

Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 31 March 2009

Attendance

Cllr R Hosmer Chair
Cllr G Kirk
Cllr R Wright
Cllr R Bailey
Cllr J Higgins
Cllr A Pickard
Cllr H Crouch

The outgoing clerk Alex Wilby also attended the meeting.

1. Apologies
Cllr F Mitchell, Cllr P Duncan, Cnty Cllr N Wainwright
2. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of meeting held on 27 January 2009
Cllr Higgins advised that changes to previous minutes should stand independent of the minutes themselves and should not require a reader to refer back to previous minutes.
Cllr Higgins suggest that council seeks to clarify what is under minute 3 item 1.
The Minutes were signed as correct. Proposed Cllr Kirk
Seconded Cllr Pickard
4. Matters Arising
 1. Handover to New Clerk
Cllr Wright commented that she felt there had been a lack of communication over the resignation of the previous clerk, the appointment of the new clerk and the handover between clerks. Cllr Hosmer apologised for any upset caused, but felt that the council had been kept informed. Cllr Crouch and Cllr Kirk declared they were both happy with the process. Alex Wilby advised that the new clerk was introduced at the Parish Council meeting a week after appointment.
 2. Village pump
Cllr Hosmer advised that the handle has been repaired by Spence of Uppingham at a cost of £63, it has not been recast.
In addition the surround has been painted by Ray Lewis to give added protection. He also painted seats on main road and in playing field.
Cllr Higgins suggested that the history group should be informed of this work. Cllr Wright to inform the Chair of the history group to pass on to Mike Frisby. RW
RH
Cllr Hosmer also advised that new leather is required at bottom of pump.
 3. Street lighting

The 5 old lamp posts have now been replaced at a cost of £3100. The price was negotiated down from £3500 by Alex Wilby

4. Village sign

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The prospect of a village sign was discussed briefly. At the previous meeting Cty Cllr Wainwright had agreed to look into this. Clerk to remind him

5. Evacuees reunion

Alex Wilby informed the meeting that this is to take place on the weekend of 12/13 September. The visitors will stay at the Noel Arms and visit the village show. It was understood that Gill Frisby has provisionally booked the village hall for a get together. It was felt that a presence of villagers and councillors would be a nice gesture. Cllr Bailey advised that bells could be rung to celebrate the visit.

AW

Alex Wilby to speak to Jill Frisby to see how plans are progressing and to understand what input is needed by the council.

5. Correspondence

Cllr Hosmer presented a letter from the solicitor in answer to the council query regarding the land on corner of Church St and the east side of Church St.

The solicitors advised that if council can supply copies of the land registration then the Land Registry will consider application. These documents need to be looked for in archives. Clerk and Councillor Hosmer to search for documents.

RH
FT

The solicitors advised that maintenance alone does not prove title. Cllr Kirk reminded council that when the land registration act was passed it was well advertised that if land not claimed then title would pass to the parish council.

Cllr Kirk to speak to County Footpath people

GK

Council advised that they do have a copy of registry title for allotment area, playing field and wildlife area.

Cllr Hosmer advised that Tim Frisby had been in touch regarding the siting of a cardiac arrest machines in the village and training selected persons to be able to use such a device. Cllr Hosmer advised that not much training is required and proposed that he circulate the related document. Council felt that in theory it was a very good idea, however Cllr Higgins highlighted that the logistics of storing the machine would need to be discussed. Storage and access to be added to agenda of next meeting.

Cllr Hosmer asked if council wants a copy of electoral list – council felt they did. Clerk to supply a written request to county council.

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Cllr Hosmer highlighted that there would be road closures for the forthcoming cycle race. Clerk to post on parish noticeboard.

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Cllr Hosmer informed council of the upcoming County Thanksgiving service on Sunday 26th April and asked if anyone could attend. Cllr Higgins able to represent council. Clerk to send a letter of acceptance

JH
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Cllr Hosmer reminded council that the Rutland Funding Fair takes place on 1st April at VAR.

6. Finance

The finance report was circulated and explained. The cash balance at the end of the period £9837.51

Clerk advised that position at the end of year showed a small adverse variance of £756.66 due mainly to the decision to replace 5 street lamps rather than the budgeted 3.

Clerk also commented that the accounts showed the grass cutting allowance had not been received. Clerk to contact Accounts at Rutland CC FT to investigate.

The finance report was accepted.

Proposed Cllr Higgins
Seconded Cllr Crouch

The following subscriptions were discussed and agreed

CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) £29

Proposed Cllr Kirk
Seconded Cllr Wright

RCC (Rural Community Council) £40

Proposed Cllr Higgins
Seconded Cllr Kirk

Ordnance survey £62.96

Proposed Cllr Kirk
Seconded Cllr Pickard

It was decided that the subscription for Playing Fields Association would not be continued.

Proposed Cllr Higgins
Seconded Cllr Crouch

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Accounts at end of period 6

	2008-09	Year to date:		Current period: 6			
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
INCOME							
Precept:	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00				
Grass Cutting:	1,000.00	1,000.00		-1,000.00			
Street Lights:	700.00	700.00	1,228.92	528.92			
Burial Ground:			1,126.00	1,126.00		695.00	695.00
Admin fees:			40.00	40.00			
Insurance:							
Sundries:							
Interest:			73.69	73.69			
VAT:	1,000.00	1,000.00	897.86	-102.14			
TOTAL:	18,700.00	18,700.00	19,366.47	666.47		695.00	695.00
EXPENSES:							
Clerk's Salary:	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,354.54	45.46	400.00	618.98	-218.98
Clerk's Expenses:	150.00	150.00	132.66	17.34	25.00	71.34	-46.34
Street Lights:	4,230.00	4,230.00	6,445.79	-2,215.79	705.00	3,325.25	-2,620.25
Burial Ground RCC:	600.00	600.00	948.80	-348.80	100.00	38.80	61.20
Grounds & Open Space:	7,100.00	7,100.00	5,406.98	1,693.02	1,183.33	195.00	988.33
Insurance:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,028.06	-28.06	166.67		166.67
Admin:			386.86	-386.86		-21.86	21.86
Sundries:	500.00	500.00	24.10	475.90	83.33	21.86	61.47
Recreation Ground:	850.00	850.00	572.00	278.00	141.67	260.00	-118.33
Grants:	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,075.00	625.00	283.33		283.33
Bus Shelter:							
Audit:	150.00	150.00	135.00	15.00	25.00		25.00
Subscriptions:	400.00	400.00	302.37	97.63	66.67		66.67
Hall Rental:	120.00	120.00	76.50	43.50	20.00		20.00
Chairmans Fund:	100.00	100.00	20.00	80.00	16.67		16.67
Contingency:							
Post Office:							
VAT:			1,148.00	-1,148.00		575.97	-575.97
TOTAL:	19,300.00	19,300.00	20,056.66	-756.66	3,216.67	5,085.34	-1,868.67
OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	-600.00	-600.00	-690.19	-90.19	-3,216.67	-4,390.34	-1,173.67

Current a/c: at 1 Apr 08:	1,983.45
Deposit a/c: at 1 Apr 08:	8,544.25
Opening balance:	10,527.70

Income to date:	19,366.47
Expenditure to date:	20,056.66
Surplus/deficit to date:	-690.19

Bank balance at 31 March 08: 9,837.51 (Current: £1,226.48 Deposit: £8,611.03)

7. Planning

1. Gates nurseries.

Cllr Hosmer advised that he had submitted a letter to Melton B.C. planning dept explaining the Parish Councils opinion on the planned development.

Cllr Higgins stated that she felt the council had strengthened it's argument by focussing only on what impacts Langham village itself. Cllr Higgins commented that the final written objection was well written.

Councillor Mitchell had sent a note advising that he had attended the planning meeting. He advised that 2 parties spoke against and 1 in favour. The decision was deferred pending the Local Planning Authority (LPA) undertaking it's own Traffic Impact Analysis(TIA) and Retail Impact Analysis(RIA). This analysis expected to take a couple of months.

2. The Shed on Manor Lane

Cllr Wright commented that she had received a number of calls from local residents regarding this proposal and that she was uncomfortable discussing these when she was not sure what had been submitted to the planning department. Clerk agreed to forward the final planning wording on to Cllr Wright when submitted.

Cllr Crouch pointed out that if residents were informed in advance of council opinion then this may impact the action that they then take. Council felt that all queries should be forwarded to the clerk.

3. Porch 51 Church St

Cllr Hosmer advised that this application has been passed.

Cllr Hosmer advised that he has spoken to the Solicitors relating to this proposal. They have advised that there is no clear ownership and that it is a land Registry Issue but they gave no clear guidance on next steps.

Cllr Wright asked if council could get legal advice from someone else Clerk to contact Mr Pook the RCC solicitor

Cllr Kirk asked why planning had been passed given this information.

Cllr Hosmer advised that you do not need to own land to put in planning application.

Clerk to pass recent planning application to Tony Gowtage, Solicitor.

Cllr Higgins suggested that we request that the Solicitors write a letter to Mr Abel-Smith

Cllr Higgins suggested that letter should also be sent to Rutland CC commenting on our anger.

Council was advised that to progress any further evidence of title is required.

Cllr Kirk advised that a few years ago some of the land was sold for a Sub-station and that perhaps title deeds had been around at that time.

Alex Wilby suggested looking in the archives for this information.

Cllr Hosmer and Clerk to look for this information

FT

RH
FT

Planning Report - March 2009

Date	Ref No	Address	Proposal
	GRANTED		
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
	Ful/2008/0275/CC Plans revised	The Old Hall	Access and drive to hall grounds, Burley Road
	FUL/2008/0275	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/DTR	The Old Hall	Internal Layout
09-09-08	LBA/2008/0722/DTR	The Old Hall	Restoration of Windows and Doors
24-Sep-2008	CAT/2008/08458/APB	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/APB	18 Well Street	Fell 8 Leylandii
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
8-Dec-2008	LBA/2008/1045/APB	Cotton Cottage	Single Storey Extension
	FUL/2008/1044/APB	Cotton Cottage	Single Storey Extension
	CAT/2008/1061/APB	63 Church Street	Fell Eucalyptus and crown Ash
16-Dec-2008	FUL/2008/1057/NT	Rear of 11 Bridge Street	2 Storey House
26-Jan-2009	LBA/2009/0020/APB	Windsor Lodge, Church Street	Install gas Meter
	FUL/2009/0028/APB	Brooke Cottage, 51 Church Street	Porch
18-Feb-2009	CAT/2009/0093/APB	24 Church Street	Felling of 1 apple tree
	REFUSED		
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/APB	20 Ashwell Road	Replace fence
	WITHDRAWN		
	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
	UNDECIDED		
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
20-Jan-2009	FUL/2009/0014/NT	Rutland Polo Club	Retrospective Club House
	FUL/2008/1069/JM	20 Kimball Close	Stable Block
2-Mar-2009	FUL/2009/0126/NT	Manor Farm , Manor Lane	Erection of general purpose shed (revised)
2-Mar-2009	FUL/2009/0092/JM	Church View, 30 Church Street	2 Storey extension to garage
23-Mar-2009	FUL/2009/0143/APB	6 Melton Road, Langham	Garage frontage chg to brick

8. 1. Report from any Sub Committees
Cllr Hosmer advised that a walk way should be left in the centre of the burial ground to allow access to Reserved graves when needed. Cllr Crouch suggested this had already done. Clerk to draw out next row on sheet to highlight walkway FT
2. Playing field.
Cllr Hosmer enquired as to whether bark for the playing field had arrived. Cllr Crouch agreed to follow up with supplier of choice Giffords in Coventry. HC
Clerk to remind Cllr Crouch the following day. FT
9. Report from, Meetings Attended on Council behalf.
1. Neighbourhood watch – council were advised that there is a New PC Chris Millwood – serving the whole of the north of Rutland
2. Cllr Higgins had attended the Parish Forum meeting held on the 19th March. Minutes to be circulated. Cllr Higgins advised on requirements to reduce CO2 emissions by 80% by 2050 and by 20% by 2020. Cllr Higgins advised that the village hall may be somewhere that could be looked at with respect to insulation. Village Voice has information on grants available. Cllr Higgins also discussed the implementation of rural action seminars with the possibility of villages mentoring one other.
3. Cllr Higgins also highlighted that the current appraisal system of Villages and Towns for sustainability had been discussed and that the system of points needed refining. Cllr Higgins suggested that the council make a list of all retail services in the parish / village. Cllr Wright suggested that better sustainability would bring about more new housing.
4. Cllr Pickard advised that the County Housing stock is to be transferred from county council to Spires for £4m. The transfer to save money and to upgrade stock.
- Cllr Pickard had attended the Rutland Community Spirit meeting. The remit of the group is to identify and give support to vulnerable people. 25 clients. 6 volunteers. Sue Renton the chair had attended a Parish Council meeting last year and volunteered to attend again if felt useful. Cllr Pickard asked if we have such a scheme in Langham. Alex Wilby suggested that a scheme run by Val Paige covers the same needs. Council view was that Langham is already a very caring community with support groups already set up. Council noted Sue's kind offer but decided to put such a further visit on hold.
5. Cllr Wright had attended a meeting with Heritage and Archaeology wardens who had commented on how fortunate Langham is to have such good back up. She advised that training days were available if necessary.

10. Mowing contract
 Cllr Hosmer asked if the council would like to continue to use Glynn Hubbard for the mowing contract at the same rate as last year.
 Proposed Cllr Kirk
 Seconded Cllr Crouch
 Cllr Hosmer to ring to advise. Clerk to write to ask Glynn to start next week. RH
 FT
11. Playing field inspection rota as follows
 April Cllr Hosmer RH
 May Cllr Wright RW
 June Cllr Bailey RB
12. Items for Next meeting
1. Evacuees weekend
 2. Seat on main road opposite travellers site. Concrete deteriorating and too low. Relocate or replace. RH request all to review. ALL
 3. Village sign
 4. Cardiac arrest machine
 5. Dog dirt issues
 6. Extra litter bins
12. Date of next meeting and annual parish meeting
 Parish Meeting date Thursday 21st May 2009
 Tuesday 26th May
- 13 AOB
1. Cllr Wright requested that she continue to receive minutes in hard copy. All councillors to receive hard copies except Cllr Crouch, Cllr Pickard, Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Duncan who would prefer soft copies. FT
 2. Cllr Higgins commented on the planning document 106 Planning Obligations, and the difficulties she has had accessing the Rutland County Council website to find the 106 Planning Obligations. Clerk advised that she has now received a hard copy and will circulate. FT
 3. Cllr Crouch voiced his thanks for consultation responses regarding speeding on Main Street and Cold Overton Road. Advised that PCSO to monitor when available.
 4. The council was advised of a mobile home behind barn at Sharrads Farm. Clerk to contact Sue Hall County Council Enforcement Officer. FT
 5. Cllr Pickard advised that during his playground duty in mid February whole of skate area was found to be covered in shattered glass. Cllr Crouch recommended council to ring police to make them aware. Cllr Hosmer to ring Chris Millwood to report antisocial behaviour. RH
 6. Cllr Pickard commented on the problem of dog mess in the village and asked if any plans for additional signs. Signs up but not sure how to progress. Cllr Crouch advised that there are talking signs available. Council also advised that Parish council can enforce fines

but need to be able to prove the source and this may be costly and time consuming.. Court etc. Cllr Wright suggested another litter bin near the bridge and at the corner of Ashwell Rd and Burley Rd It was agreed that this topic be added to the agenda for the next meeting. RH

7. Cllr Pickard reminded council that he and Alex Wilby are to meet with headmistress Janet Lord to discuss parish council concerns and Cllr Pickard requested advice on what to cover. Cllr Higgins commented that a matter as large as this should not be covered in AOB and should be put on agenda for next meeting. However due to the timing of meeting the council did discuss and agreed the following should be addressed. AP
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 - Parking
 - Community interaction most particularly community lunches.
8. Cllr Wright commented that the bus shelter at Ashwell Prison was now in place and looks good AW
9. Langham news – next copy date 11 May. Alex Wilby to provide a brief appraisal of her time as clerk and the responsibilities of the Clerk. FT
10. Cllr Wright requested that her address and email details be removed from the parish noticeboards.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm