

# Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008

## Attendance

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

### 1. Apologies

Cllr R Knight as delayed. The meeting approved the apology.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

### 3. Minutes of meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Amendments made:

Page 402 point e – gate post should read goal post.

Page 409 point 8 – new charge should read additional charge.

Point 9 – Report form should read from.

Minutes were signed as correct.

Cllr Kirk  
Cllr Duncan

### 4. Matters Arising

- a) Speed Monitoring results were received from Highways Dept. **NW**  
Cllr Crouch was requested to interpret these for the meeting. It was agreed the presentation was difficult to read, a graph would have been more useful. Two monitoring box were placed, one within the village on Burley Road, which indicated no vehicles exceeded over 35 mph. The other was placed at Hubbards Lodge, Burley Road, which showed about 10% were over 61 mph. The dates of these results were 1<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007, when there may have been road works on this part of the road. Cnty Cllr Wainwright is to discuss this information with Highways.
- b) Lighting of New Lane – Cllr Hosmer asked the meeting whether we should write to the owners of the vintners requesting a light be placed on the building to illuminate this dark lane. After

discussion the meeting felt it was un-necessary to increase light pollution when there are lights at either end. A vote was taken:

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|-------------|---|
| For         | 2 |
| Against     | 3 |
| Abstentions | 2 |

The item was dismissed

- c) The Standards Board has replied to our letter advising of the acceptance of the new code of conduct.
- d) Replacement columns at Harewood Close are to be completed hopefully in March with a discounted cost of 5%.
- e) The process of land registry of several parts of Parish Council maintained land within the village requires further proof of ownership. Minutes of meetings from 1950 onwards are to be analysed for further information. **GK**

## 5. Rubbish Disposal – Councillor J Higgins

The Parish Council Forum of 31<sup>st</sup> January included an update on alternate week collections.

From 24<sup>th</sup> March 2008 every house in Rutland will have rubbish and garden waste collection. Each house will be provided with 2 additional bins, black for landfill, grey for recyclables. The current green bin will convert to garden waste.

All recycling is collected in one grey bin, without prior sorting by residents, the process is mechanised throughout. There are several items that are excluded from this bin: Shredded paper, bubble wrap, metallic paper, pyrex glass, plastic packaging tetra paks, yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, paint tins and low energy bulbs.

Similarly with regard to garden waste, anything that has been produced in the garden, which has not gone into the house, may go in the green bin. Windfall apples but not shop bought apples or flowers. A detailed information pack will be delivered with the new bins in March plus a schedule of bin collections, the day of collection will also change.

Two temporary facilitator officers have been employed by RCC to assist the public through the changeover and any problems regarding positioning of bins or possible bin sharing. The bring sites and civic amenity site will continue.

## 6. Correspondence

- a) Audit Commission have advised of appointment of external auditor Clement Keys. We need to appoint a new internal auditor, as Julian Jenkins is no longer able to check our

records.

- b) Langham Village Hall has sent a letter of thanks for the grant of £300.
- c) Sue Hall planning enforcement officer has responded regarding: gate at Harewood Close which now has a retrospective application, 71 Church Street are to reposition the shed to the back garden in the near future and Zetland Plants are being advised.
- d) Invitation to enter the Calor best kept village was rejected.
- e) Response from Royal Mail regarding the position of post box at the village hall, have advised the Collections Manager, further information to follow.
- f) Joint Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment form to be completed stating there is no further land available within Langham.
- g) Information received from Rutland Together which is the name of the county's local strategic partnership and is developing a sustainable community plan. Further investigation was requested into their purpose.

## 7. Finance

The financial report was explained by the clerk, expenses for this period included salary, street lighting repairs and the purchase of long handled grippers for clearing the play field.

Cllr Duncan requested a meeting with the clerk to revise the layout of the finance report, as the inclusion of budget figures appears misleading.

The finance report was agreed.

Cllr Bailey  
Cllr Wright

Cllr Higgins was concerned about the clearing of the brook and asked whether funds should be put aside, we have £8500 in the deposit account. The brook is to be inspected regularly.

Cllr Kirk advised the charity has served notice on the tenants of the land at Billesdon. This is to regulate the tenancy and a solicitors fee of approx £350 will be payable by the parish.

**Langham Parish Council**

Finance Report

Date:

**7th February 2008**

**INCOME**

| Item                  | Budget            | Actual YTD        | Budget less Actual | Received this period | Notes                  | Receipts outstanding |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>bal b/fwd 2007</b> |                   | 2,508.10          |                    |                      |                        |                      |
| Precept               | 14,000.00         | 14,500.00         | -500.00            |                      |                        |                      |
| Street Lights         | 1,022.00          | 713.40            | 308.60             |                      | Wayleave               | 13.82                |
| Burial Ground         | 300.00            | 1,377.50          | -1,077.50          |                      |                        |                      |
| Admin Fees            |                   | 60.00             |                    |                      |                        |                      |
| Grass Cutting         | 1,000.00          | 0.00              | 1,000.00           |                      |                        |                      |
| Insurance             |                   | 0.00              |                    |                      |                        |                      |
| Gardeners Association |                   | 0.00              |                    |                      |                        |                      |
| Post Office Fund      |                   | 0.00              |                    |                      |                        |                      |
| Bank Interest         |                   | 6.40              |                    |                      |                        |                      |
| VAT Refund            |                   | 943.69            |                    |                      |                        |                      |
| Sundries              |                   | 600.24            |                    |                      | Playfield bank account |                      |
| <b>TOTALS</b>         | <b>£16,322.00</b> | <b>£20,709.33</b> | <b>-£268.90</b>    | <b>£0.00</b>         |                        |                      |

**Langham Parish Council**

Finance Report

Date: **7th February 2008****PAYMENTS**

| <b>Item</b>          | <b>Budget</b>     | <b>Actual Paid</b> | <b>Budget less Actual</b> | <b>Paid this period</b> | <b>Notes</b>         | <b>Invoices outstanding</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Clerks Salary        | 2,300.00          | 1,863.24           | 436.76                    | 188.52                  | Salary               | 188.52                      |
| Clerks Expenses      |                   | 151.79             |                           | 26.98                   |                      |                             |
| Street Lights        | 2,500.00          | 1,767.96           | 732.04                    | 237.09                  | Lighting repairs     | 55.15                       |
|                      |                   |                    |                           |                         | EON lighting         | 241.21                      |
| Burial Ground        |                   | 644.34             |                           |                         |                      |                             |
| Grounds & Open Space | 6,500.00          | 5,156.89           | 1343.11                   |                         |                      |                             |
| Insurance            | 1,400.00          | 1,274.14           | 125.86                    |                         |                      |                             |
| Admin                |                   | 4.30               |                           |                         |                      |                             |
| Sundries             |                   | 1,027.96           |                           |                         |                      |                             |
| Recreational Ground  |                   | 728.68             |                           |                         | Long Handled gripper | 13.21                       |
| Grants               | 1,600.00          | 2,247.00           | -647.00                   |                         |                      |                             |
| Bus Shelter          |                   | 270.06             |                           |                         |                      |                             |
| Audit                | 150.00            | 135.00             | 15.00                     |                         |                      |                             |
| Suscriptions         |                   | 370.99             |                           |                         |                      |                             |
| Hall Rental          |                   | 141.00             |                           |                         |                      |                             |
| Chairmans Fund       | 50.00             | 64.06              | -14.06                    |                         |                      |                             |
| Contingency          |                   |                    |                           |                         |                      |                             |
| Post Office          |                   |                    |                           |                         |                      |                             |
| VAT                  |                   | 567.80             |                           |                         |                      |                             |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>£14,500.00</b> | <b>£16,415.21</b>  | <b>1,991.71</b>           | <b>£452.59</b>          |                      | <b>£498.09</b>              |

**BANK BALANCE 18 January 2008**

£4,280.30

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

8,544.25

**TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE****£12,824.55**

## 8. Planning

| Ref No            | Address                          | Proposal  | Granted/<br>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                        | Signs and Illumination                                  | <b>G</b>                    |
| FUL/2007/0376/CP  | Holbeck Farm, Main Road          | Agricultural Building                                   | <b>G</b>                    |
| CAT/2007/0437/MT  | Shearwater House Melton Road     | Fell 3 fir and 1 Poplar                                 | <b>G</b>                    |
| FUL/2007/0175     | The Paddock Oakham Road          | 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<br>Replace Porch and kitchen ext | <b>G</b>                    |
| FUL/2007/0587/NT  | 21 Fairfield Close               | Fell Fruit, Leylandii, Holly and Laburnum               | <b>G</b>                    |
| CAT/2007/0663/MT  | 13 Bridge Street                 | Conservatory  | <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               | <b>G</b>                    |
| <b>Ref No</b>     | <b>Address</b>                   | <b>Proposal</b>   | <b>Granted/<br/>Refused</b> |
| CAT/2007/0747/MT  | Islington Cottage                | Fell 3 Conifers, 1 Willow, 3 Sycamore                   | <b>G</b>                    |
| FUL/2007/0735/SUH | 43 Lodge Park Road               | Summerhouse   | <b>G</b>                    |
| FUL/2007/0755/NT  | 3 Well Street                    | Single & 2 Storey Extension                             | <b>G</b>                    |
| FUL/2007/0795/NT  | 9 Sharrad Way                    | Conservatory  | <b>G</b>                    |

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|-------------------|--|--|---|
| 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                              | Remove shutters, replace windows and render, erection of wooden fence and gate | G |
| CAT/2007/0968/MT  | The Paddock, East of Orchard Road, Well Street | 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                                  | Reduce 2 Holly tress and Fell 1  | G |
| CAT/2007/1106/MT  | The Coach House, Melton Road                   | Reduce height Leylandii  | G |
| FUL/2007/1035/NT  | 15 Melton Road                                 | Demolish & Rebuild front boundary wall   | 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 |

## TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

|                  |                 |  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| CAT/2007/0389/MT | Fieldfare House | Remove Sycamore                            | TPO             |
| CAT/2007/0664/MT | 1 The Range     | Fell Lime and Maple and replace with fence | TPO             |
| Ref No           | Address         | Proposal                                   | Granted/Refused |

## OUTSTANDING

|                  |                           |                            |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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/2007/1078/MT | Land at Ranksborough Farm | American barn stabling     |

|                  |                                       |  |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| FUL/2007/0821/NT | 2 Harewood Close                      | Retrospective application of Gate, Burley Road |
| CAT/2008/0002/MT | Elm House, 10 Sharrad Way             | Remove Chestnut tree and reduce Beech tree     |
| CAT2008/0007/MT  | Land adjacent to 35 Ruddle Way        | Remove Leylandii                               |
| FUL/2007/1203/MT | Land adjacent to 15 Cold Overton Road | Erection of 2 storey dwelling house            |
| FUL/2008/0036/MT | 13A Melton Road                       | Garage and dormer Window                       |
| FUL/2008/0040/MT | 21 Bridge Street                      | 2 Storey extension                             |
| Cat/2008/0055/MT | 3 The Rookery                         | Fell Oak Tree                                  |

a) Response to the enquiry to Gypsy site

It was felt the result had been inevitable but the application is personal to that family only and the children do need schooling. The site has now become a Brownfield site and will probably always remain that.

Cllr Mitchell and Tony Ruddle have approached RCC to discuss their gypsy policy and were also very concerned regarding the possible lighting of the site.

Cnty Cllr Wainwright advised that RCC are developing a travellers site policy and are looking at possible sites. Melton Council are proposing several sites but will restrict to one family per site.

A letter is to be sent to RCC urging them to develop a policy and requesting information regarding the lighting, rates and planning control.

b) Other planning Matters

Cllr Kirk asked about the barns at the old Ruddles sewage works. Whilst these are large barns permission had been granted to develop the site.

15 Cold Overton Road plans have been received for a smaller house than the original outline.

9. Village Hall Representative

The meeting unanimously agreed to offer Cllr Knight the appointment in his absence.

Cllr Wright  
Cllr Higgins

10. Report from Any Sub Committees

a) Burial Ground Maintenance

Glynn has trimmed the hedge around the burial ground. It was agreed to appoint Glynn to maintain the grass around the village for a further year. An inflation increase was included in budget.

b) Playing Field

Rope on the slide tower needs to be shortened, as the supplier of the tower has now gone out of business the only way to shorten would be to tie some knots in the rope. Cllr Crouch and Cllr Mitchell are to investigate.

Playing field inspections rota is as follows:

|       |              |
|-------|--------------|
| March | Ray Bailey   |
| April | Peter Duncan |
| May   | Fin Mitchell |
| June  | Hugh Crouch  |
| July  | Roy Hosmer   |

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

Cllr Hosmer attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting, which showed crime rate in Langham is low.

Cllr Hosmer and Cnty Councillor Wainwright attended the Council Tax Briefing. It was felt the consultation did not provide enough information as not all portfolio holders could attend and not all priorities could be assessed.

Cllr Higgins and the Clerk attended the Parish Council Forum, the budget was discussed at length. RCC would like to have a 2\* rating as a council but their housing stock lets them down, they are under funded from the government.

The chairman of Leics & Rutland Police Authority presented their reasons for an increase in council tax. They had 4 options on the table to allow for increase in funding, which included employment of more officers. The police authority are concerned with the increase in gangs activities in rural areas and also have to fund East Midlands Airport security.

Cnty Councillor Wainwright confirmed the authority had met today and agreed a 32p/wk increase in police funding this equates to a council tax increase of 4.9%. We do not know if this will be capped.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting felt they would like to change rooms back to the Ruddle Room, which has more space for the public to attend. This means a change of day to Tuesday, so 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

13. Items for inclusion on next Agenda

Cllr Wright advised the Langham News have had a large increase in printing costs from Oakham School from £71.50 to £178.50. They had decided to buy a printer to allow for printing locally. They would like to apply for a grant. The Chair requested a letter from the Langham News.

14. Any Other Business

- a) Salt Bin outside of the school – is in a state of disrepair and not really used, RCC fill with salt but PC manage the bin, it is to be removed.

- b) Residents of Jubilee Drive are concerned with non residents parking and are to post signs on the Drive. The school has been advised.
- c) Langham News articles are to be written by Cllr Wright regarding planning for trees. Cllr Hosmer will do the following edition.
- d) Cllr Mitchell asked Cnty Cllr Wainwright if there was any feedback regarding extending the footpath at Cold Overton Road. Cnty Cllr Wainwright is to investigate, this item to be on the next agenda. NW
- e) Cllr Kirk asked why RCC was one of the lowest rated councils by the Audit Commission. Cnty Cllr Wainwright advised the housing stock has pulled the rating down, this is now managed by Spire Homes. RCC have set a strategic goal to achieve a 2\* rating and are hoping to be re-assessed soon.

Meeting closed a 9.20pm