Email received from RCC regarding grass cutting of the church yard, the contractors have been asked to pay more attention and to ensure they do not scalp the grass by having the blades on the machines to low. Cllr Bailey reported the improvement in the last cut and is to monitor.
- e) Letter received from M Ainley of Highways RCC in answer to several queries raised at last two meetings. In response to speeding within the village a review of speed limits will be undertaken. Burley Road, being a C class road will be reviewed in 2009/10 and Manor Lane the following year, although this does not mean any changes will be made. The Brown signs within the village are provided under an arrangement with Leicestershire County Council over a five year period. Letter to be sent to LCC requesting end date of this period.
- f) Thank you letters were received from, Crimestoppers, Rutland Citizen Advice, Langham Baptist Church, Langham Village Hall and Langham PCC.

6. Planning

Application for The Paddock, Oakham Road has gone to appeal, comments are being added by planning committee. Cllr Mitchell declared an interest due to

correspondence with RCC regarding the planning meeting and RCC policies.

Application for footbridge at 52 Well Street was discussed. The owner has early stages of Parkinsons Disease hence the application. It was felt a more suitable alternative was access for a wheel chair, as this would be less of a visual impact on this area of conservation village, the green space was designated in the Village Design Statement.

2 Harewood Close have created a gate onto Burley Road which was not apparent in the plans for the extension.

71 Church Street, replacement of windows no planning has been received, enforcement officer to be advised.

Date	Ref No	Address	Proposal	Granted/Refused
6 November	FUL/2006/1032/CP	Land at rear of sewage works, Burley Road	2 Barns for equestrian use	G
6 March	Ful/2007/0151/NT	The Gatehouse, Ranksborough Drive	Demolition and replace single storey garage	G
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
	FUL/2007/0264/CP	32 Well Street	2 Storey ext	G
16-Apr-2007	ADV/2007/0298/NT	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Advertisement Consent	G
1-May-2007	CAT/2007/0342/MT	29 Well Street	Fell Ash	G
1-May-2007	CAT/2007/0344/MT	2 Well Street	Reduce height of Eucalyptus	G
2-May-2007	CAT/2007/0337/MT	The Limes, 42 Burley Road	1 Lime Tree to ground level	G
11-May-2007	ADV/2007/0356/NT	Noel Arms	Signs and Illumination	G

11-May-2007	FUL/2007/0376/CP	Holbeck Farm, Main Road Shearwater House Melton	Agricultural Building	G
24-May-2007	CAT/2007/0437/MT	Road	Fell 3 fir and 1 Poplar	G
29-May-2007	FUL/2007/0433/MT	15 Cold Overton Road	2 storey house	G
5- April- 2007	FUL/2007/0175	The Paddock Oakham Road	Amendments	R
6 March	FUL/2007/0186/CP	3 jubilee Drive	2 storey dwelling house	R
11-May-2007	CAT/2007/0389/MT	Fieldfare House	Remove Sycamore	TPO
19 March	Ful/2007/0238/MT	52 Well Street	Alter footbridge	
19-Jun-2007	Ful/2007/0512/NT	40 Church Street	Paint outside of house	
2-Jul-2007	FUL/2007/0587/NT	21 Fairfield Close	Replace Porch and kitchen ext	
11-Jul-2007	CAT/2007/0664/MT	1 The Range	Fell Lime and Maple and replace with fence	
	CAT/2007/0663/MT	13 Bridge Street Rutland Garden	Fell Fruit, Leylandii, Holly and Laburnum	
19-Jul-2007	FUL/2007/0649/CP	Centre	2 Retail Units	
25-Jul-2007	FUL/2007/0687/MT	3 Orchard Way	Conservatory	
	FUL/2007/0618/MT	1 Ruddle Way	Conservatory	

7. Finance

Amendment to report to include invoice from Playdale for £18.40 for hammock bushes and whether the council would like to purchase CPRE raffle tickets, which was negative. Report was agreed as correct.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Knight

