

# Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009

## Attendance

Cllr R Hosmer Chair  
Cllr G Kirk  
Cllr R Wright  
Cllr Bailey  
Cllr J Higgins  
Cllr F Mitchell  
Cllr A Pickard  
Cllr H Crouch  
Cllr P Duncan  
Cnty Cllr N Wainwright

### 1. Apologies

None

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr F Mitchell stated his written objection to Gates Garden Centre planning application.

### 3. Minutes of meeting held on 25 November 2008

Page 460 12b – With respect to the bus shelter opposite Ashwell Prison it was Cllr Higgins who pointed out lack of all round vision in this design and not Cllr Hosmer as stated.

Page 454 4b – Cllr Nick Wainwright had advised that the selection process for a permanent travellers site was going before Cabinet on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Minutes were signed as correct.

### 4. Matters Arising Therefrom

- a) Fiona Tylecote was welcomed to the meeting. Her appointment as Parish Clerk was agreed at a salary of £8.595 per hour for a 5 hour week, initially for a 6 month probationary period.

Cllr Kirk  
Cllr Mitchell

- b) Christmas Tree Festival – congratulation to Cllr's Wright, Higgins, Pickard and Crouch for the successful tree entry. Special thanks were given to Cllr Crouch for the quality of the tree, which caused much interest.

- c) Pete Burdett has repaired the slide on the playground at a cost of £299. He suggests the posts are treated in the summer to prevent further rot.

- d) Village Sign – Cllr Kirk raised the possibility of a wooden sign within the village. Cllr Wright stated this was discussed for the millennium at the Parish meeting but was opposed. Cnty Cllr Wainwright advised RCC might achieve a favourable quote. Cllr Hosmer is to investigate costs.
- e) Cllr Wright queried the amount held on deposit. Following advise from LRAPLC, there is no upper limit, but it is good practise to identify how this amount will be utilised. It is suggested a percentage of precept is identified as contingency.

## 5. Correspondence

- a) Model Publication Scheme - we are required to produce a statement identifying documents that are available for public scrutiny and at what cost to the public. This will be posted on Notice boards and the website. The statement was accepted.
- b) Langham Village Hall are requesting a Parish Council representative for the committee. At present we receive minutes after each meeting that are reported to the council meeting, this method has proved sufficient.
- c) Rutland County Council have advised of temporary closure of Burley Road for repairs within the next 18 months.
- d) Ahman Mehra was unable to attend this meeting but will be invited to March meeting.
- e) Rutland County Council School Admissions arrangements consultation runs until 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009. A poster is to be displayed on notice board.
- f) An invitation to enter the Best Kept Village competition was rejected.
- g) Several enquires have been received from gardening contractors regarding the up keep of the village. The meeting were in agreement that Glynn Hubbard does a superb job. His re-appointment will be discussed at next meeting.
- h) War evacuees who stayed in Langham are planning a reunion in the village for September. Clerk to contact John Carter and the School to discuss.

## 6. Finance

The report was explained, the bank account balance is £5,600 with payments for January totalling £552.88. Cllr Duncan noted the budgeted income column does not add up, Clerk apologies for error.

Finance was accepted.

	2008-09	Year to date:			Current <sup>5</sup> period:		
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>							
Precept:	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00				
Grass Cutting:	1,000.00	833.33		-833.33			
Street Lights:	700.00	700.00	1,228.92	528.92		14.03	14.03
Burial Ground:			431.00	431.00		66.00	66.00
Admin fees:			40.00	40.00			
Insurance:							
Sundries:							
Interest:			73.69	73.69			
VAT:	1,000.00	833.33	897.86	64.53			
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18,700.00</b>	<b>15,583.33</b>	<b>18,671.47</b>	<b>3,088.14</b>	<b>3,116.67</b>	<b>80.03</b>	<b>-3,036.64</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>							
Clerk's Salary:	2,400.00	2,000.00	1,735.56	264.44	400.00	390.00	10.00
Clerk's Expenses:	150.00	125.00	61.32	63.68	25.00		25.00
Street Lights:	4,230.00	3,525.00	3,120.54	404.46	705.00	201.78	503.22
Burial Ground RCC:	600.00	500.00	910.00	-410.00	100.00	220.00	-120.00
Grounds & Open Space:	7,100.00	5,916.67	5,211.98	704.69	1,183.33	1,847.00	-663.67
Insurance:	1,000.00	833.33	1,028.06	-194.73	166.67		166.67
Admin:			408.72	-408.72			
Sundries:	500.00	416.67	2.24	414.43	83.33	2.24	81.09
Recreation Ground:	850.00	708.33	312.00	396.33	141.67	262.00	-120.33
Grants:	1,700.00	1,416.67	1,075.00	341.67	283.33		283.33
Bus Shelter:							
Audit:	150.00	125.00	135.00	-10.00	25.00		25.00
Subscriptions:	400.00	333.33	302.37	30.96	66.67		66.67
Hall Rental:	120.00	100.00	76.50	23.50	20.00	13.00	7.00
Chairmans Fund:	100.00	83.33	20.00	63.33	16.67	20.00	-3.33
Contingency:							
Post Office:							
VAT:			572.03	-572.03		59.50	-59.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>19,300.00</b>	<b>16,083.33</b>	<b>14,971.32</b>	<b>1,112.01</b>	<b>3,216.67</b>	<b>3,015.52</b>	<b>201.15</b>

**OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT**      -600.00      -500.00      3,700.15      4,200.15      -100.00      -2,935.49      -2,835.49

Current a/c: at 1  
Apr 07:      1,983.45  
Deposit a/c: at 1      8,544.25

Apr 07:		
Opening balance:	<u>                    </u>	10,527.70
Income to date:	18,671.47	
Expenditure to date:	14,971.32	
Surplus/deficit to date:	<u>                    </u>	3,700.15
Bank balance at 18th Nov 08:	<u>                    </u>	<u>14,227.85</u>

(Current: £8,176.30      Deposit: £8,611.03)

Invoices from this period to be authorised this month:

Salary:	195.00
Grass Cutting	705.00

                      
900.00

## 7. Planning

Clerk advised the report does not include plans received for last week, due to computer problem.

Gates Garden Centre planning application – The Parish Council planning committee together with Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Hosmer, Cnty Cllr Wainwright had met on 22<sup>nd</sup> January to discuss this application. Cllr Mitchell presented a written report assessing the impact to the village of this development. The meeting was in agreement that the increase in traffic through the village and along Cold Overton Road would be detrimental to the community. 15 jobs will be created by this 40% increase in floor space but the increase in travel along country lanes was deemed excessive. The Parish Council will object on highways grounds.

Date	Ref No	Address	Proposal
<b>GRANTED</b>			
7-Apr-2008	CAT/2008/0295/NT	Green Cottage 33 Church Street	Work to Ash
8-Apr-2008	LBA/2008/0274/CC	The Old Hall	Restoration of Roof and Wall
	CAT/2008/0305/NT	14 Ranksborough Drive	Fell Mountain Ash
15-Apr-2008	LBA/2008/0276/CC	The Old Hall	Access and drive to hall grounds, Burley Road
	<b>Ful/2008/0275/CC Plans revised</b>	The Old Hall	Access and drive to hall grounds, Burley Road
	<b>FUL/2008/0275</b>	The Old Hall	Revised details
	FUL/2008/0314/JR	4 Kennel Cottages	Single Storey Extension
25-Apr-2008	CAT/2008/0361/NT	26 Melton Road	Fell Leylandii
	FUL/2008/0352/NT	Manor Farm	Shed
12/05/2008	CAT/2008/0422/NT	Steels Cottage, 40 Church Street	Fell 2 Leylandii and 1 Maple.
20-May-2008	CAT/2008/0460/NT	17 Well Street	Remove 6 conifers
28-May-2008	FUL/2008/0440/JR	7 The Glade, Ranksborough	Conservatory
20-May-2008	FUL/2008/0325/JR	57 Manor Lane	UPVC Windows
2-Jun-2008	CAT/2008/0481/NT	42 Burley Road	Fell Silver Birch
24-Jun-2008	CAT/2008/0508/NT	5 The Rookery	Fell 3 Conifers 1 Norway Spruce

	CAT/2008/0539/NT	4 The Rookery	Fell 4 Conifers
1-Jul-2008	FUL/2008/0519/MW	6 Briggins Walk	Replacement Windows
	FUL/2008/0546/JR	Langham C of E Primary School	External Canopy
4-Jul-2008	FUL/2008/0567/JR	19 Lonsborough Gardens	Conservatory
	FUL/2008/0568/JR	10 Lonsborough Gardens	Conservatory
8-Jul-2008	CAT/2008/0575/NT	Langham Baptist Church	Removal of deadwood and crown raise
	FUL/2008/0577/JR	Hubbards Lodge	Extension, porch and garage
19-Aug-2008	FUL/2008/0577/JR	Hubbards Lodge	Revised details
15-Jul-2008	FUL/2008/0604/JR	Deals Cottage 59 Church Street	Extension
22-Jul-2008	CAT/2008/0610/NT	Land to rear of 3 & 5 Ruddle Way	Remove branch and crown lift, Beech Tree
	CAT/2008/0630/NT	Langham House, 11 Church Street	Prune 4 Yews
29-Jul-2008	LBA/2008/0632/MW	34 Well Street	Conversion of outbuildings to Annex, various extensions and replacements.
	FUL/2008/0633/MW	34 Well Street	Conversion of outbuildings to Annex, various extensions and replacements.
28-Jul-2008	FUI/2008/0658/NT	Langham C of E Primary School	Metal stroage shed
6-Aug-2008	CAC/2008/0666/NT	Langham C of E Primary School	Demolish Shed
6-Aug-2008	CAT/2008/0662/NT	The Old Bakehouse, 11 Melton Road.	Fell flowering cherry
2-Sep-2008	CAT/2008/0753/NT	17 Well Street	Fell Pear and Sycamore
8-Sep-2008	LBA/2008/0723/DT R	The Old Hall	Internal Layout
09-009-08	LBA/2008/0722/DT R	The Old Hall	Restoration of Windows and Doors
24-Sep-2008	CAT/2008/08458/A PB	Reduce Magnolia by 30%	28 Church Street
7-Oct-2008	FUL/2008/0881/BL	16 Lowther Close	2 Storey extension & garage
8-Oct-2008	CAT/2008/0868/AP B	18 Well Street	Fell 8 Leylandii
20-Oct-2008	PTA/2008/0928/AP B	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/AP	49 Manor Lane	Reduce Ash Tree

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	ADV/2008/0875/NT	Langham Primary School	Flag Pole
<b>REFUSED</b>			
27-May-2008	FUL/2008/0457/NT	3a Jubilee Drive	two Storey dwelling house
9-Jun-2008	FUL/2008/0490/JR	51 Church Street	Porch
13-Aug-2008	FUL/2008/0484/NT	Rutland Polo Club	Retrospective application for permanent siting of portacabin
	FUL/2008/0669/NT	Land rear of 11 Bridge Street	2 storey dwellinghouse
24-Nov-2008	FUL/2008/1001/AP B	20 Ashwell Road	Replace fence
<b>WITHDRAWN</b>			
	FUL/2008/0691/NH	Rutland Garden Centre	Change of use to relocate polytunnels
	FUL/2008/0699/BL	Rutland Garden Centre	Retrospective change of use from agricultural to seasonal
<b>UNDECIDED</b>			
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/2008/0692/NH	Rutland Garden Centre	Erection of retail building
	FUL/2008/0698/BL	Rutland Garden Centre	Retrospective change of use
17-Sep-2008	FUL/2008/0770/BL	Rutland Garden Centre	Sandwich bar
	FUL/2008/0804/NT	24 Kimball Close, Ashwell	2 Storey extension
8-Dec-2008	LBA/2008/1045/AP B	Cotton Cottage	Single Storey Extension
	FUL/2008/1044/AP B	Cotton Cottage	Single Storey Extension
	CAT/2008/1061/AP B	63 Church Street	Fell Eucalyptus and crown Ash
16-Dec-2008	FUL/2008/1057/NT	Rear of 11 Bridge Street	2 Storey House

8. Report from any Sub Committees

The planning committee had met on 22 January as reported above.

9. Report from, Meetings Attended on Council behalf.

- a) Cllr Hosmer attended the Police consultation event. The funding received from Government was explained, Leicestershire also finance the policing of East Midlands Airport. Community policing was still the priority and support was expressed for Insp Sarah Cox, who is leaving Rutland in February.
- b) Cllr Hosmer also attended Rutland County Council budget consultation. 58 people attended a lively debate. Cnty Cllr Wainwright stated the feedback is used by RCC when setting the annual budgets. RCC debate budget on 14<sup>th</sup> February.
- c) Cllr Higgins attended the Parish Council Forum in December. She requested Cllr Kirk, who sits on the Working Group, to report back to this group regarding the recording of minutes. They only show the parish briefing part of the forum not any actual forum discussion. Also the Standards Committee are requesting parish representatives but the minutes from this meeting are so long and laborious that no offers were received. Cllr Higgins suggested this committee needs updating. Minutes of forum are to be circulated.
- d) Cllr Pickard was scheduled to attend the Rutland Community Spirit event in December but work commitments prevented this. He offered his apologies to Sue Renton who is to forward a written update on the project.

10. Street Lighting - Manor Lane and Bridge Street.

There are 5 columns that need replacing in the village in total, 2 on Manor Lane, 1 on Bridge Street and 2 on Grange Close. It was put forward that we have funds to complete all 5, each column will cost £689 plus VAT. The Clerk is to investigate the possibility of a discount.

Cllr Pickard  
Cllr Mitchell

11. Items for Next meeting

Highways invite Ahman Mehra  
School and Community invite Mrs Lord – Clerk and Cllr Pickard to discuss  
Village Sign  
Mowing Contract

12. Date of Net Meeting

31<sup>st</sup> March 2009  
Parish Meeting date 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009

### 13. Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Wright queried the repair of the Village Pump. Cllr Hosmer has the handle which needs recasting, the water is no longer running through the well. Cllr Duncan can re do in stainless steel if sketches provided. To investigate costs for recasting with Blacksmith in Uppingham.
- b) Cllr Wright raised the point of residents not knowing the councillors and whether photos should be placed on notice board. Cllr Crouch suggested taking photos and preparing a sheet. No final decision was made.
- c) Cllr Higgins was concerned with the rubbish collecting around the hedges at Zetland Plants and the state of the verges from parking cars. Cllr Hosmer said he would talk to Jerry Burton.
- d) Cllr Kirk highlighted the waste of time the Freedom of Information document had caused, not only was the information provided by government confusing it was also a considerable size. Clerk stated it had taken some time to decipher before the short half page statement was prepared.
- e) Cllr Kirk is to write the Langham News article for March, which should include the Parish Meeting date.
- f) Cnty Cllr Wainwright provided an update on the traveller site. Sue Hall, county planning enforcement officer, visits the site weekly and has developed a good relationship with the 23 residents. There has been no change to numbers on the site and she can confirm they do pay council tax.
- g) Playground inspections as follows – March Cllr Mitchell.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm