

# Langham Parish Council

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At 7.30 p.m. the meeting started by PC Gilmour introducing himself to the Parish Councillors, he is the Local Officer covering 12 Villages and 35 beats. He is trying to divide himself equally between the villages. The police are looking in to Car breakins that have been happening in the village.

The target at the moment is the Speeding on Melton Road. At one monitoring observation, out of 134 cars using the Melton Rd. going towards Melton, 26 had been caught speeding. He felt that letting the public know that the police are likely to be monitoring the 30 mile an hour limit will make the public take more care.

He also reported that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is being introduced on the Ranksborough Hall Estate this should help reassure the residents.

PC Gilmour was thanked for his report and also for giving of his own time to introduce himself as he was off duty.

MINUTES of the Langham Parish Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2002

PRESENT:

Cllr. G. Kirk (Chairman)  
Cllr. K. Brown  
Cllr. P. Duncan  
Cllr. R. Hosmer  
Cllr. M. Leigh  
Cllr. A. MacKinnon  
County Cllr. R. Begy

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Nourish and Cllr. R. Wright

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. R. Brown declared an interest in the item concerning the Floodlighting of the Church.

## 3. MINUTES OF MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2002

The Minutes were passed after the word 'childhood' had been amended to '1970'. p. 207 item 9. The Minutes were then passed unanimously.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

A. p.207 item 9. County Cllr. Begy has been touch with Wimpeys but has not received any concrete answer. He has however found out the Managing Directors name and will write to him to try and resolve the situation regarding the old sewage works.

- B. p. 296 c. The Web Site. Cllr. Duncan has not had time to talk to Mr. Frisby about the setting up of the Site. After a general discussion it was decided that the Chairman should ask Mr. Frisby what would be needed to put the Langham Parish Minutes on the Web Site, these are already in the public domain.
- C. p. 206 5. The Boundary Commission. The Chairman has replied to the Commissioners, and received an acknowledgement. He had suggested that Langham and Barleythorpe should be kept together for Historical reasons and that there should 2 more Councillors to cover this area. County Cllr. Begy has also canvassed Barleythorpe to find out whether what would be their preference.
- D. p. 204 e. Silver Birch. The tree on the green at the end of Well St. and Melton Rd. now has a preservation order on it. This will prevent the builders from harming the tree when they remove the site hut that was put on the 'green' without permission. The Highways department have obtained the preservation order although the ownership of the land is still not clear. Arising from this discussion Cllr. MacKinnon ask that land owned by the Parish Council should be documented. The Parish Clerk will look into the matter.
- E. Bowls match. Saturday 3rd August has been set for the Jubilee Bowls rematch,
- F. p. 206 4. Jubilee Committee. The Jubilee committee has completed their accounts and given to the Parish Council.
- G. p. 207 10. R.O.S.P.A The playing field has been inspected and passed with a few minor defects to be rectified. Mr. Suter is to be asked to bring the apparatus up to *the* required standard.
- H. p.208 Planning. County Councillor Begy told the Councillors that Training Courses are being set up for people who have to inspect the Planning applications Councillors who are interested will be able to attend.
- I. p.209 b. Verge outside 61, Church St. The Highways Dept. have been informed of the planting of bushes on the grass verge and are taking appropriate steps to have them removed as they are causing a hazard to the general Public.
- M. p209 e. Domesday Book. The Chairman thanked Cllr. M. Leigh for producing with members of Langham & Barleythorpe Womens Institute, the Domesday Book celebrating the Year 2000. He said it was a worthwhile effort and County Councillor Begy commented that the book was superb.
- N.A. thank you letter has been sent to Mr. R. Lewis.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE -JULY 2002

RECEIPTS	£9,270.49
B/F	£15,994.72
	£25,265.21
DEPOSIT A/C	£7,350.79
	£17,914.42
PAYMENTS	£2,768.08
	<u>£15,146.34</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE - JULY 2002 CONT.

BILLS PAID		
31.5.02	P.C. World	£ 39.70
6.6.02	Jubilee Grant	£ 216.00
6.6.02	Contra Jubilee tickets	£ 360.00
12.6.02	Langham PCC	£ 490.00
12.6.02	Langham Baptist	£ 330.00
12.6.02	We Clean	£ 45.00
12.6.02	District Audit	£ 428.29
19.6.02	ROSPA	£ 68.15
19.6.02	G.A.Hubbard	£ 465.00
19.6.02	David Suter	£ 36.00
20.6.02	D. Sowter	£ 31.34
3.7.02	S.F. Poulter	£ 155.00
3.7.02	G.A. Hubbard	£ 440.00
3.7.02	P.C. World	£ 39.70
		<u>£ 3,144.18</u>
BILLS TO BE PAID		
25.7.02	ABB	£ 206.49
25.7.02	POWERGEN	£ 194.00
25.7.02	S. Poulter	£ 165.86
25.7.02	G. Kirk	£ 42.16
		<u>£ 608.51</u>

Cllr. A. MacKinnon queried the direct debit to P.C. World and an explanation will be given at the next meeting when all facts can be presented.

It was proposed that the Financial Statement be passed.

Proposed Cllr. M. Leigh

Seconded Cllr. R Hosmer

Agreed unanimously

AUDIT

As the Audit was suddenly required to be completed by the end August Mr. J. Jenkins was asked if he would check the Parish Council books so that they could be passed as correct by August.

He kindly agreed to do so and has completed the check and passed the books as correct. He did not require a fee but as it is his wedding anniversary two bottles of Champagne have been presented to him as a token of our appreciation.

In order to complete the sheets from the Auditors the Councillors were asked a set of question regarding the Audit. Approval sheet section 2 was completed and signed by the Chairman and this will be sent off to the Audit.

## ACCOUNTS JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The Jubilee Committee has completed and balanced their accounts and have handed them to the Clerk for safe keeping. Any money that is over from the celebrations is being held and will be used to create a permanent Record of the Golden Jubilee 2002.

## PLANS AND REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

### New Plans

29.6.02 41, Church St.

12.7.02 Langham Primary School

25.7.02 HM Prison Ashwell Rd

25.7.02 37 Ruddle Way

### Planning Permission

1, Hayes Close

4, Grange Close

'Stonecroft' Oakham Rd.

2 The Range

12, Well St.

### Listed Building Consent

11, Bridge St.

Listed Building refusal

51, Church St.

County Councillor Begy reported that planning permission for the development of Ranksborough Hall Estate has been deferred owing to Legal problem with local authority .i.e. 365 days lets are not holiday lettings.

He confirmed that there are controls on ground rent for the people owning their own permanent caravans. He was asked about the wall around the Ruddles Site they had promised to alter the wall topping and they haven't done so. He said he would try and enforce the promise. The news about the Village Design statement is that the Statement goes before the Meeting 30.7.02 and if passed should take 6 weeks to become in force which means that it should be approved by October 2002. This should mean that there will be a constraint on what people are allowed to do in the village

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Mr. Abel-Smith has been sent the annual July letter reminding him that the frontage onto the Rookery footpath belongs to the Village and that he uses it with their permission so long as he inhabits the house.
- b. Oakham Town Partnership. This set up to allow the villages to have some say in what is proposed for Oakham. V. Piggot is the Project Coordinator.
- c. Parish Forum. it is noted that the meeting is being held on the same night as the Parish Meeting making it impossible for our representatives to attend.
- d. WITS there are Community Computers available for use in the village, as yet there has not been a suitable site. It would be an asset to the village and the Chairman said that he would approach the Noel Arms to see if they would agree to host the computer.

- e. Rutland Access Group. Cllr. M. Leigh agreed to contact the groups organiser.
- f. Langham PCC (Cllr. R. Brown declared an interest) A letter asking for contribution towards the new floodlights to floodlight the Church for Christmas etc. After discussion it was agreed to give a donation towards replacing the damaged lights.

It was proposed to give a donation of £250 to the Langham Parish Church towards the new floodlights.

Proposed Cllr. P. Duncan  
 Seconded Cllr. A. MacKinnon  
 Agreed unanimously

- g. Leicestershire Footpath Ass. it was agreed not to renew the subscription as there is now a Rutland footpath officer.
- h. Severn Trent. Severn Trent Water has sent a cheque for £100 towards the cost of replacing the damaged banks.
- i. Rural Community Council their subscription is due. It is £25. As they were very useful when Langham was setting up the VDS and gave us a grant of £500.

It was proposed that we give £25 to join the RCC.

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

- j. Langham 2000. The request for a grant towards a replica of the Jupiter Neptune Statuette was rejected.

- k. CPRE the literature from them was given to the Planning Committee.

As the correspondence is getting very heavy the Chairman asked if the Council could think of a better way to deal with it every month. It was suggested that it should be dealt with by a different Councillor every month. It was decided that Cllr. Kirk should sift and discard any unwanted post until further notice.

## 9. VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The Legal department require some plans for the use of £7500 held by them that was granted to the Village by Crosby Homes. It was decided the Rookery Foot Path could be refurbished, landscaped and improved with seats etc. Some can be used towards hard standing in the playing field for recreational facilities.

## 10. CONSERVATION AREA

As some of the Councillors are on holiday the discussion of this matter will be put on the next agenda.

## 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. The Dog Warden has stopped several villagers taking their dogs through the Church yard  
 Cllr. Begy will find out about Dog bins and who empties them for Oakham.
- 2. Burial Ground. The first Monument for the Burial Ground has been accepted.

The Burial Ground Committee feels that the fees need reviewing and will present their ideas to the next Council Meeting.

The seat needs removing because there is a need to place one grave too near the base. The Burial Committee will make arrangements for this to be done.

3. The Hedge around all the Wild life area, burial ground, playing field and allotments need cutting.

It was suggested that Mr. D Suter should be asked to care for this hedge and use his judgement as to when it is necessary for this to be done. This was agreed to by the Council.

4. County Cllr. Begy is to hold Surgeries in the Village Hall during September, October and November at dates to be announced.

The Meeting closed at approx., 9.30 p.m.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> 2002

# LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

S.F. Poulter, Parish Clerk, 12, Ribble Walk, Oakham, LE15 6SS - Tel: 01572 722994

Minutes of Langham Parish Council held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2002

## PRESENT

Cllr. G.Kirk (Chairman)  
Cllr. R.Brown,  
Cllr. P.Duncan,  
Cllr. Cllr. R.Hosmer,  
Cllr. A. MacKinnon,  
Cllr. R.Wright  
County Cllr. R.Begy

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Leigh.

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## 3. MINUTES of the 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2002

P. 214 in the last paragraph under Correspondence the word "shift" was altered to "sift" the Minutes were then passed as correct.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. P.211 b. Mr. Frisby has agreed to put the Council Minutes onto the Web site for the Council.
- b. P.211 d. Mr. Gowtage our solicitor has asked for a Map of Langham with the Green areas marked, he will then be able to ascertain whether any or all of them are owned by the Parish Council. Cllr. R. Wright will let the Chairman have the map that the VDS produced, this being the most up to date map of Langham Green Areas that has been produced.
- c. P.211 c. The builders have now removed the site office from the "green" without any, undue damage to the silver birch tree.
- d. P.211 I Rutland County Council have not addressed the problem of the bushes planted on the grass verge outside 61 Church St. County Councillor Begy agreed to follow up this matter.