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Finance Report

Date: 26th July 2007

INCOME

Item	Budget	Actual YTD	Budget less Actual	Received this period	Notes	Receipts outstanding
bal b/fwd 2007		2,508.10				
Precept	14,000.00	14,500.00	-500.00			
Street Lights	1,022.00	0.00	1,022.00			
Burial Ground	300.00	787.50	-487.50	595.00	1 reservation 1 cremation plot	
Admin Fees		40.00	-40.00			
Grass Cutting	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00			
Insurance		0.00	0.00			
Gardeners Association		0.00	0.00			
Post Office Fund		0.00	0.00			
Bank Interest		6.40	-6.40	6.40		
VAT Refund		943.69	-943.69			
Sundries		600.24	-600.24	600.24	Recreational group	
TOTALS	£16,322.00	£19,385.93	-£555.83	£1,201.64		

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PAYMENTS

Item	Budget	Actual YTD	Budget less Actual	Paid this period	Notes	Invoices outstanding
Clerks Salary	2,200.00	732.12	1467.88	369.72		188.52
Clerks Expenses	120.00	91.22	28.78	68.34		24.83
Street Lights	2,000.00	721.61	1278.39	225.25	quarterly chg	245.86
Burial Ground	300.00	184.34	115.66	50.00	mowing	100.00
Grounds & Open Space	4,400.00	1,716.89	2683.11	480.00	mowing	1,000.00
Insurance	1,200.00	1,274.14	-74.14	1,274.14	annual fee	
Admin		4.30	22.59	4.30	expenses	
Sundries		1,075.46	-1075.46		CPRE Raffle	
Recreational Ground		121.00	-121.00			
Grants	1,000.00	1,947.00	-947.00	1,947.00		
Bus Shelter		265.00	-265.00			
Audit	300.00	0.00	300.00			
Suscriptions	450.00	323.49	126.51			
Hall Rental	110.00		110.00			
Chairmans Fund	25.00		25.00			
Contingency			0.00			
Post Office		0.00	0.00			
VAT		246.98	-246.98			
TOTALS	£12,105.00	£8,703.55	3,428.34	£4,418.75		£1,559.21

BANK BALANCE 16 July 2007

£10,682.38

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

8,544.25

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

£19,226.63

8. Chairmans Fund

It was agreed a fund of £100 for the year.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Bailey

9. Code of Conduct

All councillors had received the information regarding the new code of conduct, which has to be approved by October 2007. All were in agreement.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Mitchell

10. Report from Sub-Committees attended

- a) Cllr Hosmer attended the Neighbourhood Watch meeting which was poorly attended.
- b) Cllr Wright attended the CPRE AGM, where points were raised regarding Ketton Cement and the grant of £300 to Stretton Church for their roof.

11. Items for Agenda next meeting

- a) Cold Overton Road speeding drivers
- b) Ranksborough Drive junction.

12 Any Other Business

- a) Village Hall Committee have sent a letter regarding the meeting between Village Hall, POSH and PC which was held in June. The meeting helped clear the air between the various organisations. The letter stated that the £300 received from the PC for the rent of the Post Office will cover half of the rent for the Committee Room for one year from 29th March 2007. There are still questions that need answering as PC were under the impression this was 35% of rent. There is no rental agreement in place with the operators of the Post Office.

Cllr Knight thanked the PC for their letter of thanks to POSH. He felt the meeting went well and explained what had happened. N Holford and Cllr Knight are preparing a presentation on Village Hall/POSH finances to PC for the November funding meeting.

Cllr Hosmer stated the Post Office services were to be reviewed in September.

- b) Overhanging hedges and trees are causing a problem for drivers exiting Ranksborough Drive and pedestrians on Well Street.
- c) Cllr Kirk asked whether the minutes are reported in the Rutland Times. Clerk stated they were sent but assumed they had been printed for May meeting.

- d) Cllr Mitchell was happy the bypass roundabouts were being amended as he had suggested to Cnty Cllr Wainwright.
- e) Cllr Bailey queried the notice regarding dog mess on Ashwell Road by the bridge. Cllr Hosmer stated it was for dogs not humans as the mowing contractor had counted over 17 dog messes in that small piece of grass and had refused to mow that area.
- f) The phone box near the school has ripped posters that need cleaning.
- g) The bus shelters will have to have no smoking signs as they will be considered an enclosed space under the new no smoking regulations.
- h) Cllr Knight has requested site of the last few years accounts, so he can become acquainted with the finances of the council.

Next meeting was arranged for Thursday 27th September 2007.

Meeting closed at 9pm