

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

S. Poulter, Parish Clerk

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 30th January, 2003.

PRESENT

Cllr. G. Kirk Chairman
Cllr. R. Reid
Cllr. R. Wright
Cllr. M. Leigh
Cllr. R. Hosmer
Cllr. R. Brown
Cllr. A. MacKinnon
County Cllr. R. Begy

Two members of the Public

The Chairman introduced Mr. Allison the Chairman of the VDS group. Mr. Allison reported on the findings of the VDS group concerning Langham becoming a Conservation village.

Some of the points for and against are: -

1. If the Parish Council decided to apply for the village to become a conservation area it would help to reinforce the Village Design Statement.
2. Trees, hedges etc would be under protection and it was also felt that replacement windows would *not* become more expensive.
3. As the cost of property in the village is now so high becoming a Conservation area will not mean an increase the prices of properties
4. The Conservation area can include the whole of the village, which would also include the brook and Ranksborough.
5. It should help in keeping any open spaces that are still in Langham
6. People will have greater difficulty in changing the structure of their property. They will have to obtain permission from the RCC.
7. Controls do not STOP development but does CONTROL development.
8. There would not be any effect on Council tax.
9. It would control demolishing walls etc.

If the decision was taken to apply for Conservation Status the Parish Council would only have to apply to the RCC, who would then take full responsibility for the implementation of the procedure.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Allison for his report and asked him to convey the Parish Council's gratitude to the members of the VDS who had taken the trouble to compile the report. The matter will now be put onto the March Agenda.

The Parish Council Meeting was declared open and the Agenda followed.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Duncan and Cllr. P. Nourish

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

There was no Declaration of Interests.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 28.11.02.

After changing the word 'wicket' to 'picket' on page 224 B the minutes were passed as correct.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. P.220 item 1. County Cllr. Begy has spoken to the people concerned about the hedging on the grass verges but not too any great affect. The parking of large vehicles on the road at the same point is still causing concern.
- b. P221 item 2. Mr. Gowtage our solicitor is trying to register the Green Areas of the village with the Land Registry. These include Munday's Close, Rookery Foot path, & Felldyke Cottage Verge. This is proving to be more difficult than first anticipated.
- c. County Cllr. Begy will look into the matter of Hedging overhanging the Highways e.g. New Road
- d. P.221 item 3. The signs for the Burial Ground are being processed by the Highways Dept. and this will be followed up by the Clerk. A query concerning the removal of wreaths from the burial ground has been received. As there isn't a bin for these in the burial ground this is causing trouble for the visitors.
After discussion it was decided that the Chairman would approach Mr. Suter to find out if he would agree to become the Caretaker for the Burial Ground and the recreation field The wreaths should be left insitu for two weeks.

Proposed Cllr. M. Leigh
Seconded Cllr. R. Wright
Agreed unanimously

- e. P.222 7 A letter was sent to BT and an acknowledgement was received stating they were considering our objections and would be in touch. No other letter has been received and the Pay phone has been removed.
- f. P.223 8 The Freedom of Information document was completed and has been accepted and registered. There are some queries about the web site registration number, the number will need to be changed to the same number as the one used by Make Frisby who will take on the responsibility of running the web. This change will be forwarded to the Freedom of Information office. Clarification of the cost of the Web site should also be sought.
- g. P224 9 Mrs. W Broad has agreed to form a sub committee to discuss the recreational facilities that could be financed by the £7500 from Crosby Homes. Mr. Pook of the Legal Department has been approached about the interest due for the time the RCC held the money.
- h. 224 a. A plaque to commemorate the Golden Jubilee has been agreed to and ordered from Signs of the Times.
- i. 224 b.e.f.h County Cllr. Begy has notified the relevant departments and the matters are being addressed. The Highways Department are looking at the problem of flooding on the A606 again, the trees are being seen to along the Cold Merton Road and the Planning Dept. is following up the erection of a picket fence at the end of Well St. instead of a wall. Concern was expressed about the appearance of Velox roof lights on the new development at the corner of Well St. and Melton Rd. and County Cllr. Begy will find out who gave the permission for these. He will also inform the Highways Dept. about the swinging 'railway gates' in Bridge St. which swing out into the road on high winds.
- j. 224 a. The Clerk was asked to write to the Licensee of the Wheatsheaf public house expressing the concern about the broken rail on the grass verge. It is causing a danger to the children going to school along Bridge St.

9. THE BUS SHELTER (This item was dealt with next)

The misuse of the Brick Bus Shelter outside the Wheatsheaf public house has been a nuisance for a considerable time. Villagers have approached Councillors complaining of the smell and general disorder of the shelter. It was argued that if it were pulled down and replaced with a modern shelter that could be easily washed by a window cleaner, the cost of the cleaning and the misuse could be stopped. It was proposed that the brick shelter should be pulled down and replaced by a modern one.

Proposed Cllr. reread

Seconded Cllr. R. Hosmer

Passed by a majority

This will be set as a motion by enquiring from the Highways Dept. whether a licence is needed to erect a new one.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The Langham News Committee has written asking for financial support in the coming months. The last time that the Parish Council gave them any assistance was in October 2000. The general feeling of the Council was that the Langham News is very worth while and of general interest to the village as a whole. This item will be put on the Agenda for March
- b. Cllr. P. Duncan will be asked if he is still willing to be the Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. Their next meeting is on 19th February.
- c. Cllr. R. Reid expressed his concern over the kitchen facilities of the Village Hall. He thought that they badly need updating. The Chairman said that he would express this concern to the Village Hall Committee.
- d. Mrs. Bailey, of Cold Overton Road, has produced a petition which she has sent to RCC Highways, complaining about the speeding traffic down Cold Overton Road. The Council was very sympathetic but after discussing with County Cllr. Begy the ways that might help the members, came to the conclusion that although they could offer their support, most of the remedies were either illegal or would prove too expensive. A letter offering our sympathy and support to their endeavours will be sent to Mrs. Bailey
- e. Mr. A. Duncan M.P. has sent information about Vital Villages.
- f. The spare copies of the VDS are now stored in the Village Hall and can be obtained by applying to the Clerk.
- g. RCC sent a communication about the Postal Ballots that they are hoping to use in the May Election. The Chairman filled up and returned the form on behalf of the Council agreeing to postal ballots being used.
- h. Information regarding an Elected Regional Assembly has been received. County Cllr. Begy reported that a referendum would be needed before any further action could be taken.
- i. RCC are putting a veto on 7.5 tonnes vehicles going through some village routes in Rutland The difficulty will be in trying to enforce this order. A copy of the routes has been received.
- j. The Parish Forum has sent information about sharing information with other Councils. Mr. Carey is the officer to be approached.
- k. The subscription of £6 for the magazine 'Clerks and Council' is now due.

It was proposed that this subscription should be paid

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer

Seconded Cllr. R. Brown

Agreed unanimously

- l. An application form from The Rutland Bus Association has been received for anyone wishing to apply for a grant.
- m. B.T. sent a letter of thanks for our letter regarding their intent to remove the payphone on the corner of Well St and Melton Rd. saying would look into our protest. Since then BT have just removed the phone.
- n. The papers have arrived concerning the Tree Preservation order on the Silver Birch at the corner of Well St. and Melton Rd This order has now been made permanent.
- o. Transco are closing Church St. from Monday 10th February while they renew pipes.

6. PLANNING

Mayflower House, Burley Rd. Langham has been de-regulated.
Ranksborough Estate County Cllr. Begy stated that the papers received from the Planning Dept. were not true as permission has been granted. Query Planning Dept.

New Plans

7.11.02	RES/2002/1010/9/MS	22, Melton Rd. Extension
2.1.03	FUL/2002/11143/9/AH	45, Church St. Garage
24.1.03	FUL/2003/0029/9/JT	8, Sharrad Way Extension
29.1.03	FUL2003/0001/9/AH	Wilson Farm Open fronted livestock building Cold Overton Rd.
29.1.03	FUL/2003/0049/9/AH	Wilson's Farm House erection Cold Overton Rd

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement Dec. 2002 - Jan.2003.

Receipts	£18,006.64
C/F	£15,994.72
	<u>£34,001.36</u>
deposit account	<u>-£7,350.79</u>
	£26,650.57
payments	<u>-£10,974.20</u>
	<u>£15,676.37</u>

Financial statement cont

BILLS PAID

31 December 2002	Langham Village Hall	£300.00
23 December 2002	D. Suter	£45.42
23 December 2002	We Clean	£45.00
23 December 2002	ABB	£206.49
23 December 2002	S. F. Poulter	£155.00
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		£751.91

BILLS TO BE PAID

29 January 2003	S. F. Poulter	£167.11
29 January 2003	G. A. Hubbard	£370.00
29 January 2003	Powergen	£243.48
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		£780.59

It was proposed that the Financial Report be accepted

Proposed Cllr. M. Leigh
Seconded Cllr. R. Hosmer
Agreed unanimously

8. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

1. A sub-committee is being set up to consider the matter and the Chairman asked for two members of Council to be members. The sub-committee when formed will be required to last until there is a result that is satisfactory. The money needs to be used as soon as possible. The remit would be to look at play facilities and the Rookery footpath, which could be developed as a facility for the use of the whole Village. Cllr. R. Wright and Cllr. M. Leigh agreed to serve on the committee.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Cllr. R. Hosmer asked for permission to remove the ivy growing over the Bus Shelter on Melton Road. This was given. He also asked County Cllr. Begy if the New sign for Squires Close could be fixed properly as it is already wobbling. Mr. Begy replied that he would take the matter up with the correct authority.

- B. Cllr. M. Leigh gave members a copy of the Report of the Disabled Access Group. She thought that it had proved a useful exercise and the results affect the whole population, who should be aware of the difficulties that disabled people face.
- C. Cllr. M. Leigh also reported that Langham Primary School had passed their Ofsted inspection. The school is well on its way and the numbers of pupils are rising.
- D. 'The Safe travel to School' assessment leaflet is to be circulated around the Councillors for their comments. These will be collated and sent to the appropriate authority.
- E. County Cllr. Begy will take another look at the 'Car port' at the Old Hall. The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday 27.3.03

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

S. Poulter, Parish Clerk.

MINUTES OF LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 27th MARCH 2003

PRESENT

Cllr. G. Kirk Chairman
Cllr. R. Reid
Cllr. R. Wright
Cllr. M. Leigh
Cllr. R. Hosmer
Cllr. R. Brown
Cllr. A. MacKinnon
Cllr. P. Nourish
County Cllr. R. Begy
One member of the Public.

Before the start of the Meeting Cllr. Kirk the Chairman expressed his thanks to all the Councillors for their support during the last four years. The Meeting was then opened.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Duncan

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. R. Wright declared an interest in Item c. Grant to Langham News

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES DATED 30.1 03.

The minutes were passed as correct.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. P.226 item b. There is a legal query about the old allotments alongside Mickley Lane. It was agreed that Mr. Gowtage the solicitor should draw up a Statuary Declaration regarding this piece of land so that the land belonging to the Village is legally regulated.
- b. P.226 item c. Letters from the Highway Department have been sent to the owners of overhanging hedges in Church St, and New Road.

The Council discussed the safety issues regarding the encroachment of bushes, hedges etc. on and beside the grass verges of the Village.

It was proposed to ask the Highways Department to look at the encroachment of bushes etc. onto the verges in the Village.

Proposed Cllr. M. Leigh
Seconded Cllr. A. MacKinnon
Agreed Unanimously

A letter will be drafted regarding this matter.

- c. P226 3 Mr. Suter has agreed to become the Caretaker for the Burial Ground and Recreational Ground. For which we are very grateful
- d. P127 f. Mr. M. Frisby has put the Langham Web Site under one registration number and there is no need to inform the Freedom of Information office. The cost of setting up the web site will be about £70. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mike Frisby for undertaking this task.
- e. P227 Befh Mrs. Sue Hall the new Enforcement Officer is looking into all these queries and should be in the village during the weed.
- f. P228 Bus Shelter. We are awaiting a Licence from the RCC before proceeding with the demolition of the shelter on Burley Road. Cllr. R. Hosmer reported that the Bus Shelter on the Melton Rd was overgrown with ivy, as the ivy is full of nesting birds it was decided not to tidy it up until the birds have finished nesting
- g. P231 D. It was reported that the Safeways to School meeting had been postponed until April. Some Councillors had received the letter containing two schemes, they appear to have been hand delivered- Not everybody had received this letter and this matter needs clarifying before anything can be discussed.
- h. 231 E. County Councillor Begy agreed to look into the Ruddle Way sign and also the wall around the Spires. Mr. Chase is the person that needs to be asked about the signs.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee sent a letter stating how upset they were by the remarks about the kitchen facilities of the Village Hall that had been given at the last Parish Meeting. It was reported that all environmental and safety checks -were completed every year and the kitchen is passed as satisfactory. It was felt that there were more pressing needs for the repair of the Hall before the up dating of the kitchen could be undertaken. It was put forward that the whole village could be involved in their improvement.
2. The new Auditors have passed the accounts for 2002-2003.
3. DEFRA have confirmed that there will not be a need for Licensing for Churches, Village Halls and Church 1164s for concerts in these premises.

4. A letter explaining Bite Size Introductory Courses has been received. They are hoping to encourage people to take up new subjects and ideas. Cllr. Wright has taken the literature and will put the idea into The Langham News.
5. DFRO has sent information about becoming a Quality Parish
6. CPRE it is the time for the renewal of their membership.

It was proposed that the Council should renew their membership costing £25.00

Proposed Cllr. A. MacKinnon
Seconded Cllr. R. Wright
Agreed unanimously

7. Leicester and Rutland Parish Councils Association A form for the renewal of their membership fee is due.

It was proposed that the Council should renew their membership costing £203.45

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer
Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh
Agreed unanimously

8. Leics. & Rutland Playing Field Ass. Their membership fee is due.

It was proposed that the Council should renew their membership costing £15.00

Proposed Cllr. A. MacKinnon
Seconded Cllr. R. Brown
Agreed unanimously

9. A letter from Mrs. Bailey of Cold Overton Road regarding the increase of traffic on along their road has been received. The residents have sent a petition to the Highways dept. regarding this matter. Mr. Ainley of the Highways Dept. has replied saying that although there is a restriction of size of lorry and speed limits it is very difficult to enforce these. The lorries are allowed access to business premises etc. It was suggested that if the residents made a survey as to what sort of lorry and the times of the most frequent use of the road, the Council could take it up on their behalf with the Police Authority. A letter suggesting this will be sent to Mrs Bailey. On the subject of traffic causing pedestrians trouble it was suggested that a crossing over the A606 would be an advantage. Cllr. Kirk agreed to ask Mr. Ainley whether it was possible for him to walk around the village with some of the Councillors to ascertain whether some of the problems could be addressed.

10. PLANS

Granted permission Willow Farm Open sided building
22, Melton Rd
03, Well St. Garage
46, Well St. Garage

New Plans	26.02.03	Rutland Gd. Centre	
	28.02.03	14, Harewood Close	- Extension
	14.01.03	05, The Range	- Extension
	14.01.03	7, Melton Rd	- Extension
	27.03.03	The Grange	- Change of Roofing
	31.03.03	Cottesmore Hunt kennels	

7. FINANCE

It was reported that the light column in Ashwell Rd has been moved and replaced.

It was proposed that the Finance report be passed

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer

Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh

Agreed unanimously

Item c. Grant to Langham News.

This was discussed and as the cost of producing each edition was £100.00 it was felt a reasonable amount would be £360 towards this cost.

It was proposed that £360.00 should be granted to 'Langham News'

Proposed Cllr. R. Reid

Seconded Cllr. R. Hosmer

Agreed unanimously

A letter of thanks will be sent to the producers of Langham News for all their hard work.

8. VILLAGE BECOMING A CONSERVATION AREA

A thorough discussion of the pros and cons of becoming a Conservation area was held. After airing all points given to Council by the VDS it was decided that for the sake of future generations there was a need for some sort of protection for the Village. Conservation would not always protect but it was the best that could be had at present. It was proposed that Langham Village should become a Conservation area subject to final detail outline.

Proposed Cllr. A. MacKinnon

Seconded Cllr. R. Wright

Agreed by majority

Langham Parish Council

Financial Statement February 2003 - March 2003

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Receipts	£19,235.49
Carried Forward	<u>£15,994.72</u>
	£35,230.21
Deposit Account	<u>£7,350.79</u>
	£27,879.42
Payments	<u>£12,727.68</u>
Bank Statement	<u>£15,151.74</u>

Bills paid		
03/03/2003	Signs of the Time	£79.90 (JUBILEE)
03/03/2003	We Clean	£60.00
03/03/2003	S. F. Poulter	£168.99
03/03/2003	ABB	£517.00
03/03/2003	Hacker Young	£141.00 (AUDIT)
		<u>£966.89</u>

Bills to be paid		
27/03/2003	ABB	£206.49
	S. F. Poulter	£187.78
	Powergen	£243.48
30/03/2003	Leics & Rutland Ass'n Parish & Local Councils	£203.45
	Leics & Rutland Playing Fields	£15.00
	CPRE	£25.00
31/03/2003	Langham News	£360.00
		<u>£1,241.20</u>

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. The Rural Community Council called a meeting through the VDS group to discuss a 'Village Plan'. There is possibly a grant of £5000 for this purpose. Some members of the Council attended. Adele Stainsby of the Rural Community Council has been asked to give a presentation at the Annual Meeting so that the village could discuss the making of a Village plan. The Chairman thought that a subcommittee could be set up at the meeting. Concern was expressed that the subcommittee that needs to be set up for the spending of the £7500 towards providing facilities for the village should not become confused with the setting up of a subcommittee to make a Village Plan as the two were not the same.

Extra money can be applied for to increase the £7500 from such sources as the Rural regeneration group, Corys - play equipment and other groups to raise the money.

- b. There is a proliferation of restriction signs down the side of the A606 The walk around the village with Mr. Ainley might help in keeping this under control.

He could also be asked about the signs making the footpath to Oakham a joint cycle and footpath without consultation and without it being made wider for safety purposes. County Cllr. Begy asked the Council whether they would support a traffic mirror being erected near Grange Close. The cost of the mirror would be about £79-£100. He says the Highways will have no objections as the mirror would be on private property it was thought that if the people concerned could find out how much it would cost to erect the mirror the Council might agree to pay the cost of erection. This will be put on the next Agenda,

- c. Councillor Cllr. Begy thanked the Parish Council for the six years of working together. He will be standing for a seat nearer to his home in the coming elections. The Chairman thanked him on behalf the Council for all the work he had put in for the Village and told him that he would be missed.
- d. It is coming up to the time when the thistles on the unused allotments will start to cause a nuisance. Apparently July 15th is time by which they should be cut down. It was decided that it was the responsibility of the Gardeners Society who pay rent for the allotments and that they should be asked to deal with the matter.
- e. The fence belonging to the Wheatsheaf has not been repaired and neither has there been any reply from the Licensee. The Clerk was asked to write to him again.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 19th May 2003.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday 29th May 2003.

The Meeting ended at 9.05 pm

Langham Parish Council

S. Poulter - Parish Clerk

MINUTES OF LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19th MAY, 2003.

PRESENT Cllr. G. Kirk
 Cllr. R. Brown
 Cllr. P. Nourish
 Cllr. M. Leigh
 Cllr. R. Wright
 Cllr. R. Hosmer
 County Cllr. R. Reid

One member of public for part of the time.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Before the commencement of the Council Meeting the Clerk called upon the Councillors to propose a new Chairman for the coming session.

It was proposed that Cllr. G. Kirk should be the Chairman for the coming session.

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer

Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh Agreed unanimously.

Cllr. G. Kirk took the Chair and gave the Council's congratulations to R. Reid who has been elected as our districts new County Councillor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No one declared an interest

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27.3.03

The Minutes on 27th March 2003. were passed as correct

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

A. P.232-a Mr. Gowtage our solicitor is still sorting out the drawing up of a Statuary Declaration concerning the ownership of the old allotments that run along side Mickley Lane.

B. P.232-b Some hedges have already been cut making walking around the village a bit easier.

C. P.233-e Cllr. R. Hosmer reported that he had not seen Mrs. Sue Hall, the new enforcement officer around the village. County Councillor Reid has noted the areas that are still causing concern.

1. The picket fence that has been erected in front of the house on the corner house at the junction of Well St and Melton Road. The builders should have restored the wall.
 2. The Velux windows that have been put in the roof of the house behind the Well St. development. (did they have permission?)
 3. The topping of the wall in front of Ruddles Way. County Councillor R. Reid will look into these things.
 - D. It was reported that Mr. Suter will repaint the seat in the Burial Ground and trim the hedge.
- E. P.234-9 Mrs. Bailey has been sent a letter asking her whether the occupants of Cold Overton Road would undertake to produce a survey of when the lorries are causing a nuisance so that the Council can take the matter up with the Police. No answer has been received as yet. A discussion ensued about Speeding being monitored on the Melton Rd. and Cold Overton Rd during the last six weeks. Some people have been warned and some have been given tickets.
- F. P.235-8 As the first step towards Langham becoming a Conservation Area a letter has been sent to the Conservation Officer who has asked for what area the Council considers should come under Conservation. Councillor R. Wright will supply the Clerk with a map that was produced by the VDS. and this will be sent to the Conservation Officer.
- G. P.236-a The Chairman apologised to Cllrs. Wright and Leigh for not telling them about the meeting of a subcommittee to discuss the spending of the £7500 given to the Village. He has ascertained that the area on the edge of Ruddle Way is to be managed by the residents of Ruddles Way and will not be available for any play equipment supplied by the Council. This caused concern as the Council has not formally been notified of this development. The only areas left for using the money are the rookery footpath and the playing field. The matter will be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting in order that the subcommittee can recruit more members.
- H. P.236-b Cllr. Kirk and Cllr. Hosmer have walked around the Village with Mr. Pepper from the Highways Dept. Since then the signs along Melton Road have been modified, giving the road a more unified appearance. One Burial Ground sign has been erected on the wrong side of the mini round about and Cllr. R. Hosmer will ask Mr. Pepper to put the sign where it was originally agreed for it to be erected.
- I. P-236-e The Licensee of the Wheatsheaf has not replied to the second letter that has been sent regarding the broken fence.
- J. P.236-d A letter has been sent to the Gardeners Society regarding the thistles on the unused allotments but no reply has been received.

5. APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Planning Subcommittee Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer, Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh Agreed unanimously.
 Cllr. R. Wright
 Cllr. P. Nourish
 Cllr. G. Kirk

Finance subcommittee Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer. Seconded Cllr. P. Nourish. Agreed Unanimously
 Cllr. P. Duncan
 Cllr. G. Kirk
 Parish Clerk S. Poulter Responsible Finance Officer

Burial Sub- Committee Proposed Cllr. M. Leigh. Seconded R. Wright, Agreed Unanimously
Cllr. R. Hosmer
Cllr. R. Brown
Cllr. P. Nourish

6. CO-OPTION OF TWO PERSONS TO THE COUNCIL

- a. The Chairman has already asked two people if they would consider becoming a Councillor but they both declined. He asked for any other suggestions. Three names were put forward. Mr. Siddall, Mr. Crouch and Ms. J. Higgins. The Chairman said he would approach the people suggested and hoped he would have better results.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1.

- a. Letter asking for a grant towards the repair of the Church has been received and will be kept for the Annual Parish Meeting.
- b. Cllr. R. Wright raised the question on leaving the matter of the Grants to the Annual Parish Meeting. She felt that this was open to misunderstandings and that the Council should have more control over the amount suggested. After discussion it was decided to leave the matter as it is for this year and to ask the Annual Parish Meeting for their views.
- c. Mr Frisby has notified the Council that interest has been shown in the Langham Web site. He has had queries from the National Grid for Learning who would like to use some of the material. He has also forwarded an invoice for the web hosting charges.
- d. RCC have forwarded their Housing Allocation Policy.
- e. It was decided not to enter the Tidy Village competition.
- f. There is a 'New Councillor Guide' . It will be circulated around the Councillors before decided whether it is necessary to obtain a copy for every Councillor.
- g. There is an Audit Guide that can be purchased. As we have passed the Audit it was not thought that we needed a copy.
- h. The schedule for the Street Lights has not altered this year.
- i. Thistleton Parish Council has asked for Langham to support their bid to be included in the 7.5 ton area concerning Lorries. After discussion it was decided that on balance it would not be in Langham interest to support them
- j. A Licence has been received covering a new bus shelter that will be erected on the site of the Brick Bus shelter. Cllr. P. Nourish will find a demolition firm with the required permit to demolish buildings near a highway, he will report back to the next meeting.
- k. CPRE the next annual meeting will held on 29.5.03 which is the Annual Parish Meeting.
- l. The Allianz & Cornhill Insurance renewal papers have arrived and their charge for insurance is up by £100.
- m. A letter of thanks has been received from the "Langham News" they expressed their thanks for the Councils support.

n. Langham & Barleythorpe W.I. have sent a letter complaining about the Dogs Mess and general litter in the village. A general discussion about the issue ended with the Council deciding to provide more litter bins. Cllr. R. Hosmer is seeing a representative from RCC in the near future and will ask if more bins can be provided. It was felt that bins on Mickley Lane, Well St., the green near the Pumping Station and one at the junction of Orchard Road and Manor Lane would cover the village reasonably well. The matter will be placed on the next agenda.

8. FINANCE STATEMENT APRIL - MAY 2003

RECEIPTS	£9,569.91	
C/F	<u>£21,261.33</u>	
	£30,831.24	
PAYMENTS	<u>£650.00</u>	
	£30,181.24	
Minus DEPOSIT A/C	<u>£7,350.79</u>	
	<u>£22,830.45</u>	
BILLS PAID	£440.00	G. A. Hubbard
	£150.00	S. F. Poulter
	<u>£60.00</u>	We Clean
	<u>£650.00</u>	
BILLS TO BE PAID	£440.00	G. A. Hubbard
	£14.35	R. Lewis
	<u>£65.82</u>	M. Frisby
	<u>£520.17</u>	

It was proposed to pass the accounts.

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer,

Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh

Unanimously agreed

AUDIT RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.2003.

The Chairman read out the Statement of Assurance required by the Auditors. All items were agreed upon.

It was proposed that the Annual return for the year ended 31st March 2003 be passed.

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer

Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh

Agreed unanimously

9. PLANS

New sets of plans were received from:

29 th April 2003.	59, Church St.	FUL/2003/0307/9/AH
27 th May 2003.	Rocott Lodge Farm	OUT/2 3/0382/9/AH
30 th May 2003.	Land. Adjacent 11, Bridge St.	FUL/2002/1122/9/AH
30 th May 2003.	Langham Lodge	FUL/2003/0303/9/ah
30 th May 2003.	7, Melton Rd. Garage	FUL/2003/0400/9/MW

Full Planning Permission

61, Church St.	FUL/2001/1101/MS
8, Sharrad Way.	FUL/2003/0029/JT
14, Harewood Close.	FUL/2002/1174/MS
3, Oakham Rd.	FUL/2003/0264/AH
5, The Range.	FUL/2003/0200/AH
16, Ranksborough Drive.	FUL/2003/0274/AH

Refusal of Full Planning Permission

59, Church St.	FUL/2003/0307/AH
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10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Sign post on green triangle on Burley Rd. Langham. Cllr. R. Wright asked if it could be repainted. it was pointed out that it was the property of the RCC Highways Dept. Cllr. R. Hosmer said he was contacting Mr. Pepper of the Highways Dept. and would ask if the painting could be done.
2. Cllr. Nourish reported that after a great deal of hassle with the RCC they have agreed to maintain the portion of the footpath between Manor Lane and Squires Close. (The part running down between the two houses.)
3. There was a query concerning the Headstones on the Burial Ground. Cllr. Hosmer read out the Council's agreed policy and it was agreed that they should stand. Cllr. R. Brown will pass the message on to the people who were querying the policy.
4. Cllr. R. Hosmer has been invited to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace as our representative of the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Parish and Local Councils. Everyone expressed their pleasure.
5. The repair of the War Memorial was raised again. Although it is not the financial responsibility of the Parish Council, it was suggested that a letter to Mr. Chase at RCC supporting one from the Parochial Church Council might yield some result. A letter asking that something be done to stop the Memorial falling in decay should be sent. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Mr. Chase.
6. Safer Routes to School - All the Maps and papers concerning this matter were discussed at great length. As there has been several meetings already to explain to anyone concerned what was proposed the Council decided that they should take a decision as to which one of the two proposals should be chosen and this should be put to the Annual Parish meeting. All points were discussed and Option 1 was chosen, minus the Speed cushions on the Burley Rd. C7316 item.
11. The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will held on the 29th May 2003.
The Meeting ended at 10.20 pm

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
S. Poulter, Parish Clerk

MINUTES OF LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 31st JULY, 2003.

PRESENT

Cllr. G. Kirk
Cllr. R. Wright
Cllr. M. Leigh
Cllr. P. Duncan
Cllr. R. Brown

County Cllr. R. Reid

Mr. H. Crouch
Dr. J. Higgins

Item 1 CO-OPTED MEMBERS

At the beginning of the Meeting it was proposed that the Council should co-opt Mr. H. Crouch and Dr. J. Higgins onto the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr. G. Kirk
Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh
Accepted unanimously

Mr. H. Crouch and Dr. J. Higgins joined the Councillors and after being introduced to each other the meeting continued.

Item 2 APOLOGIES

Cllr. R. Hosmer sent his apologies.

Item 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. P. Nourish declared an interest in item 9c.

Item 4

MINUTES 19th MAY 2003.

The Minutes were agreed to be Correct.

Item, 5 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

A The Statuary Declaration concerning the ownership of the old allotments that run along side Mickley Lane is still being drawn up.

B Page. 238 County Councillor Rid reported on

1. The picket fence, not yet resolved.

2. The Velox windows in new development at end of Wells St. They have permission for windows at the back, but it is not sure whether the front ones have permission.
 3. Topping of Ruddles Way Wall. Mr. Dawson-Baker declared they were dangerous as well as not being given planning permission. Should have some results.
 4. Plaque 'The Spires' should be removed when Ruddles Way is handed over to the Highways.
- C. p.238 Item I Broken fence belonging to the Wheatsheaf. The Clerk reported the matter to the Highways Dept. who are also concerned about the fence. They said they would look into the matter again.
- D p.239. f. It was agreed that all the Councillors should have copy of New Councillor Guide'. 10 copies will be ordered.
- E. p.240 a. A quote for 4 new litter bins has been received the cost will be £57.42 each and 4 posts making a total of £366.88 + VAT

It was proposed that they be purchased.

Proposed Cllr. R. Wright

Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh

Agreed unanimously

5 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

1. Cycling route signs have been erected on the old Sign post that is on the triangle at the bottom of Mickley Lane. This is contrary to the VDS. Highways Dept. will be asked to fix the sign on another pole in the vicinity.
2. The 'Safer Routes to School' plan that the Council thought the most appropriate has been adopted by the RCC and this will be put into operation as soon as possible. The School Governors thanked the Council for their help in this matter.
3. A Meeting has been called on the 1st September 2003. at 7.30 p.m. in the Baptist Church. This will decide whether the £7500 that is given to provide recreational facilities for the Village could be used to help raise money for a Village Plan. If the two are linked it could be a lever to obtain extra money for the Village. County Cllr Reid thought that the idea of obtaining the old Effluent plant was not yet dead. Wimpeys are being approached again For an answer, if not, another site should be sought.

A subcommittee is being set up with Mrs. W. Broad as the organiser others interest in the project are:

Cllr. P. Duncan,

Cllr. G. Kirk

County Cllr. R. Reid

Cllr. R. Hosmer

Mr. P. Allison

Mr. J. Siddall

Mrs. M. Burreau

Cllr. M. Leigh }

Cllr. R. Wright }

Will attend the first part of the meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letters of thanks have been received from the Parish Church and Baptist Church for the grants they received from the Parish Council.
- b. Countryside Agency has money to fund the Vital Villages programme. These will be forwarded to Mrs. Broad and Mr L. Martyn (Village Hall grant).
- c. Letter from Deputy Prime Minister's Office about Quality Parish Councils.
- d. The 7.5 tonnes restriction of lorries through Thistleton has been approved.
- e. War Memorial. The RCC is looking into whether the funding for repair of the memorial can be authorised. County Councillor Reid told the Council that the money for keeping the Churchyard and Memorials in repair was very limited and we would be very lucky if the repair was able to be funded.
- f. A letter was received showing concern that 'Ragwort' was freely growing on the Allotments and Burial Ground. The Garden Ass. will be alerted and the Burial ground is mown at regular intervals.
- g. The Village Hall Committee have to meet a Bill for repairs for over £2000 they have requested a grant from the Parish Council to help with this expense. The Parish Council is sympathetic towards their need but are unable to help this year as another grant has not been budgeted for in this year's precept. Their request will be reviewed when deciding on the Precept for next year.
- h. Two other requests for donations were received and were rejected.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

- 1. 2 Retail Sales Buildings Rutland Garden Centre
- 2. 12, Ranksborough Drive
- 3. 50, Ruddle Way Conservatory
- 4. South of 5 Church St. (House)
- 5. McAlpine Bypass for comments
- 6. Fenwick Cottage (conservatory) 17, Well St.
- 7. Rutland Polo Club retrospective planning permission.

Permission granted
Langham House
2, Fairfield Close
Portacabin Langham Lodge
7, Melton Rd

Refusal
12, Ranksborough Drive.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE - JULY 2003.

Receipts	£9,620.65
C/F	£21,261.33
	<u>£30,881.98</u>
Payments	£4,446.23
	<u>£26,435.75</u>
Deposit A/C	£7,389.68
	<u>£19,046.07</u>

	Bills paid				
30/05/2003	S.F. Poulter	£162.00			
12/06/2003	PCC Langham	£515.00			
12/06/2003	Baptist Church	£346.00			
12/06/2003	G.W.Kirk	£25.00	Voucher for Internal Auditor - J.Jenkins		
29/06/2003	G.A.Hubbard	£420.00			
29/06/2003	ROSPA	£69.33			
29/06/2003	G. & G Signs	£393.63			
29/06/2003	S.F. Poulter	£169.99			
29/06/2003	ABB	£206.49			
29/06/2003	Powergen	£243.48			
		<u>£2,550.92</u>			
	Bills to be paid				
	G.A.Hubbard	£440			
	ABB (repairs)	£48.86			
	S.F.Poulter	£158.50			
		<u>£647.36</u>			

It was proposed that the Financial Statement be passed.

Proposed Cllr. G. Kirk
 Seconded Cllr. R. Wright
 Agreed unanimously

ITEM C ESTIMATES FOR DEMOLITION OF BUS SHELTER

A. Nourish of Uppingham quoted £855 + VAT
D. M. Barnett quoted £450 + VAT

It was proposed that if D & M Barnett agree to the following conditions:

Erect a safety fencing around the bus shelter when removing the roof and dismantling the brick work. Carefully remove brick work from the stone wall to leave the concrete pad intact. Take the rubbish to the tip and leave the site tidy. Working times to be between 9.30 am & 3.00 p.m. for the safety of the school children. They will be given the contract.

Proposed Cllr. M. Leigh
Seconded Cllr. G. Kirk
Majority agreement Cllr. R. Wright against.

ITEM D. Clerks Salary. The Clerk left the room so that this could be discussed.

It was proposed the Clerk's salary should be £2000 per annum.

Proposed Cllr. P. Duncan
Seconded Cllr. R. Brown
Agreed unanimously

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Dr. J. Higgins was asked to serve on the Planning Subcommittee and Mr. H. Crouch the Burial Sub -Committee. They both expressed their agreement to serve on these subcommittees.
- b. Cllr. M. Leigh brought to the attention of the Council that the Government are implementing a policy by 2006 that states that they are removing Minority Groups from Local School Governors which in effect will remove the need for the Parish Council to be represented on the Board of Governors. This was discussed and felt to be a retrograde step and also that Minority groups had not been given any notice that this will happen. A letter will be sent to Education Minister Mr. Clarke and copies to the RCC Head of Education and the School Governors expressing our concern before the end of August.
- c. Mickley Lane footpath needs strimming. This it is believed is the RCC responsibility and they will be asked to see to the matter. There was a query about a development in Cold Overton Road. They do have planning permission.
- d. A footpath has been dug out over the grass verge outside 61 Church St. Highways department will be informed.
- e. Hedges overhanging the Church wall will be reported by County Councillor Reid. He will also find out who is responsible for the Sewage Network in Harewood Close as there seems to be some dispute as to who is responsible. Severn Trent and Anglian Water both disclaiming responsibility.

The meeting closed at 9-15 p.m.

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
S. Poulter, Parish Clerk

MINUTES OF LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 25th SEPTEMBER. 2003

PRESENT:

Cllr. G. Kirk
Cllr. R. Wright
Cllr. M. Leigh
Cllr. P. Duncan
Cllr. P. Nourish
Cllr. R. Hosmer
Cllr. J. Higgins
Cllr. H. Crouch

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. R. Brown and County Cllr. R. Reid sent their apologies.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There was no 'Declaration of Interest'.

3. MINUTES OF 31st JULY, 2003.

The Minutes were agreed to be correct.

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

- a. *Page 242 A* Mr. Gowtage the solicitor finds that the land along Mickley Lane (formerly part of the old allotments) and the Rookery footpath (from Burley Rd to Church) can be registered in the Langham Parish Council's name. The Registration fee could be up to £1000.

It was proposed that the above land be registered in the name of Langham Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr. M. Leigh
Seconded Cllr. P. Duncan
Agreed unanimously.

During the discussion it was disclosed that there are other pieces of land that could have the ownership disputed in the future. It was agreed that this matter should be given some thought and be on the next agenda.

- b. *Page 243 C* The Wheat sheaf s fence has been repaired. making that part of the roadway safe.
- c. *Page 243 B 4* The Ruddle Way residents are negotiating with Wimpey Building co. to take 'The Spires' plaque away and have it replaced with one with Ruddle Way inscribed. They are hoping for a positive result.
- d. *Page 243 E* There has been contact with RCC concerning the litter bins and it has been ascertained that they will supply some bins free of charge. We have asked for 4 bins but we may only be allowed 1 or 2 this year with the hope of more in the new financial year. These have been ordered and it is hoped they will be in place in the near future.

e. In order to hear a report from Mrs. W. Broad regarding the Meeting held to discuss the spending of £7500 for Village amenities it was proposed to Close the Council Meeting.

Proposed Cllr. R. Wright
Seconded Cllr. P. Duncan
Agreed Unanimously

There followed an extensive discussion on the report shown in appendix I

It was proposed to open the Council Meeting.

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer
Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh

f. Sewage Works - County Cllr. Reid has looked into the situation regarding who is responsible for the Sewage pipes in Harewood Close, Sharrards Way and lower Burley Rd. He reported that there was a joint responsibility between Severn Trent, Anglian Water, RCC and the local householders. This has not made the situation any clearer as the deeds in some households show clearly where the householders responsibility lies but this is disputed by the Water authorities. The plans of the Water authorities, RCC and the Householders do not appear to be the same. The Chairman will request County Cllr. Reid to look more closely into the matter in order that in event of any trouble with the sewage pipes in the future it is clear who is responsible. All parties need to review their plans so that there is an agreement that all agree to and understand.

g. Cllr. H. Crouch showed the Councillors some equipment that he hoped could be used on the Polo field which should take the noise of their tannoys away from the Village and redirect it back down the Polo field.

h. *p.246 d Grass Verges.*

As the growth of bushes planted on the grass verges in Church St. are now causing a dangerous situation on the road with no where for pedestrians to get off the road when lorries or cars are passing it is proposed that RCC Highways should formally look into the legality of the use of the Verges by private householders.

Proposed Cllr. M. Leigh
Seconded Cllr. J. Higgins
Agreed unanimously.

The Clerk will ask the Highways Department to look into the matter

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 The 20 mph speed limit on Burley Rd. will be soon put into position.
- 2 The Parish Forum is on Thursday 16th October. Agenda received.
- 3 There is a meeting of Rukba in Leicester Town Hall.
- 4 There will be a Concert to raise funds for the CAB on the 1st November.
- 5 There will be an Assembly for the Royal Airforce on 21st November.
- 6 A reply to our letter on the McAlpine Consultation Paper concerning the Oakham bypass has been received. In answer to our comments they have stated that there will not be a lay-by on the bypass and that there will be a link road from the bypass to Pilling Rd. eventually.
- 7 Papers concerning 'Countryside Access' are being passed around for all Councillors to peruse.
- 8 A form for voting for the members of the RCC Standards Committee (the two Parish Council members) will be filled in and returned.
- 9 A notice stating that all Parish Councils will need to be on a Website by 2005 has been received Langham has already opened one.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

- 1 Sharrards Farm (Retrospective application)
- 2 Rutland Polo Club (Retrospective application)
- 3 42 Well St. (Extension)
- 4 Shearwater Water House Melton Rd. (Extension)
- 5 22, Lodge Park, Ranksborough Conservatory.
- 6 40 Melton Rd. Vehicular Access
- 7 Land adjacent Manor Barn (Withdrawn)

Permission granted

- 1 change of use of part of touring caravan site to 46 Lodge Style Holiday homes
- 2 Land adjacent to 11 Bridge St. Single dwelling with detached garage
- 3 Land to south of 5 Church St. 2 storey dwelling house
- 4 50 Ruddle Way, conservatory
- 5 17 Well St. conservatory
- 6 Listed building consent - re-roofing with Welsh Slate instead of Collyweston slate Summer room

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2003

RECEIPTS	£9,620.65
C/F	£21,261.33
	<u>£30,881.98</u>
PAYMENTS	£6,507.22
	£24,374.76
DEPOSIT A/c	£7,389.68
	<u>£16,985.08</u>
BILLS PAID 29.8.03	
Shaw & Sons	£110.00
ABB	£24.43
G.A.Hubbard	£440.00
S.Poulter	£210.00
Hacker & Young	£123.38
G.A.Hubbard	£440.00
	<u>£1,347.81</u>
BILLS TO BE PAID 25.9.03	
D. & M. Barnett	£528.75
D.Suter	£98.00
We Clean	£40.00
ABB	£230.92
G.A.Hubbard	£440.00
S.F.Poulter	£192.99
ABB	£32.55
	<u>£1,563.21</u>

It was proposed that the Financial Statement be passed.

Proposed Cllr. G. Kirk
 Seconded Cllr. P. Duncan
 Agreed unanimously.

8. BUS SHELTER

It had been understood that a shelter the same as the one already in position outside the school should replace the shelter that has been removed. There were objections from a Councillor who wanted other shelters to be taken into considerations before any shelter is purchased. After some debate it was proposed that other options should be looked into by Councillor Wright.

Proposed Cllr. R. Wright
Seconded Cllr. P. Nourish
Agreed

She will select alternatives and circulate the results around the Councillors for their comments.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A. The Parish Council Service will be on 16th November 2003. This will be the last one taken by Rev. Cllr. Brown. All Councillors are invited to attend. It is hoped that there will be refreshments.
- B. Complaints have been received concerning to piece of land at the end of Ruddle Way on Burley Rd. The site is very overgrown and is causing an obstruction on the footpath in Harewood Close. A letter will be sent to Wimpey Building Co. who it is understood still owns this bit of land asking them to tidy it up and clear the obstruction.
- C. The Car Port that has been erected on the House belonging to the Old Hall (part of a listed building site) has not been removed although retrospective planning permission has been refused. Rutland County Council enforcement officer will be contacted regarding this matter.
- D. The Baptist Church are starting a Youth Club on Friday evening and Saturday Morning for 11-17 year olds. A good addition to the life of the village.

The meeting closed at approx. 9.30pm

Appendix I

Report from Mrs. W. Broad 'Village Plan' Meeting

Mrs Broad reported that a Meeting was held at which, the view of the people present would like to see the £7500 from Crosby Homes spent on in the Village. There was some hope of raising extra money from other sources. Two ideas were discussed the landscaping of the 'Rookery footpath' and the purchasing of other play equipment. There was hope that more people could become involved.

County Cllr. Reid has been in touch with Wimpey Building Co. who own the old Sewage works and has been told that the company need to keep half of the site but that they might be willing for the Parish Council to buy the other half. The cost of which would be under £4000.

Cllr. H. Crouch raised the question of the stench at the site but thought the size of the site would be sufficient for recreational facilities. Some boys from the village have stated a preference for skateboarding facilities and another suggestion was for a 'play wall' or some form of shelter and seating. The meeting had thought that the 'Rookery footpath' scheme could be done by other agencies i.e. 'The Princes Trust' or the Villagers putting in some Man Hours themselves.

Those who attended the Meeting are looking into costing these ideas and will report back to the Council in due course.

Another meeting is being called for Monday the 6th October 2003 in the Baptist Church.

Thanks was given to Mrs. Broad for bringing results to the Council of the first meeting.

Langham Parish Council

S. Poulter, Parish Clerk

MINUTES OF LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 27th November, 2003.

PRESENT:

Cllr. G.Kirk

Cllr. R. Wright

Cllr. M. Leigh

Cllr. P. Duncan

Cllr. R. Hosmer

Cllr. R. Brown

Two Members of the Public

The Meeting opened at 7.15pm with a report from Mrs. W. Broad concerning the sub-committee setup to ascertain how the money from Crosby Homes should be spent. She informed the Council that several open meetings had been advertised and held and any villager who was interested could have had an input in the outcome.

The meeting had produced, after answering a questionnaire, two main areas that could be improved in the village, one the play equipment on the recreational field and the Rookery footpath (this runs from Burley Rd. to Church St.) It was felt that the footpath could be enhanced by effort of the community and the equipment could be supplemented by equipment for the older children.

There had been hope of purchasing the old sewage works at the end of Mickley Lane but after much negotiating with Wimpey Homes it transpired that the only part of the Works that they were willing to offer the Parish Council was too small, and too far from the main pathway to be of any use as a play area.

The Group recommended that a Junior swing should be purchased which was costed at £1500 and a quarterpipe which was costed at £5700 approx. these prices include installation costs. These were chosen as the result of questionnaire answers and are by Playdale Playground Ltd. who supplied the existing equipment.

The group has been informed that, as they have consulted the views of the village residents they are in a good position to apply for match funding from several sources. They requested permission from the Parish Council to go ahead with the purchasing of this equipment and to apply for match funding which would increase the ability to purchase sealing for the footpath area etc and also the 'encounter seating' for the play area.

Cllr. Hugh Crouch, County Cllr. Reid, Mrs. W. Broad, Mr. P. Alison and Mrs. M. Barreau expressed their willingness to continue with the project if the Parish Council wished. The Chairman thanked the group for giving their time and for their work on behalf of the Village and the Parish Council.

The Chairman informed the Council that this Meeting would be the last that Cllr. R. Brown would attend as he was leaving the area and would therefore not be able to continue as a Parish Councillor. He was thanked for his services to the Village and the Parish Council. The Chairman wished Roger and Audrey every good wishes in their retirement

The Parish Council Meeting then opened at approx. 7.55pm

The Chairman opened by stating that it had been brought to his attention that according to the rules a County Councillor who attends the Parish Meeting can give a report but not join in any debate during the meeting unless asked to do so or unless they were also a Parish Councillor, It was decided that this was not the time to debate this matter as there were no vacancies at the present time.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Nourish and Cllr. H. Crouch

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interests.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25th NOVEMBER 2003

P. 248F spelling of Sharrads corrected
p. 251 Delete 'two or three'

It was proposed that the minutes should then be passed as correct.

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer

Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh

Agreed

4. MATTERS ARISING

1. Registering land p.247 a.
The Council is still waiting for the results of this matter.
2. Litter Bins. P.247 d.
Three new litter bins have been erected for which we are grateful.
3. Sewage Pipes P.248 f.
A letter from RCC has been received concerning the sewage pipes in Harewood Close. The matter is more complicated than it was first thought owing to the passing of certain laws at the time of change over. Cllr. M. Leigh has taken the letter to pursue the matter further.
4. 20 mph speed limit. P.249 1.
These have not yet been put up.
5. Parish Forum 16.10.03
The next Parish Forum will be held on 22.1.04. A police representative will attend this meeting and it should be worth attending.
6. Car Port 'Old Hall' P. 251
This is still in existence. The Clerk will follow the matter up with the enforcement officer.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The plans for the Polo Club House have been withdrawn.
- b. RCC have sent a letter regarding the Sewage pipes in Harewood Close. Cllr. M. Leigh has the letter.

- c. A letter regarding the 'Internal Audit' has been received from RBS Auditing Solutions. We have our own internal auditor.
- d. Victim Support, Leicestershire and Rutland have asked for a donation from the Parish Council It was proposed that Langham Parish Council should not support this application.

Proposed Cllr. R. Wright
 Seconded Cllr. P. Duncan
 Agreed unanimously

- e. A Timetable for buses during the Christmas Holiday has been sent by the RCC.
- f. A questionnaire concerning making Peterborough Hospital a Foundation Trust has been received and the Chairman has replied to the questionnaire.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

42, Well St,
 Langham Lodge,
 1, Mickley Lodge,
 35, Lodge Park,
 Rocott Lodge Farm,
 Ashwell Garden Centre.
 6, Melton Rd.,
 44, Well St. (Gas Meter)

Full Planning permission

Sherrards Farm Change of use

Refusal of Full Planning permission

22, Lodge Park
 40 Melton Rd.,
 Shearwater House Melton Rd. (going to appeal)

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Statement October/November

It was proposed that the Financial statement be passed.

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer
 Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh
 Agreed unanimously.

RECEIPTS	£9,620.65	
C/F	£21,261.33	
	<u>£30,881.98</u>	
PAYMENTS	£9,019.41	
	£21,862.57	
DEPOSIT A/c	£7,389.68	
	£14,472.89	
	£99.50	Not presented yet
	<u>£14,572.39</u>	As last statement
BILLS PAID 3.11.03		
G. A. Hubbard	£440.00	
S. F. Poulter	£166.00	
Langham Village Hall	£99.50	
Powergen	£243.48	
	<u>£948.98</u>	
BILLS TO BE PAID 27.11.03		
S. F. Poulter	£176.87	
CPRE Book	£5.00	
	<u>£181.87</u>	

PRECEPT 2003/4

Cllr. P. Duncan gave a report on the Financial situation of Langham Parish Council. He reported that the Council has £7389.68 in a deposit account, which is held in reserve against any emergencies. There is £7500 held against the purchase of equipment for the village, which leaves approx. £7000 with which to purchase the new Bus Shelter and pay the rest of the years bills. Having taken everything into consideration the Financial subcommittee has fixed the Precept for 2004-5 at £10000 subject to the agreement of the Parish Council.

After discussion it was proposed that the 2004-5 Precept should be £10000.

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer
Seconded Cllr. R. Brown
Agreed unanimously

8. CROSBY HOMES £7500

There was a an depth discussion of Wendy Broad's report and it was agreed to ask the group of people concerned to continue with the work towards purchasing the equipment.

It was proposed that the money would be made available for the equipment to be purchased based on the report presented to the Council.

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer
Seconded Cllr. P. Duncan
Agreed

Other equipment could be purchased if the money is made by match funding.

9. NEW BUS SHELTER

Cllr. R. Wright presented her findings about different shelters that were available, ones that she thought would be more suitable for Langham Village. After much debating about the price and long term suitability it was submitted that the main points to be taken into consideration were that the shelter should be replaced as soon as possible, for security reasons there should be all round visibility, and that it would be most sensible to purchase a shelter that matched the one on the other side of Burley Road which had already been costed.

It was proposed that a Shelter should be purchased from Commutaports Ltd to match shelter outside the school, with the right hand end vertical panels to be coloured green at the cost of £1797.00

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer
Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh
Agreed by majority of 5-1.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Chairman asked if any new Widows or Widowers in the Village were known, if there were would the Councillors please pass their names to Gill Frisby.
2. Cllr. R. Brown reported that the Church roof is now repaired and a plaque would be placed in the roof stating who had done the work as is the custom. The repaired Cross is to placed above the porch and rededicated. The Church will be floodlit for Christmas.
3. Cllr. M. Leigh gave a report about the Woodland area They meet every Tuesday in the month and keep the Woodlands looking cared for and tidy. The Woodlands Group have been recognised and have been invited to Westminster along with other Woodland Groups from throughout the country, They will meet members of DEFRA.
4. CPRE have produced a booklet about 'Quiet Lanes' Ashwell Rd might be a candidate for this designation which could restrict traffic and make walking and cycling easier.

It was proposed that the Clerk should purchase the CPRE booklet at the cost of £5 .

Proposed Cllr. R. Wright

Seconded Cllr. R. Hosmer

Agreed unanimously

5. County Cllr. Reid reported that money for policing Rutland was limited and that it was thought that Leicestershire was more vulnerable

The planning application for Rocott had been withdrawn.

Ruddle Way has not yet been adopted, the builders have not yet finished with the site.

The jagged topping of the wall now needs the permission of all the householders of the estate before it can be removed.

Susan Hall of the RCC needs to be approached about the wall at the entrance of Well St. she needs to know whether the Parish Council needs the fence removed altogether and the wall reinstated at a lower height. The Clerk will get in touch with her about the matter.

The meeting closed approx. 9.30.