- e. p.213 d WITS The Chairman has asked The Noel Arms whether they would be willing to host the Computer for the village, they have agreed to give the idea some thought and let him know if it is possible. Cllr. R. Hosmer said he would ask The Wheatsheaf again as the people in charge have changed
- f. p.214.9 In answer to our letter to the RCC about the Village Improvement Schemes, the Chairman saw Mr. Pook of the Legal Department and the £7500 should now be with Langham Parish Council by our next Council Meeting.
- g. p.214 1. Cllr. Begy has not been able to find out about the Dog Bins yet.
- h. p.214 2. The Burial Committee are arranging a meeting to review the "burial fees" situation. There is also a need to discuss the possible use of a mechanical digger in the burial ground. The question of strangers being able to find the burial ground was raised. After discussion it was agreed that at least three finger post signs were needed. The purchasing of same will be looked into. A letter has been received expressing concern over the surroundings of the Burial Ground. County Councillor Begy will ask the relevant authority to look into the hedge cutting at the beginning of Mickley Lane.
- i. p,214 f. A letter of thanks has been received from Langham P.C.C. for the donation towards the new Flood Lights.
- j. p.215 4. County Cllr. Begy will hold his first surgery in the Village hall on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> September.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

The passing round of the "Correspondence" to all the Councillors has not proved a great success, The Chairman will take the responsibility of throwing out any correspondence he deems not worthy of attention.

1. The Rutland Access Group will be meeting in Langham on the Saturday morning Cllr. Leigh will attend group.
2. The Ambulance Service has sent a questionnaire to be filled in regarding the future of the service. It appears that they are wanting to reform the area covered by local service. Cllr. Reid who feels very strongly that the service should be more local and accessible agreed to answer the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.
3. A letter has been received from the Rutland Community Safety Partnership asking for a contribution towards the purchase of a CCTV portable camera to be used throughout Rutland.

After discussion it was proposed that the contribution of £163.02 should be given.

Proposed Cllr. R. Reid

Seconded Cllr. R. Wright

Carried by a majority of 4 to 2

4. Freedom of Information. There is a Government Bill Yr. 2000 dealing with this matter. The RCC has to conform to certain codes and following on from this the Parish Council has rules to follow. An information pack that the Parish Council has to follow concerning Websites has been received. County Cllr. Begy will take our concerns to the Council Forum and will report back at the next meeting. The matter of the website will be held over until the matter has been made clear.

## 6. PLANS

14.8.02 Bungalow Oakham Rd. (Old Banbury Site) FUL/2002/0791/9/CR

## 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2002

RECEIPTS			£9,970.49
B/F			£15,994.72
			£25,965.21
DEPOSIT A/C			-£7,350.79
			£18,614.42
PAYMENTS			-£7,987.36
			£10,627.06
BILLS PAID			
31/07/2002	PC World		£39.70
01/08/2002	Abb		£30.75
01/08/2002	G.A. Hubbard		£420.00
24/07/2002	Danwood		£52.29
29/08/2002	S.F. Poulter		£155.00
29/08/2002	We Clean		£45.00
29/08/2002	Rural Comm. Council		£25.00
29/08/2002	Langham PCC		£250.00
02/09/2002	PC World		£39.70
			£1,057.44
BILLS TO BE PAID			
20/09/2002	G.A. Hubbard		£440.00
26/09/2002	S.F.Poulter		£168.20
26/09/2002	We Clean		£45.00
26/09/2002	A B B		£24.43
26/09/2002	A B B		£206.49
26/09/2002	G.A. Hubbard		£440.00
26/09/2002	Powergen		£243.48
			£1,567.60

Proposed that the Financial Statement be passed.

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer  
 Seconded Cllr. R. Wright  
 Agreed Unanimously

## 8. CONSERVATION AREA

Cllr. R. Wright reported on the benefits of being a Conservation area. Langham could be a Partial Conservation area or a full Conservation area. There are 28 villages and Oakham that are classified as Conservation area and it unusual for a village not to be designated. There was a discussion which made it clear that the Council was not in agreement about this matter. It was suggested that as the VDS group had been looking into the value of the Village and their desire to keep some of the visual impact of the village they should be approached via Peter Allison, the Chairman, to see if they would agree to look into the pros and cons of becoming a Conservation Area. This suggestion will be followed up and it is hoped that the VDS group will agree to help the Parish Council in this matter.

## 9. ENHANCEMENT OF FOOTPATH OPPOSITE ROOKERY AND OTHER PLAY AREAS.

The Council has replied to RCC concerning the VDS report.

When the RCC has sent the £7500 to the Parish Council a Special Meeting will be called to discuss where the money will be spent.

County Cllr. Begy has not been able to get a reply from Wimpeys about the old Sewage works. He will keep trying to arrange a meeting between the Parish Council Chairman, himself and Wimpeys about the site

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

## 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A. VDS Cllr. P. Duncan a member of the VDS Group reported that the Village Design Statement should be approved and printed in October. There will be one for everybody in the Village. He asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to hold the remaining copies about 500 in the Village hall to be made available for interested persons. He also asked if they would be willing to hold the Copyright. The Parish Council were very willing to agree to these arrangements. The thanks of the Council were again extended to the VDS Group for all their work compiling the Statement.
- B. County Cllr. Begy reported that the Countryside Agency has money available for Villages to spend on activities. If a Scheme that is acceptable can be produced it is possible to claim 75% of the cost.
- C. Cllr. R. Hosmer has been given from the archives of Langham Parish Council a set of account papers from 1948. They will be kept with the Parish Papers.
- D. Cllr. R. Wright asked permission to plant snowdrops in the Rookery Footpath but as this Footpath may be re made it was felt that her efforts would be waited.
- E. It was reported that the Village Hall has a New Treasurer.

The Meeting closed at approx 9.30 pm

The next Parish Meeting will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2002

# LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH CLERK - S. Poulter

Minutes of Langham Parish Council held on the 2nd November, 2002

## PRESENT

Cllr. G. Kirk (Chairman)

Cllr. R. Brown

Cllr. P. Duncan

Cllr. R. Hosmer

Cllr. A. MacKinnon

Cllr. P. Nourish

Cllr. R. Reid

Cllr. R. Wright

County Cllr. R. Begy

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Leigh

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## 3. MINUTES of the 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2002

### Corrections

P.219 Conservation Area - Add Uppingham after Oakham.

p.219 D - add 'area' after Footpath

p.219 C - add Langham before account.

The Minutes were then passed as correct.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

P.216. c. Bushes planted on Highways Land. County Cllr. Begy queried whether this should be followed up as the RCC have told him that if they follow this up ALL such plantings on Highways Land in the village will be enforced. There is a problem of dangerous parking and no footpath in Church St. and he said that he was willing to have a word with the people concerned.

P.217. g. County Cllr. Begy reported that the RCC would supply extra litter bins if required but were unable to help with supplying Dog Bins. It will be decided whether and where other litter bins could be used.

County Cllr. Begy also reported that he had held several Surgeries in the Village and had had several queries. There were queries about the "refreshment kiosk" that had been erected on the polo field. The owners will now camouflage the kiosk with a green tarpaulin and endeavour to obtain planning permission for the kiosk. The possibility of having a 'shop mobility' for use in Oakham is being looked



This was agreed to by the Parish Council.

5. Langham Village Hall. A request from the Village Hall Committee has been received asking for a grant towards the cost of replacement windows which is estimated to be about £500-£600. After discussion it was proposed that a grant of £300 be given towards the cost.

Proposed Cllr. A. MacKinnon

Seconded Cllr. P.Nourish

Agreed unanimously.

6. Code of Conduct. A letter has been sent to RCC confirming the date of the Council's acceptance of the Code of Conduct.. The RCC has also confirmed that the Parish Council will be receiving the £7500 that was promised to us from Crosby Homes.
7. Letter from BT. BT are going to remove some Pay phones from the Rutland area in order to make the pay phones more cost effective. They are aiming to remove the pay phone on the corner of Well St./Melton Rd. A letter stating the Parish Council's objections will sent to BT. Loss of amenity to the village and loss of pay phone on the A606.
8. A letter from Uppingham Town Council offering training courses for Councillors. This offer was not taken.
9. There is an amendment to the Model Code of Conduct.
10. The Boundary Commission. A questionnaire regarding the processing of the changes being put in place by the Boundary Commission has been received
11. Rutland Forum have sent their minutes and notice of the next meeting.
12. Notice of the scales for Clerks salaries has been received
13. Cllr. R. Wright was given the literature from the Archaeological Society.

## 6. PLANNING

October

PTA/200210937/9/MG To remove branches of Preservation Tree at Well St/Melton Rd corner  
FUIJ2002/0981/9/MG House on Land South of 5 Church St.

## 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement October and November 2002

					Bills Paid
Receipts	£10,363.49		1.11.02	S. F. Poulter	£168.99
C/F	£15,994.72			ABB	£56.98
	£26,358.21			Langham Village Hall	£99.50
deposit ac	£7,350.79			G. A. Hubbard	£440.00
	£19,007.42				£765.47
Payments	£9,920.13				
	£9,087.29		27.11.02	S. F. Poulter	£155.00
				Ink Cartridge	£13.99
				Telephone	£1.24
				Petty Cash	£10.00
				D. Suter	£97.50
				ABB	£24.43
					£302.16

Proposal. That the Financial Statement be passed.

Proposed Cllr. R. Brown

Seconded Cllr. R. Hosmer

Agreed unanimously

It was agreed to ask Mr. Suter if he would agree to clear the recreational field of glass when necessary.

#### FINANCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee met to discuss 2003-2004 Precept.

Cllr. P. Duncan presented the Budget paper explaining the reasoning for the £8000 Precept for the year 2003/2004.

After discussing the Budget paper it was proposed that £8000 be next years Precept.

Proposed Cllr. R. Reid

Seconded Cllr. R. Brown

Agreed unanimously

#### 8. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Cllr. G. Kirk and Cllr. R. Wright have perused the Literature regarding Freedom of Information. The Chairman explained to the Council what was involved and recommended that the Council sign up for the Model plus the first 6 Codes, Burial Ground, Allotments, Equal opportunities and Health and Safety. The Web Site will be run by Mr. Frisby on behalf of the Parish Council. The unconfirmed Minutes will be put on the Web.

It was proposed that this be accepted.

Proposed Cllr. R. Hosmer

Seconded Cllr. P. Duncan

Agreed unanimously

## 9. RECREATIONAL MAILERS

The £7500 that was given the Village by Crosby Homes for use to provide facilities for the children or other amenities for the village has now been received. After discussion it was decided that the Chairman should ask Mrs Wendy Broad if she would be willing to form a Sub-Committee with other interested people to formulate ideas as to how the money should be spent. It was felt that a subcommittee should be able to apply for a grant from the Countryside Commission which would increase the money for any amenities.

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. As there is some money left over from the Jubilee sub committee it was suggested that this money should be used to provide a plaque to be placed on the Village Hall to commemorate the event. The Clerk will ascertain what form of plaque can be provided for the money.
- b. The builder on the corner of Well St/Melton Rd. has replaced the wall with a wicket fence instead of replacing the wall as was in the plans. County Cllr. Begy said he would look into the matter.
- c. A No Dog fouling notice for the gate into the playing field is required. The Clerk will acquire one from the RCC,
- d. A complaint about the Brick Bus Shelter will be put on the next agenda.
- e. The 30 miles an hour sign at the entrance to Ashwell Rd. is very faint. County Cllr. Begy said he would look into this matter.
- f. There has been flooding on the A606 again . County Cllr. Begy will ask the RCC to look into the matter again.
- g. Cllr. P. Nourish was told that the RCC does not agree that the footpath between Manor lane and Squires Close is their responsibility. He was told to get the residents to complain to the RCC,
- h. There was a query about the street cleaning in Langham and concern was expressed about the trees along Cold Overton Road
- i. There has been concern expressed about a broken fence along the Wheatsheaf grass edge. This is private land and this concern should be expressed to the Wheatsheaf's Publican.

The meeting was closed at approx.. 9.30pm The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 30.1.03.