

Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 25th January 2007

Attendance

Cllr R Hosmer
Cllr R Wright
Cllr R Bailey
Cllr P Duncan
Cllr H Crouch
Cnty Cllr R Reid

1. Apologies

J Higgins
M Leigh
G Kirk

As Chairman is absent, R Hosmer was voted as Chair for the evening.

Cllr Wright
Cllr Bailey

Meeting was closed to allow discussion of Post Office and Shop groups' application for a donation towards the rental of the Village Hall.

Ann Cook was the representative from the group. A letter from POSH Chair Richard Knight was read which requested a grant of £300, towards the cost of rental of the Village Hall, for the proposed Post Office. This is to be run by the Post Mistress of the Oakham branch 2 mornings a week, times are to be confirmed.

The general consensus was positive, the Parish Council has to spend public money responsibly.

The letter also suggested a further grant towards the cost of electrical works that will have to be completed by the Village Hall, which is unbudgeted for. It was felt that this should be a separate grant in the next financial year.

Ann was thanked for attendance and the meeting was declared Open.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

7 d) Post Office Subsidy

It was proposed that a grant of £300 be offered towards the rental.

Cllr Duncan
Cllr Bailey
Motion Carried

3. Minutes of meeting held on 30th November 2006

Page 358 d) should read – the “Village Design Statement, which was paid for by grants and approved by County should be taken into consideration, will not necessarily be used as guidance when plans are produced concerning the village.

Minutes were signed as correct.

4. Matters arising therefrom.

a) Inspection of Playing Field – a meeting is to be set up with Peter Allison at the field so that inspections are completed correctly.

Inspections to be carried out weekly and a more detailed one quarterly on the following rota:

February	P Duncan
March	R Reid
April	H Crouch
May	A Wilby

b) Cnty Cllr Reid has spoken to Sue Hall the Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the signs at Ranksborough, which have only recently been removed. A query was raised about the older signs but those were on private land and have been there much longer so no permission was required.

c) Replacement roses are to be purchased soon for the Church Street bridge area.

d) No confirmation of boundary changes has been received even though several letters have been sent to Teresa Stokes at Council offices. To be chased up by Cnty Cllr Reid and put on Agenda for next meeting.

R Reid

e) Roadworks on A606 to start on 5th February. These are to remedy a previous problem, which was not completed satisfactorily. The cost will not be charged twice but the

inconvenience will.

5. Correspondence

- a) Village Hal committee has requested a representative, the AGM is on 22nd February 2007. Cllr Higgins will continue as PC rep.
- b) Parish Council Forum will be attended by Cllr Leigh on 30th January 2007.
- c) APLC letter regarding an article to include in Langham News about elections on 3rd May 2007, to encourage a good turnout. Cnty Cllr Reid is to stand down although he is quite happy to talk to prospective candidates to discuss time commitments etc. Letter was handed to Cllr Wright who is on Langham News committee.
- d) Rutland Citizen Advice Bureau have requesting information regarding the number of households in the parish so that cards can be delivered informing residents of Benefit and Tax Credits. To be advised of the number of households and editor of Langham News contact details.
- e) Health & Social Care question was received from Rutland County Council, it was felt the Parish Council were not the right body to comment.
- f) The Federation of East Midlands Association of Local Councils are having a Regional Seminar on the Local Government White Paper. Cost prohibited any attendance.

6. Planning

Query was raised regarding the Polo Club application which has now been approved. Also the site behind the Sewage Works was discussed, as the application did not appear transparent, PC did object to application but grounds for full refusal were unclear & complex.

Date	Ref No	Address	Proposal	Granted/Refused
10 Oct	FUL/2006/0883/MT	19 Church Street	Single storey ext, garage and store.	
16 Oct	FUL/2006/1017/NT	Land at Burley Road	Vehicle access and 2 polytunnels	G
17 Oct	LBA/2006/1037/DTR	Highfield, 50 Well Street	Amendments to LBA consent	G
17 Oct	FUL/2006/1003/MS	OS Plot 8100 Burley Road	Change of Use – Rutland Polo Club	G
24 Oct	CAT/2006/1048/MT	23 Harewood Close	Various Trees	G
31 Oct	Ful/2006/1089/MS	Hubbards Lodge	Widening Gateway	G
31 Oct	Ful/2006/1092/MT	4 Sharrad Way	Single storey Ext	G
1 Nov	CAT/2006/1075/MT	7 The Range	Fell Walnut, thin Acer, Cherry and Pear	G
6 November	FUL/2006/1032/CP	Land at rear of sewage works, Burley Road	2 Barns for equestrian use	
6 Nov	FUL/2006/1085/NT	Islington Lodge	Outbuildings to kitchen/utility/boot room	G
4 Dec	CAT/2006/1182/MT	54 Well Street	Remove bough 1 ash Tree	G
12 Dec	CAT/2006/1210/MT	4 Harewood Close	Fell tree	G TPO
12 Dec	FUL/2006/1130/MT	16 Church Street	Extension	G
11 Dec	FUL/2006/1150/MT	7 Fairfield Close	Conservatory	G
18 Dec	FUL/2006/1241/CP	Rutland Garden Centre	Single Storey building – restaurant	
19 Dec	FUL/2006/1242/CP	Rutland Garden Centre	2 Retail Units	
19 Jan	CAT/2007/0024/MT	3 The Range	Remove Sycamore and 1 Leylandi	
19 Jan	FUL/2006/0952/MT	2 Kennel Cottages	Ground Floor ext	
22 Jan	FUL/2007/0025/PJO	2 Harewood Close	Single storey ext	
30 Jan	LBA/2006/1209/NT	Rutland Vintners 30 Burley Road	Signage	
31 Jan	CAT/2007/0026/MT	Elizabeth House, Jubilee Drive	Fell Leylandi	

7. Finance

Clerk has produced a new Finance Report that shows all income and expenditure for the year and period against budget, together with invoices due for payment.

Cllr Duncan
Cllr Wright

8. Bus Shelter

A car has damaged the bus shelter by Wheatsheaf again. A quote is to be sort for the repairs and also the possible provision of bollards to protect the shelter from further damage. This may require permission from the Brewery.

z9. Any Other Business

- a) The pump handle has broken on the water pump in Well Street. This has been removed for safety and a quote is to be obtained to weld or possibly recast. Cllr Hosmer is to investigate. R Hosmer
- b) There is a street light in Burley Road, which has lost its shade. A Wilby
- c) Cllr Reid reported on a complaint received from a Langham resident regarding the safety of the footpath and crossing from the village to Barleythorpe. The resident has highlighted the crossing in place for Oakham School at the Ashwell Road roundabout but the council had denied there was any preferential treatment. There are negotiations in progress to purchase more land on the corner of the roundabout to allow for increased visibility.
- d) The cycle path is still in bad repair even though we have been informed that regular maintenance is carried out. A request is to be sent to repair the path.
- e) An article is to be included in the Langham News to encourage residents to be on the Parish Council as new councillors are required.

Date of next meeting is 29th March 2007, 7.30pm Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 29 March 2007

Attendance

G Kirk Chair
Cllr R Wright
Cllr M Leigh
Cllr R Bailey
Cllr P Duncan
Cllr R Hosmer
Cllr J Higgins

1. Apologies

Cnty Cllr Reid
Cllr H Crouch

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Higgins – planning application on 21 Ruddle Way

3. Minutes of meeting held on 25th January 2007

Page 363 Planning was amended to

Also the site behind the Sewage Works was discussed, as the application did not appear transparent, PC did object to application but grounds for full refusal were unclear and complex.

Minutes were signed as correct.

4. Matters arising therefrom

- a) Boundary changes – Cllr Reid had followed this matter up with County council legal department care of Geoff Pook. He has correspondence from both Langham and Ashwell Parishes but has not concluded the relevant changes and therefore there will be no boundary changes before the election.
- b) Cllr Wright has purchased roses to be replanted at Church Street bridge.
- c) Cllr Reid has been inspecting the playing field in March. The goal net has been taken from the field sometime in the last week.
- d) With respect to the footpath crossing at the bypass entrance Cnty Cllr Reid reports that the County Councils head of highways has approached the landowner informally who has confirmed he is not willing to sell any further land without another compulsory order. So he will pursue the original request for a safety barrier both sides of the carriageway.

5. Correspondence

- a) Received from Cnty Cllr Reid - Planning Caravan site application

Although I was not informed of the meeting on March 19th or would have been there! I shall represent my wards views on enforcement of the applications refusal NOT making reference to our village design statement as of course we have a very prominent caravan/ mobile home site already! A copy of the minutes would be appreciated from the meeting held to support our representation at the planning meeting on May 1st, which I shall be attending personally.

May I take this opportunity in thanking the village for their support in the last four years, it has been a pleasure and honour to have made our villages representation in connection with County Council matters.

I look forward to participating as usual in this years street BBQ and dance to be held on June 16th

- b) Received from G Pook regarding The Paddock, Oakham Road

The Leicester County Court today granted an injunction preventing any further operational development without planning permission and the use of the land for stationing more than six caravans without planning permission. An order to vacate the land was made too, but suspended pending the resolution of the current planning application. An order for £2,000 costs was made in our favour. The defendants were represented and the injunction is being served now.

- c) ABB have notified of increases in their charges for 2007.
- d) The temporary closure of Burley Road will come into force in April for a 24-hour period.
- e) There is to be a commercial vehicle weight limit restriction within the village, excluding Melton Road of 7.5T.
- f) Reply received from Rutland County Council regarding the repairs of the cycle path to Barleythorpe. Maintenance is carried out but no major repair is planned for this period.
- g) Letter received from LOROS requesting funds. It was thought we all give individually and a grant from Parish Council was inappropriate.
- h) Letter received from Langham Baptist Church requesting grants for 2007. These are to be discussed at the May meeting.
- i) Langham Village Hall have requested funds for 2007 and have included

a copy of their balance sheet and plan of proposed works. There were concerns over the rental payment for the Post Office, it was thought right for the first year of operation but it should be wholly paid by the Post Office in future years as they should be self funding. There may be a request for a separate grant regarding the set up costs for the Post Office.

Village Hall is well utilised and this income should pay for running costs of the hall. Organisations from outside of the village are charged a higher rate. The proposed repairs for 2007 are at a proposed cost of £5250, although PC could increase council tax to cover this it would upset local residents. The request is unclear as to the level of grant and what it would be used for, PC would like further detail for next meeting. This grant will be included on the Agenda for the annual Parish meeting in May.

6. Planning

The letter sent to Rutland County Council regarding The Paddock, Oakham Road, was read.

Cllr Duncan

Cllr Hosmer

Agreed unanimously

Rutland Garden Centre application was refused on similar grounds as we cited for refusal for development of Ashwell Depot. Query raised regarding the Tree opposite 4 Harewood close if a TPO had been granted. 52 Well Street viability of application to change bridge to allow car access for disabled person was also discussed.

30 Jan	LBA/2006/1209/NT ADV/2006/1208/NT	Rutland Vintners 30 Burley Road	Signage	R
31 Jan	CAT/2007/0026/MT	Elizabeth House, Jubilee Drive	Fell Leylandi	
15 Feb	FUL/2007/0060/MT	15 Cold Overton Road	Conversion and ext outbuildings	G
15 Feb	FUL/2007/0100/MT	64 Melton Road	Two storey extension	G
15 Feb	FUL/2007/0073/CP	3 The Rookery	Demolition and construction of single storey ext	G
14 Feb	FUL/2004/1184/MS	The Homestead, adj A606	Change of use to equestrian2004 application now granted	G
28 Feb	FUL/2007/0136/MT	23 Lonsborough Gardens	Conservatory	
5 March	FUL/2007/0166/CP	Roscott Lodge Farm	Conversion farm buildings to dwelling	
6 March	FUL/2227/0175/CC	The Paddock Oakham Road	Change of use for 4 caravans	
6 March	FUL/2007/0186/CP	3 jubilee Drive	2 storey dwelling house	
6 March	Ful/2007/0151/NT	The Gatehouse, Ranksborough Drive	Demolition and replace single storey garage	

07 March	CAT/2007/0195/MT	19 Ruddle Way	Work to 3 Limes	
07 March	CAT/2007/0192/MT	21 Ruddle Way	Work to 2 Limes	
07 March	CAT/2007/0194/MT	11 Well Street	Fell Cherry Tree	
07 March	CAT/2007/0127/MT	Apple End, Church Street	Crown Reduce Cherry Tree	
12 March	FUL/2007/0159/MT	Parva Lodge	Demolish existing and construct single storey ext.	
13 March	CAT/2007/0209/MT	Parva Lodge	Remove Leylandi and Poplar	
19 March	Ful/2007/0238/MT	52 Well Street	Alter footbridge	
	FUL/2007/0264/CP	32 Well Street	2 Storey ext	

7. Finance

Healthy balance left in the current account £1000 is to be added to reserve account. Balance of Post office grant to be paid to POSH for running of the community café.

Accounts were agreed

Cllr Higgins
Cllr Duncan

Langham Parish Council

Finance Report

Date:

29th March 2007**INCOME**

Item	Budget	Actual YTD	Budget less Actual	Received this period	Notes	Receipts outstanding
Precept	14,500.00	14,500.00	0.00			
Street Lights		0.00	0.00			
Burial Ground		232.50	-232.50	360.00	1 Burial, 1 reservation	
Admin Fees		0.00	0.00			
Grass Cutting		0.00	0.00			
Insurance		0.00	0.00			
Gardeners Association		0.00	0.00			
Post Office Fund		0.00	0.00			
Bank Interest		0.00	0.00			
VAT Refund		943.69	-943.69			
Sundries		0.00	0.00			
TOTALS	£14,500.00	£15,676.19	-£1,176.19	£360.00		

PAYMENTS

Item	Budget	Actual YTD	Budget less Actual	Paid this period	Notes	Invoices outstanding
Clerks Salary	2,300.00	543.60	1756.40			
Clerks Expenses		37.86	-37.86			
Street Lights	2,500.00	496.36	2003.64			
Burial Ground		134.34	-134.34			
Grounds & Open Space	6,500.00	989.89	5510.11			
Insurance	1,400.00	1,274.14	125.86			
Admin		0.00	0.00			
Suscriptions		323.49	-323.49			
Sundries		1,075.46	-1075.46			
Recreational Ground		121.00	-121.00			
Grants	1,600.00	27.00	1573.00			
Bus Shelter		265.00	-265.00			
Audit	150.00		150.00			
Hall Rental			0.00			
Chairmans Fund	50.00		50.00			
Contingency			0.00			
Post Office		0.00	0.00			
VAT		162.73	-162.73			
TOTALS	£14,500.00	£5,450.87	9049.13	£0.00		£0.00

BANK BALANCE 29th March 2007

2,735.62

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

7,508.73

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

£10,244.35

8. Woodlands Report

Cllr Marion Leigh is not standing again as councillor after 17 years. Many thanks to Marion for her time serving on the Parish Council. Marion then gave a report regarding the woodlands and how well the volunteers look after the site that is maturing well. The stile is getting dangerous; Pete Burdett is to be asked to look at by Cllr Hosmer.

There has been a complaint received about the weeds on the allotment. The Gardeners Association is to be asked to look into it.

9. Bus Shelter

Two estimates have been received one from the original company in Glasgow, who have been very slow to respond, and one from a local company who quoted within 2 hours of the request. The local company is slightly more expensive but the Clerk is to use her discretion as to which to use.

10. Any Other Business

- a) Thanks are to be sent to Rutland County Council for the relaying of Melton Road, which was completed in a timely and efficient manner. AW
- b) Letter to be sent to Glynn Hubbard renewing his mowing contract for a further year.
- c) Letter to be sent to Post Office requesting a site visit to relocate the mail box at the village hall.
- d) Letter of thanks to be sent to the POSH committee for their hard work in setting up the new post office in the village hall just 5 months after the old one closed.
- e) Sybil Hainsworth has died, donations are to be sent to the school.

Dates of next meetings are:

Parish Council meeting 24th May 2007

Annual Meeting 31st May 2007

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Attendance

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

1. Appointment of Chair

Cllr Hosmer was elected.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Wright

All declaration of acceptance forms have been signed.

2. Welcome

Cllr Hosmer welcomed Cnty Cllr Nick Wainwright and new Parish Councillors Fin Mitchell, Richard Knight.

3. Apologies

Cllr Duncan
Cllr Crouch will be here soon.
Cllr Bailey is attending PCC meeting but will be here for 8pm.

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. Minutes of Meeting held 10th May were read and approved.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Wright

Minutes of meeting held on 29th March

Page 374 two spelling errors week should be weeds and style should be stile.

Minutes were signed as correct.

Cllr Higgins
Cllr Wright

6. Matters Arising therefrom

- a) There has been no further information regarding the boundary changes between Langham and Ashwell.
- b) The stile from the Woodlands to Mickley Lane has been repaired.
- c) Congratulations were given to the Clerk for the repairs to the bus shelter which were completed quickly and proved to be less than quoted.
- d) Proposed re-siting of the Post box at the village hall is in hand.

7. Correspondence

- a) Association of Local and Parish Councils have sent information regarding new councillor training, venue needs to be confirmed.
- b) Invitation to attend draft East Midlands Regional plan sessions was refused by all councillors due to the “hot seat” policy of attendance.
- c) Invitation to attend the visit of Her Majesties High Court Judge to Oakham Castle on 7th June, Cllr Kirk to attend.
- d) Letter from Rutland County Council regarding cleaning week this week. W.I. have completed their annual clean of the village several weeks ago, many thanks to them.
- e) Changes to the Code of Conduct will need discussion at the next meeting. To be included on the Agenda.

8. Planning

To add to report – plans for dwelling house at Jubilee Drive have been refused.

Noel Arms advertisement and lighting plans were received after they had all been erected. Objections were raised to the lighting of the pub, which would cause considerable light pollution whilst not lighting the car park.

Additional plans for The Paddock, Oakham Road, were regarding the drainage and what was considered to be a spelling error, in fire oreganos, which had been queried but no explanation had been forthcoming. Rutland County Council planning meeting regarding this application has been postponed until June 26th.

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6 March	Ful/2007/0151/NT	The Gatehouse, Ranksborough Drive	Demolition and replace single storey garage	
		Laurel Cottage, Melton Road	Dormer and gable window	G
3-Apr-2007	FUL/2006/0091/CP	Road	Amendments	
5-Apr-2007	FUL/2007/0175	The Paddock Oakham Road		
		Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Signage	
16-Apr-2007	LBA/2007/0299/NT	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road		
16-Apr-2007	ADV/2007/0298/NT	Road	Advertisement Consent	
1-May-2007	CAT/2007/0342/MT	29 Well Street	Fell Ash	
1-May-2007	CAT/2007/0344/MT	2 Well Street	Reduce height of Eucalyptus	
2-May-2007	CAT/2007/0337/MT	The Limes, 42 Burley Road	1 Lime Tree to ground level	
11-May-2007	ADV/2007/0356/NT	Noel Arms	Signs and Illumination	
11-May-2007	CAT/2007/0389/MT	Fieldfare House	Remove Sycamore	
11-May-2007	FUL/2007/0376/CP	Holbeck Farm, Main Road	Agricultural Building	

9. Finance

Vote of thanks to Julian Jenkins for carrying out the internal audit. Audit papers were read and governance statement were completed and signed.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Higgins

Financial report was read and explained by the clerk.

INCOME

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Admin Fees					
Grass Cutting					
Insurance					
Gardeners Association					
Post Office Fund					
Bank Interest					
VAT Refund		943.69			
Sundries					
TOTALS	£14,500.00	£18,184.29		£360.00	

PAYMENTS

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Clerks Expenses		37.86	-37.86	2.88	Expenses	14.98
Street Lights	2,500.00	496.36	2003.64	221.79		

Item	Budget less			Paid this period	Notes	Invoices outstanding
	Budget	Actual YTD	Actual			
Grounds & Open Space	6,500.00	989.89	5510.11	489.89	Mowing	500.00
Insurance	1,400.00	1,274.14	125.86		Insurance	1,274.14
Admin		0.00	0.00			
Subscriptions		323.49	-323.49			
Sundries		1,075.46	-1075.46	27.96	To Deposit	1,000.00
Recreational Ground		121.00	-121.00	121.00		
Grants	1,600.00	27.00	1573.00			
Bus Shelter		265.00	-265.00	265.00		
Audit	150.00		150.00			
Hall Rental			0.00			
Chairman's Fund	50.00		50.00			
Contingency			0.00			
Post Office		0.00	0.00			
VAT		162.73	-162.73			
TOTALS	£14,500.00	£5,450.87	9049.13	£1,359.72		£3,020.32

BANK BALANCE 24th May 2007

£12,732.23

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

£7,544.25

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

£20,276.48

10. Appointment of Sub Committees

Planning to remain the same – Janet Higgins, Rosemary Wright, Ray Bailey.

Cemetery, grounds and environment – Roy Hosmer, Hugh Crouch, Fin Mitchell.

Finance – George Kirk, Peter Duncan, Richard Knight

11. Approval of Grants

- a) Parochial Church Council for the maintenance of the clock agreed £565.

Cllr Wright
Cllr Kirk

- b) Langham Baptist Church for maintenance of the grounds agreed £380.

Cllr Wright
Cllr Crouch

- c) Langham Village Hall have requested a donation towards the set up costs of the Post Office of £1283.90

Cllr Higgins was concerned by the village hall treasurers report and letter as the Village Hall felt the Parish Council had obligations to these costs.

Cllr Knight, who is Chair of the POSH group, explained that POSH was a device to get a Post Office back in the village not a fund raiser or trading, as had no bank account or contracts. It was a semi formal situation to promote people's interest in a post office for Langham. The community café is a security element to allow the post office to operate.

Parish Council has no problems with this, the issue is the lack of communication regarding the set up costs of the post office and the assumption that the PC will pay.

There is an element of cross fertilisation of the various committees involved which was highlighted by a certain amount of ill feeling at the village hall committee meeting of 22nd May. Issue is the money spent without any initial sharing of the budgeted costs with the Parish Council.

Parish council are not duty bound to give any grant, Village Hall received £750 in January 2006, £300 towards the rent of the new post office in January 2007, a further £73 was donated to the community café which was the balance of a £100 donation received from a local resident following the village meeting to discuss the post office in October.

Cllr Knight has a close working relationship with the treasurer of Village Hall. The nature of the beast was to hit a deadline of re-opening the post office within 6 months, the expenses were coming in quickly and would have been difficult to liase with Parish Council to approve payment, all contact was with the treasurer. Cllr Knight asked whether the £300 rent

payment is a continuing payment? The answer was no, as was a one off to assist with initial set up, post office should be able to cover own costs. Cllr Knight felt the Village Hall will review rent of Post Office once it was on a stable footing, so far so good. Footfall is being measured.

Parish Council has to have evidence of precept money being spent properly, as is public money. Cllr Higgins suggested that annual grant is a separate issue, proposed the set up costs of post office to be covered minus the cost of the sliding door as according to the village hall this would have been completed anyway, therefore propose payment of £900.

Cllr Higgins
Cllr Kirk

If information regarding costs for post office are available to the Parish Council by November 2007 they can be included in budget calculation.

d) Rutland Citizen Advice Bureau agreed to donate £50.

Cllr Higgins
Cllr Wright

e) Crimestoppers agreed to donate £25. Cllr Wright not in agreement.

Cllr Crouch
Cllr Mitchell

12. Confirmation of Clerks Salary Increase.

All agreed increment to £8.701.

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Wright

13. Any Other Business

a) Ranksborough Drive wooden lamp post outside no 5 is not working. AW

b) Right of way from Ranksborough Drive to The Range has been fenced off, is there any need for a stile? Does stop vehicles using right of way but may need a review of the type of stile, as is quite high and does not allow dogs to walk under. AW

c) Speeding drivers on Burley Road, who do not stop at the roundabout. Speed monitoring box has been in place on Burley Road, no results at present. Cnty Cllr Wainwright to investigate. NW

d) A query has been raised regarding a grass verge on Ruddle Way, outside no 43, which is not maintained, ownership of the verge needs to be ascertained. Cnty Cllr Wainwright to investigate. NW

e) The footpath between Manor Lane and Well Street, the stile is broken and needs mending. P Burdett to be asked to repair. RH

f) Inspections of the playground, volunteers are required to inspect weekly, the following agreed this rota:

June – Cllr Hosmer

July – Cllr Bailey

August – Cllr Knight

September – Cllr Mitchell

October – Alex Wilby

Meeting arranged for Tuesday 29th May at playground to train new members on what to look for. Peter Burdett is to be asked to maintain items on the playground in liaison with the Clerk.

g) Two Parish Councillors Guides to be purchased.

Annual Parish Meeting is Next Thursday 31st May

Next meeting on Thursday 26th July

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 26 July 2007

Attendance

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

1. Apologies

Were received from;

Cllr Higgins
Cllr Duncan
Cllr Crouch
Cnty Cllr Wainwright

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes

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

Page 381 11 1st paragraph was amended to read - Cllr Higgins was concerned by the village hall treasurers report and letter as the Village Hall felt the Parish Council had obligations to these costs.

Minutes were signed as correct

4. Matters arising therefrom

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

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

5. Correspondence

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

6. Planning

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

correspondence with RCC regarding the planning meeting and RCC policies.

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

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

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

Date	Ref No	Address	Proposal	Granted/Refused
6 November	FUL/2006/1032/CP	Land at rear of sewage works, Burley Road	2 Barns for equestrian use	G
6 March	Ful/2007/0151/NT	The Gatehouse, Ranksborough Drive	Demolition and replace single storey garage	G
07 March	CAT/2007/0195/MT	19 Ruddle Way	Work to 3 Limes	G
07 March	CAT/2007/0192/MT	21 Ruddle Way	Work to 2 Limes	G
07 March	CAT/2007/0194/MT	11 Well Street	Fell Cherry Tree	G
07 March	CAT/2007/0127/MT	Apple End, Church Street	Crown Reduce Cherry Tree	G
12 March	FUL/2007/0159/MT	Parva Lodge	Demolish existing and construct single storey ext.	G
13 March	CAT/2007/0209/MT	Parva Lodge	Remove Leylandi and Poplar	G
	FUL/2007/0264/CP	32 Well Street	2 Storey ext	G
16-Apr-2007	ADV/2007/0298/NT	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Advertisement Consent	G
1-May-2007	CAT/2007/0342/MT	29 Well Street	Fell Ash	G
1-May-2007	CAT/2007/0344/MT	2 Well Street	Reduce height of Eucalyptus	G
2-May-2007	CAT/2007/0337/MT	The Limes, 42 Burley Road	1 Lime Tree to ground level	G
11-May-2007	ADV/2007/0356/NT	Noel Arms	Signs and Illumination	G

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

7. Finance

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

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Knight

Langham Parish Council

Finance Report

Date:

26th July 2007**INCOME**

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

Langham Parish Council

Finance Report

Date: **26th July 2007**

PAYMENTS

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

BANK BALANCE 16 July 2007

£10,682.38

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

8,544.25

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

£19,226.63

8. Chairmans Fund

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

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Bailey

9. Code of Conduct

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

Cllr Kirk
Cllr Mitchell

10. Report from Sub-Committees attended

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

11. Items for Agenda next meeting

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

12 Any Other Business

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

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

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

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

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

Next meeting was arranged for Thursday 27th September 2007.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 27th September 2007

Attendance

Cllr R Hosmer - Chair
Cllr G Kirk
Cllr R Wright
Cllr R Bailey
Cllr J Higgins
Cllr R Knight
Cllr P Duncan
Cnty Cllr N Wainwright

1. Apologies

Were received from Cllr F Mitchell.

2. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

3. Minutes of Meeting 26th July 2007

Minutes were amended on page 386 to read:

The green space was designated by RCC and featured in the Village Design Statement.

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

Minutes were signed as correct.

4. Matters arising therefrom

- a) Owner of No 43 Ruddle Way had been shown the land registry plan, which included the verge, owner was surprised but this has cleared any confusion.
- b) The phone box outside the school has been cleaned.
- c) No smoking signs have been placed in the bus shelters.
- d) Hedge located near the junction of Melton Road and Ranksborough Drive has been cut back.
- e) Light on Ranksborough drive is still not working, located outside of

No 12, this light is not on the schedule clerk to ascertain ownership and repair.

AW

- f) Cllr Kirk was unable to attend Parish Council Forum working group on 24th September.
- g) Cllr Hosmer attended a police meeting to discuss general concerns. Speeding drivers was the main concern in other villages as well as Langham. The police were hoping to focus on this but did state there was not a long enough stretch of straight road, on Cold Overton Road to use a speed gun but camera use would increase in the area.

Cnty Cllr Wainwright advised of Community Speed Watch. Police provided equipment and training to local parish councils to allow for a survey of traffic speeds. Drivers details would be logged and they would then be contacted by the police to discuss their speed. The objective is to collect data, where the police will be supportive and contact drivers.

The Cllrs discussed the time element involved and safety of use by county highways whilst using the speed guns. Speeds have been monitored on Burley Road and were within tolerance levels. The roundabout at Ruddle Way goes unnoticed by many drivers, causing problems for residents.

It was decided Community Speed Watch was to be on the agenda for next meeting. Further information to be provided by Cnty Cllr Wainwright.

NW

5. Correspondence

- a) Letter received from Youth Participation Officer regarding a training event on Developing Youth Councils. No one to attend.
- b) Invitation received to attend 25th anniversary of Neighbourhood Watch, no one able to attend.
- c) Letter received regarding the brown tourism signs from Leicestershire County Council. The time period for the review of the Stapleford Park Hotel signs is April 2010
- d) Cllr Mitchell has suggested the extension of the footpath on Cold Overton Road by Islington Cottage to allow pedestrians to cross the A606 safely and enter the village via Church Street. Cnty Cllr Wainwright to investigate.
- e) Confirmation received from RCC Rights of Way Officer regarding the temporary diversion of the footpath at Brocklehurst Park. The Secretary of State has not authorised the diversion as yet.

NW

- f) Letter received from The Treasurer of the Village Hall requesting a grant to cover the capital costs of opening the Post Office. The capital costs were £1,283.29, the village hall also would like the rent grant of £300 to continue for a second year.

There has been some misunderstanding regarding the grant for this year, which the Parish Council had donated £900 which was towards the capital costs. Cllr Knight stated the Village Hall were disappointed as the previous years grant was £750 so therefore the £900 included only £150 towards the capital outlay.

In the past the Parish Council would donate for specific capital expenditure never running costs of the hall. These should be covered by revenue received. The hall does successfully raise funds from various events.

Cllrs were concerned about increasing the precept to cover the Post Office and would consider polling residents if this was necessary. The budget is set in November, this grant would be assessed at that meeting.

6. Planning

- a) Application had been received for a porch at 51 Church Street, which upon investigation would be built on Parish owned land. Whilst this is not an issue for planning ownership of the land needs to be clarified.
- b) Letter received from Paul Browne Solicitors regarding sale of 19 Church Street and the green space, which it was confirmed is owned by the Parish and is designated green space in the Village Design Statement.
- c) The gate that is at 2 Harewood Close, is to be investigated by Cnty Cllr Wainwright. NW
- d) Cllr Wright has requested the results of planning applications to be circulated when received. AW

Ref No	Address	Proposal	Granted/Refused
FUL/2006/0091/CP	Laurel Cottage, Melton Road	Dormer and gable window	G
LBA/2007/0299/NT	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Signage	G
ADV/2007/0298/NT	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Advertisement Consent	G
CAT/2007/0342/MT	29 Well Street	Fell Ash	G
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ADV/2007/0356/NT	Noel Arms	Signs and Illumination	G
FUL/2007/0376/CP	Holbeck Farm, Main Road	Agricultural Building	G
CAT/2007/0437/MT	Shearwater House Melton Road	Fell 3 fir and 1 Poplar	G
FUL/2007/0433/MT	15 Cold Overton Road	2 storey house	G
Ful/2007/0512/NT	40 Church Street	Paint outside of house	G
FUL/2007/0587/NT	21 Fairfield Close	Replace Porch and kitchen ext	G
CAT/2007/0663/MT	13 Bridge Street	Fell Fruit, Leylandii, Holly and Laburnum	G
FUL/2007/0687/MT	3 Orchard Road	Conservatory	G
FUL/2007/0618/MT	1 Ruddle Way	Conservatory	G
FUL/2007/0670/NT	33 Lonsborough Gardens	Extension	G
FUL/2007/0715/NT	44 Church Street	Extension	G
FUL/2007/0735/SUH	43 Lodge Park Road	Summerhouse	G
FUL/2007/0175	The Paddock Oakham Road	Amendments	R
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
FUL/2007/0649/CP	Rutland Garden Centre	2 Retail Units	
Ful/2007/0744/MT	20 Harewood Close	Fell Acer and remove access to Oak & Acer	
CAT/2007/0747/MT	Islington Cottage	Fell 3 Conifers, 1 Willow, 3 Sycamore	
FUL/2006/0782/CP FUL/2007/0761/MT	34 Church Street 21 Bridge Street	Garage - amendment 2 storey extension	
FUL/2007/0755/NT FUL/2007/0795/NT	3 Well Street 9 Sharrad Way	Single & 2 Storey Extension Conservatory	
FUL/2007/0808/NT	8 Ruddle Way	Replace garage Doors	
LBA/2007/0436/NT	35 Church Street	Replacement windows	
FUL/2007/0682/NT	35 Church Street	Replacement windows	
FUL/2007/0860/MT	41 Manor Lane	Single storey extension	
FUL/2007/0689/CP	12 Cold Overton Road	Demolish existing and replace with 2 storey house	
FUL/2007/0238 Ful/2007/0870/MT	52 Well Street 51 Church Street	Revised plan of foot bridge Single Storey Extension	
LBA/2007/0897/DTR	13 Bridge Street	Various Internal Alterations	
FUL/2007/0688/MT	Islington Cottage	Remove shutters, replace windows and render, erection of wooden fence and gate	

7 Finance

Report was read by The Clerk and agreed by all Cllrs.

Langham Parish Council

Finance Report

Date:

27th September 2007**INCOME**

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Street Lights	1,022.00	699.58	322.42			
Burial Ground	300.00	1,157.50	-857.50			
Admin Fees		40.00	-40.00			
Grass Cutting	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00			
Insurance		0.00	0.00			
Gardeners Association		0.00	0.00			
Post Office Fund		0.00	0.00			
Bank Interest		6.40	-6.40			
VAT Refund		943.69	-943.69			
Sundries		600.24	-600.24			
TOTALS	£16,322.00	£20,455.51	-£1,625.41	£0.00		

Langham Parish Council

Finance Report

Date: **27th September 2007**

PAYMENTS

Item	Budget	Actual YTD	Budget less Actual	Paid this period	Notes	Invoices outstanding
Clerks Salary	2,200.00	1,109.16	1090.84			188.52
Clerks Expenses	120.00	121.93	-1.93			
Street Lights	2,000.00	1,082.12	917.88		Repairs	264.67
Burial Ground	300.00	334.34	-34.34			
Grounds & Open Space	4,400.00	3,216.89	1183.11			550.00
Insurance	1,200.00	1,274.14	-74.14			
Admin		139.30	22.59			
Sundries		1,027.96	-1027.96			
Recreational Ground		136.74	-136.74		Repairs Hammock trim trees	70.50
Grants	1,000.00	1,947.00	-947.00			
Bus Shelter		270.06	-270.06			
Audit	300.00	0.00	300.00			
Suscriptions	450.00	370.99	79.01			
Hall Rental	110.00		110.00			
Chairmans Fund	25.00		25.00			
Contingency			0.00			
Post Office		25.00	-25.00			
VAT		337.34	-337.34			
TOTALS	£12,105.00	£11,392.97	873.92	£0.00		£1,073.69

BANK BALANCE 10 Sept 2007

£9,062.54

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

8,544.25

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

£17,606.79

8. Report from any Sub Committees

- a) Cllr Hosmer attend the police meeting as minuted earlier. The beat areas have been amended so as to allow full coverage of officers.
- b) There have been several parties taking place on the playing fields over the last few weekends. A resident had reported damage and smashed bottles to 101 and the clerk. PCSO and beat officer have been in attendance the last 2 weekends and spoken to various groups of young people.

It was decided to attach a combination lock to the gate at Burley Road end of playing field, and place a removable bollard at the burial ground entrance gate so as to prevent vehicle access. The goal posts are to be fixed in the ground and a litter picker is to be purchased. A larger bin was also agreed upon. Letter is to be sent to East Midlands Ambulance Service regarding the combination lock. AW

9. Report from any meetings attended

Parish Forum was attended by Cllr Higgins. Minutes are to be circulated. Helen Briggs has a good vision for Rutland; concern was raised regarding the introduction of kerbside recycling. The presentation given by George Chase of RCC lacked clarity and local press had indicated a decision had been made without the promised consultation with Parishes. Decision actually to be taken on 9th October.

10. Items for inclusion in next meeting

Budget decision
Rubbish Disposal
Speed Guns
Street Lights

11. Any Other Business

- a) Eon have left a hole in the road in Orchard Road, Cnty Cllr Wainwright to investigate. NW
- b) A bin is required for the village hall area, previous bin was outside the old Post Office, contact RCC. AW
- c) Concerns were raised regarding the Farm Shop that has starting operating on the Burley Road. No permission had been granted for retail when the poly tunnel application was approved. Parking on the highway is dangerous, enforcement officer is to be informed. AW
- d) The door on the notice board has blown off in the recent storm, Janet Allen's son repaired the board last year, he is to be asked to repair again. AW

- e) A letter of thanks and good will to be sent to Rev G Angell and his family on their departure from the village.
- f) Cnty Cllr Wainwright informed of the possibility of Highways taking over responsibility for street lighting. RCC could negotiate a cheaper price although PC would lose that task. There would be a degree of flexibility in the style of lights, Cllrs were concerned the number of lights may increase. To be discussed at next meeting.

12. Date of Next meeting

Thursday 29th November, 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 29th November 2007.

Attendance

Cllr R Hosmer Chair
Cllr G Kirk
Cllr R Wright
Cllr J Higgins
Cllr R Knight
Cllr H Crouch
Cllr P Duncan

1. Apologies

Cllr F Mitchell
Cllr R Bailey
Cnty Cllr N Wainwright

2. Declarations of Interest

None were received

3. Minutes of meeting held on 27th September 2007

Page 393 paragraph e should read The Secretary of State has not authorised the diversion as yet.

The minutes were signed as correct.

4. Matters arising therefrom

- a) Rubbish Disposal - Cllr Higgins disseminated information from the Parish Forum regarding new rubbish disposal arrangements. There had been no consultation about the decision to change to fortnightly collections, which had been ratified on 8th October. A presentation by George Chase was given but as there was no time for questions these had to be in writing.

There is to be a high profile information campaign starting in January, which will include presentation to ward members, road shows, media and newsletters to PC's. There will be three 240ltr bins black for waste, green for garden, grey for recyclables, although the service will have to be adapted in some areas. A poster for the notice board was provided which should be displayed.

AW

- b) Community Speed Watch – Cllr Wainwright had supplied a copy of the leaflet explaining the system, 200 signatures or 20% of the village population are required to get the system in place. Adie Cox, beat officer, has visited Cllr Hosmer and they had identified sites for speed cameras on Melton Road, Burley Road but Cold Overton

Road may be more difficult. Cllr Crouch stated the community consultation was due whereby residents state their concerns to constabulary, which will highlight areas to target. Another possibility could be a resident of John O'Gaunt who has a speed gun maybe he could visit Langham.

Gary Toogood of RCC highways is to be consulted as to whether speed monitoring in Langham has been completed since the opening of the bypass. AW

NW

- c) Street Lights – Cllr Wainwright will report on this in the future.

Replacement columns, which were identified in 2005, are still to be completed. Costs have increased by £100, it was decided to ask ABB to replace the 5 on Harewood Close with a possible discount. Payment to be split between this years budget and next. AW

Cllr G Kirk
Cllr H Crouch

AW

Lighting on New Lane is to be on next Agenda

- d) No response from RCC regarding request for bin at Village Hall. Lack of response to correspondence from various departments at Rutland County Council is to be highlighted to Chief Executive. AW

- e) There have been no recent problems on the Playfield. Article in Langham News whilst containing official language was to highlight the issue to residents and parents. Chairman reported that a post has been fitted in the gateway with a padlock, a new larger bin has been installed and the gateposts have been secured.

- f) Planning re Zetland Plants, which is a good amenity for the village but need correct planning for retail. Letter to be sent to Zetland Plants with PC concerns. AW

5. Correspondence

- a) Standards Board had written regarding the new Code of Conduct, which was adopted on 26th July 2007 but we need to state whether paragraph 12(2) which gives members with prejudicial interest the same rights as members of the public to speak at a meeting on the issue, and then leave before the main discussion and vote. This was adopted by the council.

Cllr P Duncan
Cllr G Kirk

- b) Email received from Cllr Wainwright with the following:

Extension of pavement on Cold Overton Road/Melton Road has been raised with highways, awaiting comments.

Hole in Orchard Road has been filled.

The planning appeal for the Gypsy site is on 5th & 6th December.

The Inquiry will be conducted by an independent Planning Inspector. RCC Planning Unit has taken expert legal advice in respect of their original recommendation. Tony Ruddle has appointed a barrister by the name of Rupert Mayo and he will be presenting various witness statements from residents of Langham.

The Inquiry is a public meeting and everybody and anybody is welcome to attend as observers, it is not a participatory event unless prior notice has been given. Although 2 days have been allocated for the Inquiry, it is not envisaged that the process will take that long. After all the evidence has been presented by both sides, the inspector will undertake a site visit. A decision is not given immediately and is subject to some further deliberation by the Inspector.

- c) Rutland County Council has adopted Right of Way improvement plan on 8th October 2007.
- d) Langham Village Hall committee had also requested a new representative for the AGM in February 2008. To be on the next agenda.

6. Planning Matters & Applications

Cllr Wright found it very useful seeing the results documents.

Replacement bridge at 52 Well Street has been approved on the revised plan. Councillors were concerned regarding the formidable structure and whether the banks would withstand this. 51 Church Street, porch on Parish land has been refused. Ownership of 4 parts of the village are to be formalised with Land Registry.

Date	Ref No	Address	Proposal	Granted/Refused
3-Apr-2007	FUL/2006/0091/CP	Laurel Cottage, Melton Road	Dormer and gable window	G
16-Apr-2007	LBA/2007/0299/NT	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Signage	G
16-Apr-2007	ADV/2007/0298/NT	Rutland Vintners, 30 Burley Road	Advertisement Consent	G
1-May-2007	CAT/2007/0342/MT	29 Well Street	Fell Ash	G
1-May-2007	CAT/2007/0344/MT	2 Well Street	Reduce height of Eucalyptus	G
2-May-2007	CAT/2007/0337/MT	The Limes, 42 Burley Road	1 Lime Tree to ground level	G
11-May-2007	ADV/2007/0356/NT	Noel Arms	Signs and Illumination	G

11-May-2007	FUL/2007/0376/CP	Holbeck Farm, Main Road	Agricultural Building	G
24-May-2007	CAT/2007/0437/MT	Shearwater House Melton Road	Fell 3 fir and 1 Popular	G
29-May-2007	FUL/2007/0433/MT	15 Cold Overton Road	2 storey house	G
19th June 2007	Ful/2007/0512/NT	40 Church Street	Paint outside of house	G
2-Jul-2007	FUL/2007/0587/NT	21 Fairfield Close	Replace Porch and kitchen ext	G
	CAT/2007/0663/MT	13 Bridge Street	Fell Fruit, Leylandii, Holly and Laburnum	G
25-Jul-2007	FUL/2007/0687/MT	3 Orchard Road	Conservatory	G
25-Jul-2007	FUL/2007/0618/MT	1 Ruddle Way	Conservatory	G
25-Jul-2007	FUL/2007/0670/NT	33 Lonsborough Gardens	Extension	G
30-Jul-2007	FUL/2007/0715/NT	44 Church Street	Extension	G
1-Aug-2007	Ful/2007/0744/MT	20 Harewood Close	Fell Acer and remove access to Oak & Acer	G
7-Aug-2007	CAT/2007/0747/MT	Islington Cottage	Fell 3 Conifers, 1 Willow, 3 Sycamore	G
8-Aug-2007	FUL/2007/0735/SUH	43 Lodge Park Road	Summerhouse	G
20-Aug-2007	FUL/2007/0755/NT	3 Well Street	Single & 2 Storey Extension	G
	FUL/2007/0795/NT	9 Sharrad Way	Conservatory	G
22-Aug-2007	FUL/2007/0808/NT	8 Ruddle Way	Replace garage Doors	G
3-Sep-2007	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
7-Sep-2007	FUL/2007/0238	52 Well Street	Revised plan of foot bridge	G
17-Sep-2007	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
REFUSED				
5-Apr-2007	FUL/2007/0175	The Paddock Oakham Road	Amendments	R
20-Aug-2007	FUL/2007/0761/MT	21 Bridge Street	2 storey extension	R
Date	Ref No	Address	Proposal	Granted/Refused
22-Aug-2007	LBA/2007/0436/NT	35 Church Street	Replacement windows	R

28-Aug-2007	FUL/2007/0682/NT	35 Church Street	Replacement windows	R
10-Sep-2007	Ful/2007/0870/MT	51 Church Street	Single Storey Extension	R
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER				
11-May-2007	CAT/2007/0389/MT	Fieldfare House	Remove Sycamore	TPO
11-Jul-2007	CAT/2007/0664/MT	1 The Range	Fell Lime and Maple and replace with fence	TPO
UNDECIDED				
19-Jul-2007	FUL/2007/0649/CP	Rutland Garden Centre	2 Retail Units	
9-Aug-2007	FUL/2006/0782/CP	34 Church Street	Garage - amendment	
2-Oct-2007	CAT/2007/0968/MT	The Paddock, East of Orchard Road, Well Street	Fell 4 Ash and trim 1 Ash	
16-Oct-2007	FUL/2007/0970/MT	HMP Ashwell	2 Storey residential block	
17-Oct-2007	CAT/2007/0990/MT	11 Jubilee Drive	Fell 1 Norway Maple and all conifers	
22-Oct-2007	FUL/2007/0958/MT	13A Melton Road	Garage, dormer window and boundary wall height	
29-Oct-2007	Ful/2007/0982/MT	11 The Range	2 storey extension	
30-Oct-2007	CAT/2007/1029/MT	23 Manor Lane	Fell conifer and deciduous tree	
6-Nov-2007	FUL/2007/1018/NT	12 Ruddle Way	External alterations	
	CAT/2007/1061/MT	7 Melton Road	Reduce 2 Holly tress and Fell 1	
14-Nov-2007	CAT/2007/1106/MT	The Coach House, Melton Road	Reduce height Leylandii	
13-Nov-2007	FUL/2007/1035/NT	15 Melton Road	Demolish & Rebuild front boundary wall	
	FUL/2007/1078/MT	Land at Ranksborough Farm	American barn stabling	

7. Finance

Current financial position was explained by the Clerk and agreed.

Village Hall Grant was discussed at length and it was decided to give £300 immediately to cover the balance of costs for Post Office set up.

Regarding the Post Office rent request, discussion centred around the qualification for such a grant as this is a going concern and should be covered by their income. PC should be informed of its financial success with figures. It was agreed to support the rental request for a further year, and also to grant £300 for 2008/09

Cllr P Duncan
Cllr J Higgins

Precept figures were circulated, whilst there is an increase of 1% amount is still less than other similar sized parishes. Total expenditure was budgeted at £19,300 with expected income of £3,300 precept was set at £16,000.

Cllr H Crouch
Cllr P Duncan

Cllr R Knight asked the criteria for grants, as there appears to be a lack of consensus and a risk of alienating people if not consistent. As Parish Council is a statutory body we elicit money from residents, who have no choice whether to pay, therefore whilst we are elected to serve the ratepayers we must not overcharge. Grants are given on specific request and should be of benefit to the village. Parish Council meetings are public and any residents on the electoral roll can attend.

Langham Parish Council

Finance Report

Date:

29th November 2007**INCOME**

Item	Budget	Actual YTD	Budget less Actual	Received this period	Notes	Receipts outstanding
bal b/fwd 2007		2,508.10				
Precept	14,000.00	14,500.00	-500.00			
Street Lights	1,022.00	699.58	322.42			
Burial Ground	300.00	1,157.50	-857.50			
Admin Fees		40.00	-40.00			
Grass Cutting	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00			
Insurance		0.00	0.00			
Gardeners Association		0.00	0.00			
Post Office Fund		0.00	0.00			
Bank Interest		6.40	-6.40			
VAT Refund		943.69	-943.69			
Sundries		600.24	-600.24			
TOTALS	£16,322.00	£20,455.51	-£1,625.41	£0.00		

PAYMENTS

Item	Budget	Actual Paid	Budget less Actual	Paid this period	Notes	Invoices outstanding
Clerks Salary	2,300.00	1,486.20	813.80	188.52	Salary	188.52
Clerks Expenses		121.93	-121.93			2.88
Street Lights	2,500.00	2,046.18	453.82	304.11	Repairs and Power	
Burial Ground		454.34	-454.34			190.00
Grounds & Open Space	6,500.00	3,716.89	2783.11	550.00	Mowing	960.00
Insurance	1,400.00	1,274.14	125.86			
Admin		4.30	22.59			
Sundries		1,027.96	-1027.96			
Recreational Ground		489.68	-489.68	344.21	Bin	Bin, Gate post 280.83
Grants	1,600.00	1,947.00	-347.00			
Bus Shelter		270.06	-270.06			
Audit	150.00	135.00	15.00			
Suscriptions		370.99	-370.99			
Hall Rental			0.00		Rental	141.00
Chairmans Fund	50.00	25.00	25.00		Wine	45.89
Contingency			0.00			
Post Office			0.00			
VAT		483.83	-483.83			
TOTALS	£14,500.00	£13,853.50	673.39	£1,386.84		£1,809.12

BANK BALANCE 16 November 2007	£6,602.01
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	8,544.25
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	£15,146.26

8. Report from any Sub Committees.

Burial ground committee advised that a recent grave had reached double depth and therefore a new charge of £45 was agreed.

Cllr Crouch
Cllr Duncan

9. Report from any meetings attended on behalf of Parish Council

Cllr Higgins attended the Parish Forum which included:

Post Office network changes and how they will be implemented.

The Planning dept is to place applications online to allow Parish Council to view and comment. Concerns were raised regarding control of information and no training was to be provided. Planning committee would rather have paper versions.

An update on poverty in rural Rutland highlighted the need for a Citizens Advice Centre in Uppingham.

Questions were raised regarding returning troops and whether a parade would take place. Discussion were to take place very soon.

The attendees of the Parish Forum highlighted to RCC that it was for the Parishes and they do not wish to be lectured to. Minutes of this meeting were to be circulated. Next Parish Forum is on 31st January 2008.

JH

10. Items for Inclusion on Next Agenda

Rubbish Disposal Arrangements.
Village Hall Representative
New Lane Light.

11. Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Higgins congratulated Parish Clerk on her contribution to the Langham News. It was a timely piece, as the clerk was thought of as a secretary to the village, which is very much not the case, the clerk has more gravitas.
- b) Cllr Wright asked about the articles written for the Langham News, as the Chair always previously wrote them. Cllr Higgins has agreed to write for next Langham News about the changes to rubbish disposal. Cllr Wright has agreed to an article on Tree Planning. All articles are to be agreed by the Chair.
- c) A complaint had been received regarding the out of date notice board. Clerk had amended recently but it was agreed to place a list of councillors on the boards.
- d) Playground inspections are as follows:

December Cllr R Hosmer
January Cllr P Duncan
February Cllr G Kirk

- e) It was agreed to try and distribute the minutes 3 weeks after the meeting rather than before the next meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting agreed to move the date of the next meeting to allow Cllr Higgins to attend the Parish Forum to gain information regarding the new recycling scheme.

7th February 2008

Meeting closed at 9.25pm