

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

S.Poulter, Parish Clerk

Minutes of Langham Parish Council 26th January 2006

Present:

Cllr. G. Kirk (Chairman)

Cllr. R. Anker

Cllr. R. Wright

Cllr. P. Duncan

Cllr. H. Crouch

Cllr. M. Leigh

Cllr. J. Higgins

Before the beginning of the Meeting the Chairman announced that Cllr. P. Nourish had resigned from the Council as from now. Mr. Carey of the RCC will be informed and the vacancy advertised. Cllr. R. Anker will replace Cllr. Nourish on the Planning Committee.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr. Hosmer and County Councillor Reid

Declaration Of Interest

There was no Declaration of Interests.

Minutes Of Meeting Held On - 24th November 2005

Cllr. J. Higgins wanted it noted that she hadn't received a copy of the letter from the Village Hall Trustees.

p.319 The name Ruddle Walk should read Ruddle Way.

The Minutes were then passed as correct..

Matters Arising Therefrom

1. p.314 b. We are still waiting for a quote from 'The Voluntary Action Group' concerning the clearing of our part of the brook.
2. p.314 c. There was good news about the Ruddle Way wall. Cllr. Higgins reported that the wall has been lowered, making entering Burley Rd. less of a hazard. The topping has not been changed but it was felt that as there are other toppings of walls in the area similar to the Ruddle Way wall it should be accepted. The Council has fought hard and long to have the wall lowered and

Matters Arising Therefrom

1. p.319 c A quotation has not been received from the 'The Voluntary Action Group' concerning the clearing of our part of the brook. One has been received from Mr. P. Burdett. The quote is for £600 + VAT. It was pointed out that quote was for clearing both sides of the brook. As we only need to clear one side of the brook it is hoped that Mr. Burdett would reduce the quote.

It was proposed that Mr. Burdett should be asked to clear the Brook subject to a reduction in the quote to allow for only one side having to be cleared.

Proposed:
Cllr. J. Higgins
Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh
Passed unanimously.
2. p.324 c The matter of the headstones on the Burial Ground being erected on the part of Burial Ground reserved for the cremated remains. Mrs Hamilton has now asked that the urn containing the ashes should be exhumed and placed in the other part of the ground reserved for burials. The relatives would then be able to erect a headstone.

It was proposed that subject to the legal constraints the Council had no objections to this proposal.

Proposed:
Cllr. J. Higgins
Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh
Passed unanimously
3. p.324 d. Cllr. Crouch reported that the speed limit of cars on Burley Rd. has been monitored
4. p.320 Cllr. Crouch has attended a meeting of 'Rutland Together' and reports that they have not yet managed to find a way of collating the 'vulnerable group' which they are hoping to help.
5. p.318 Unfortunately the Langham area is still being targeted by thieves.
6. p.320 6d A date has been set for the Tallow Chandlers Talk it will be on 24th March 2006 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Correspondence

- a. Computaports have now quoted £499+ VAT to repair the damaged Bus Shelter on Burley Rd., Alliance Cornhill the insurance company will be informed and consent requested so that the repair can be started.
- b. A letter of complaint has been sent to the RCC concerning the footpath E351 that runs behind the houses on Cold Overton Road. This is a recurring problem of the path being difficult to navigate owing to obstructions etc.

Correspondence:

- c. A request to re-route the footpath at Ranksborough . They want to route the footpath around the campsite rather than across the corner of the field.. Cllr. Hosmer has looked at the new route and reports that the new route is satisfactory so long as the fencing is kept in good order.
- d. A.P.L.C. has sent the current Parish Clerk Salary List.
- e. A letter from The Village Hall Secretary reminds the Council that the Hall is only able to issue 12 applications each year to any group wanting to sell Alcohol at a function. If the Council wishes to sell any alcohol they will need to apply early because the applications need to be shared equally.
- f. A representative of the Council is needed to belong to the Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Duncan has been the representative for a number of years and would now like to resign. He agreed to continue for the rest of the year when Cllr. J. Higgins said she would attend the next meeting to see if she would be prepared to be the Council's representative The Chairman thanked Cllr. Duncan for his service in the past.
- g. A plan has been received from the Public Rights of Way Officer to try and stop the Unauthorised Access and Vandalism to the E148 footpath, Mickley Lane, Langham. After considering the plans the Councillors gave their approval if it can be guaranteed that the barrier will be motor bike proof.
- h. The Chairman has received photographs highlighting the growing number of badly placed and unnecessary road signs that have been put along the road sides near Langham. There is a growing rumble of discontent about this state of affairs. The Chairman will show the photos to the relevant parties to see what can be done about the matter.

Planning Matters

New Plans:

8.12.05	CAC.2005/1183/MT	Land adj. 15 Cold Overton Rd. Extension
15.12.05	FUL/2005/1164/CP	12, Weston Lane Langham Extension
23.12.05	FUL/2005/1229/MT	20, Kimball Close, Garage to Games room
12.1.06	FUL/2006/0011/CP	2 storey Ext. Ranksborough Farm House

Planning Permission:

25.10.05	PTA/2005/1062/MT	Fell 1 Silver Birch 57 Church St. Langham
11.10.05	LBA/2005/0934/MT	Removal outbuildings & porch 24, Well St.
02.12.06	FUL/2005/1164/CP	12, Westons Lane, Conversion of garage to utility & Bathroom

Financial Statement:

January 2006 Balance Of Accounts

Receipts	£16,297.05
C/F	<u>£11,830.15</u>
	£28,127.20
Payments	<u>£17,538.61</u>
	£10,588.59
Deposit	<u>£7,486.24</u>
	<u>£3,102.35</u>
Bills Paid	
G. A. Hubbard	£96.00
ABB	£251.92
S. F. Poulter	<u>£181.39</u>
	<u>£529.31</u>
Accounts for Payment	
S. F. Poulter	<u>£185.00</u>

It was proposed that the Financial report be passed.

Proposed Cllr. M. Leigh
Seconded Cllr. J. Higgins
Passed Unanimously

A letter has been received from the Village Hall Trustees asking for money towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. The Councillors discussed the matter again and decided to give a grant of £750 towards the cost of running the Hall. The Trustees in the future will need to request a grant annually from the Parish Council as does the Parish Church and the Baptist Church in the village. Any grant cannot be taken for granted as the Parish Council has to review their finances yearly.

If this amount is not considered to be appropriate the Parish Council feel that the Trustees should raise the hiring fee and apply for grants where possible.

It was proposed that £750 should be given to the Village Hall Trustees and that the Trustees should make an application for a grant annually as do the Parish Church and the Baptist Church.

Proposed Cllr. P. Duncan

Seconded Cllr. M. Leigh

Passed unanimously

Any Other Business

A. The Chairman announced that the Parish Clerk wished to retire from this position. She will work until April which means that she will work to the end of the financial year and also to close the yearly Audit. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her past work. There was a discussion as to how to proceed and it was decided to advertise locally first and then to advertise in the local papers..

B. A new Parish Council trophy is needed for the Garden Association's Show. The Chairman was asked to purchase a new one, the cost being left to his discretion.

Proposal: That the Chairman should purchase a new trophy,

Proposed Cllr. R. Wright

Seconded Cllr. P. Duncan

Passed unanimously

C. Cllr. Higgins gave a report of the Parish Forum.. The main features were: Council tax update 06-07 4.7% inc "with no cuts in services but halving some pressures Council Tax. Future housing Numbers in Rutland - 2350 new houses for Rutland, this has been increased on a rolling programme annually 110 pa - 200 pa. Mostly affordable housing in Oakham and Uppingham in order to bring younger people to Rutland, Speed restriction Review Feedback 05-06 - Burley Rd Langham 40 mph ext. Preston 30 mph through. Anglian Water Authority, Planning Application. Representative from affected Parishes meeting with Rutland Water Partnership, Dr. David Hill (Wildlife Bird Expert) They had discussed calculation of size of lagoons and dams in relation to availability of food cycles for birds. Impact on Bird life reviewed. 25% extraction water. Nesting areas and seclusion. Impact on people secondary to importance to settlements. Rutland water expects to stay full 60% all year.

Rob Toy stated that RCC still has a lot of preparatory work to do. Council Website will display stage of planning achieved.

D. Concern was expressed over the Playing field being vandalised. Cllr. Crouch is fitting a telescopic pole to the centre of the gateway which should bar cars being driven into the field. One or two people will be nominated to hold the key for legitimate access.

The meeting ended about nine o'clock.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 30.3.06

LANGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

S.Poulter, Parish Clerk

Minutes of Langham Parish Council 30th March 2006

Present:

Cllr. G. Kirk (Chairman)

Cllr. R. Wright

Cllr. P. Duncan

Cllr. H. Crouch

Cllr. M. Leigh

Cllr. R. Hosmer

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Higgins, Anker and County Councillor Reid

Declaration Of Interest

Cllr. Leigh declared an interest in item 9 on the Agenda ('The Woodlands')

Appointment Of New Parish Clerk

Mrs. Alexandra Wilby, 44 Well St. Langham. The Chairman welcomed the New Parish Clerk and introduced her to the Councillors.

Minutes Of Meeting Held On - 26th January 2006

P.326 The Name Ruddle Walk should read Ruddle Way

P.327 Item 2. Mrs. Harrison should read 'Mrs. Hamilton'

The Minutes were then passed as correct.

Matters Arising Therefrom

- a. p.327. Hosmer and Cllr. Crouch have had a meeting with Mrs. Hamilton regarding the exhumation of her Husband's ashes from the Burial ground. She has been advised that she needs legal documentation to do this. She has also been advised that the Parish_ : Council has no objection to this but as far as we can ascertain has not yet filled in the required forms to start the process.
- Councillor Hosmer was of the opinion that the misunderstanding has arisen because most of the Local Undertakers' catalogues show memorial plaques that are not always flat in the ground. It wasn't until a memorial was wanted that Mrs. Hamilton discovered that only flat memorials were allowed on the Cremation area. So that this will not happen again the local Funeral directors will be given an up-date as to the rules that govern Langham Burial ground. The local funeral directors that are used most frequently are Fords, Co-op and E. M. Dorman. The new Clerk will be given this information by Cllr. Hosmer
- b. p.327 The Brook has been cleared by P. Burdett of Jubilee Drive. Langham.
- c p.328 5h. Mr. Toogood The Network Co-Ordinator RCC has replied to the letter sent by the Chairman regarding the surfeit of signs within Langham. He is allocating time in March/April to carry out a survey, when this is finished he will inform the Parish Council as to what action can be taken. He will however in the mean time contact the Leicestershire Highways and 'invite' them to remove three of the four Stapleford Park Hotel signs.
- d. p.330 b The Garden Association official has been told that they can purchase a new trophy from the Parish Council costing up to £50.
- e. p330 Cllr. Leigh attended the Parish Forum on the 6th April. She is part of their Working Party. She reported that there are to be changes to the Planning procedure. There will now be a 'right to reply' meeting so that people who have been refused permission to their plans can question and reply to the objections. Mr. Chase will be sending out a letter about this new procedure in due course.
- f. p.331 Cllr. Crouch was asked who had the key to the gate to the Recreation Ground. He answered by saying it wasn't necessary yet as the telescopic pole has not yet been fitted.
- g. Mr. Ainley of 'Highways Dept' is to be informed of the break up of the road at the junction on the A606 corner to Cold Overton. He will also be informed that the cycle path between Langham School and Barleythorpe is unsafe for cyclists to use.

Correspondence:

1. The Police has a Mobile Van that they can, if requested, send to any Village function in the Village .

Cllr. Leigh took the information to pass onto the school who will be having a Summer Fete.

2. A letter from the PCC has been received asking for a grant. This will be dealt with at the next Parish Council.
3. Information from APLC concerning rise of Audit Fees - £125-£135
4. A reply has been received from Miss C. Horner the Public Rights of Way Offer (Ops) concerning the Mickley Lane E148 and E152 Langham. The barrier that is proposed for Mickley Lane cannot be guaranteed to prevent bikes from passing, but a barrier that could guarantee bikes would also prevent access by wheelchairs users and prams. She asks that the barrier be put up and the result be looked at during the following 6 months to see if any improvements can be made. There was good news about the E152 footpath. There is to be some improvements, There will be some reshaping and resurfacing of this short section of path using reclaimed sleepers and crushed stone to support the bank which it is hoped will make it much easier for local residents whilst preserving the rural character of the area.

It was reported that the work has already been done and there is a great improvement.

5. Owing to the fact that we have had 4 claims since 1995 for 'impact' from Allianz Cornhill insurance they will increase our excess for impact to £150.
6. Powergen is making changes to the layout of our bills. This is supposed to be 'improving' the bills. They are different but not anything to worry about so far.
7. RCC requested nominations for a Parish Council Representative on The Standards Committee. There were three nominations and the Chairman voted on behalf of the Parish Council, for Jim Harrison, this vote was duly sent to Mr. Carey the Monitoring Officer
8. The public footpath part D85 will be closed from 1st March until the works to which it relates have been completed or until midnight on 12th July 2006 whichever is sooner.
9. The Langham Village Hall Trustees have sent a letter of thanks for the Grant of £750 from the Langham Parish Council.
10. Melton, Rutland and Harborough , Primary Care Trust are advertising the public consultation on proposals to close the Rutland Unit and The document 'Consultation on Modernising and improving the Mental Health Services. The Rutland Unit. A poster has been put up on the notice advertising where and when these proposals will be discussed. The meeting for our area is on 4 May at 2.30-5.00 pm at Voluntary Action, Barleythorpe Rd.
11. Mr. Carey informed the Parish Council that as no one had come forward to stand for election as a Parish Councillor, we can co-opt a member. The Chairman suggested that as Mr. R. Bailey who lives locally and is well known was willing to stand he should be co-opted. This was discussed .

It was proposed that Mr. R. Bailey should be co-opted onto the Council.

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

It was agreed to buy two 'The Parish Councillor Guide' there is a new publication. One is to be given to the new Clerk and one to the new councillor.

12. Literature concerning a Touring Group was given to Cllr. Duncan for the Village Hall committee to peruse.
13. There is great disquiet amongst
14. There is great disquiet in the Village concerning the application, Licensing Act 2003, from the Rutland Polo Club. Mr. Dywer is the Rutland Council's Licensing Officer. The Polo Club submitted an application for the licence in February, the notices were displayed in the field which made it hardly visible from the roadside. There has been great agitation stirred up by this application and there will now be a meeting at the 'Castle' on 11th April at 2 pm to lodge complaints. Mr P. Atkinson is heading a group of protestors and anybody who would like to join him will be very welcome. The concern is that the granting of this Licence will cause many loud late nights during the summer season.

Planning Matters

New Plans:

02.02.06	LBA/2006/1263/MS	51, church St. Car Port to Garage
02.02.06	FUL/2006/0064/MS	Rear Parva Lodge Cold Overton Rd. Stable Block
07.02.06	FUL/2006/0087/MT	15 Cold Overton Rd House New plans Land Adj.
17.02.06	CAT/2006/0126/MT	Fell Acer Tree 15, Orchard Rd.
17.02.06	FUL/2006/0134/MT	24, Kimball Close extension
22.02.06	FUL/2006/0135/MT	47, Kimball Close extension
22.02.06	FUL/2006/0076/NT	54, Well St. Langham extension
01.03.06	FUL/2006/0166/NT	18 Kimball Close extension
04.03.06	CAT/2006/0179/MT	56, Burley Rd trim Ash, Fir, unknown tree
14.03.06	FUL/2006/0211/NT	23, Well St Replace doors & windows
14.03.06	FUL/2006/0227/CP	Mayflower House extension
18.3.06	FUL/2006/0201/MS	19, Melton Rd. replace Window
22.3.06	FUL/2006/0223/NT	Islington Lodge Change Outbuildings
22.3.06	FUL/2006/0265/NT	2, Sharrads Way Extension
22.3.06	FUL/2006/0233/NT	15, Melton Rd. Replace window
29.3.06	FUL/2006/0263/MT	Fieldfare House Melton Rd Extension

Planning Permission:

24.1.06	FUL/2006/0064/MS	Rear Parva Lodge Stable Block
20.1.06	LBA/2005/1263/MS	51, Church St. Conversion Carport to Garage
30.11.05	CAC/2005/1183/9/MT	15, Cold Overton Rd Demolition stables and garage
30.1.06	FUL/2006/0087/MT	15, Cold Overton Rd Elect new house
5.01.06	FUL/2006/0011/CP	Ranksborough Farm House Extension
13.2.06	FUL/2006/0076/NT	54 Well St. Replace and repair window
6.2.06	CAT/2006/0126/MT	15, Orchard Rd fell 1 Acer Tree
22.2.06	CAT/2006/0179/MT	56, Burley Rd. Trim Ash Trim, 1 Fir tree 1 Unknown
2.12.05	FUL/2006/1164/CP	12, Weston Lane Conversion of garage etc
11.10.05	LBA/2005/0934/MT	24, Well St. Removal of Out buildings
25.10.05	PTA/2005/1062/MT	57, Church St. fell 1 No. Silver Birch

Financial Statement:

March 2006 Balance Of Accounts

Receipts	£17,322.41
C/f	<u>£11,830.15</u>
	£29,152.56
Payments	<u>£19,032.36</u>
	£10,120.20
Deposit a/c	<u>£7,486.24</u>
	<u>£2,633.96</u>

BILLS PAID

31.1.06	Langham Village Hall	£750.00
4.2.06	Powergen	£242.81
14.2.06	Ashwell Associates	£95.29
28.2.06	ABB	£34.69
S. F. Poulter		<u>£185.96</u>
		<u>£1,308.75</u>

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

30.3.06	Commutaports	£586.33
	RCC Cemetery rates	£14.97
	ABB	£225.66
	P. Burdett	£498.20
	S. Poulter	£175.00
	G. Kirk	£11.07
	NALC & LRAPLC	£228.00
	Ordnance Survey	£55.81
	Rural Com. Council	<u>£30.00</u>
		<u>£1,825.04</u>

It was proposed that the Financial report be passed.

Proposed Cllr. M. Leigh
Seconded Cllr. P. Duncan
Passed Unanimously

The Woodlands

Cllrs. M. Leigh gave a report about the 'Woodlands'. This group has now been running for Ten years. The Group thought that this is cause for a celebration. There will be a 'gathering' in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm. There will be a talk given by Phil Rudkin who is very well known followed by a 'cuppa'. Everybody is welcome to come and join the celebration.

She thanked everyone who has given their support to the Woodlands. Thanks were extended to all the people who turned up every rd Saturday of the month to keep the ground in order. Which is very hard work on occasions. She also thanked Laurence who keeps the group in touch during the rest of the month and the Council for their support.

It is hoped that the Group will go forward and keep running well into the future. They hope to see the Councillors at the Celebration.

Any Other Business

- A Cllr. R. Wright as Langham's Tree Warden attended a meeting of the area Tree Wardens During the session it was made clear that trees that are not suitable for TPO cannot be refused permission to be felled trimmed etc. All work is subject to a standards requirement. As yet this has not any means of being implemented. There is a list of Tree Surgeons but no way of knowing if they are good or not.
- B Cllr. Crouch reported that Mr. Toogood is keeping an eye on the consequences to Burley Road of the building of the new Bypass.
- C. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 1st June 2006. The next Council Meeting will be on Thursday 8th June 2006

Retiring Parish Clerk

At the close of the meeting the Chairman paid tribute to Mrs S.Poulter who has been an excellent Clerk for the past 7 years. She was appointed some time after the previous Clerk resigned and quickly picked up the workings of the Council and it's finances. On behalf of the Council he thanked her very much for all she has done and wished her a healthy and happy retirement from the end of April. He presented Sheila with a plant and a cheque for £100 as a result of a collection from the Councillors. Mrs Poulter thanked the Councillors for their gifts and said that she had enjoyed working with them in the past and wished them all the best for future.

Langham Parish Council

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 1st June 2006

Attendance

Cllr G Kirk Chair

Cllr R Hosmer

Cllr R Wright

Cllr M Leigh

Cllr J Higgins

Cllr R Bailey

County Cllr R Reid

1. Appointment of Chair

Cllr George Kirk was appointed as chairman of the council.

Proposed by Cllr Higgins

Seconded by Cllr Hosmer

Agreed unanimously

It was suggested a Vice Chair be appointed for this year Cllr Roy Hosmer accepted the post.

Proposed Cllr Higgins

Seconded Cllr Leigh

Agreed unanimously

2. Apologies

No Apologies were received from absent members

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bailey is a member of the PCC for St Peter & St Paul

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 30th March 2006

Page 333 - e, should read Cllr Leigh and Cllr Higgins attended the Parish Forum

Page 335 - 14, Mr P Allison is heading a group of protestors.

Page 336 - 30.1.06 FUL/2006/0087/MT 15 Cold Overton Road, erect new house.

Page 337 – 10 All work to trees with TPO

Minutes were agreed as correct and signed.

Proposed Cllr Higgin

Seconded Cllr Leigh

- | 5. Matters arising therefrom | Action |
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| <p>P 333 – c Mr Toogood was due to carryout a survey of signs in Langham during March/April, no correspondence has been received regarding this, to be followed up.</p> | <p>Cnty
Cllr
Reid</p> |
| <p>P 330 – d The Gardeners Association has not advised if a new trophy has been purchased</p> | |
| <p>P 335 – 11 Two Parish Councillor’s Guide books were purchased for Cllr Bailey and the Clerk.</p> | |
| <p>P 335 – 14 Cllr Hosmer and Cllr Leigh attended the meeting at Oakham Castle on 11th April regarding an application for Licensing at Rutland Polo Club. The county council appeared surprised by the numbers attending. Revised plans had been submitted and those present felt a decision had already been made on this revision. The club will have to adhere to the licensing rules to maintain the licence. There is the possibility of an appeal from the club.</p> | |
| <p>P 333 – c Signs displayed at Ranksborough before the planning application had been submitted. To be followed up.</p> | <p>Cnty
Cllr
Reid</p> |
| <p>P 333 – e Parish Forum – at the Forum it was asked whether this would be a good means of responding to the vast Regional Reports that are received and require lengthy reading and comment. Councils do not have time to respond but silence is seen as consent. It was felt that this would not be a satisfactory method as Parish Council’s have a right to comment and not all councils are able to attend the Forum and should not be seen as representing Parish Councils outside of Forum.</p> | |
| <p>6. To Confirm Contract of Employment for Clerk</p> | |
| <p>Clerk’s start date was 23rd March 2006 on a 3 month probationary period. After satisfactory completion salary will rise to £8.387 per hour £2,180 per annum. Cllr Wright raised a query regarding clerk’s place of work as not only being 44 Well Street but also the Village Hall. It was agreed the primary place of work would be Well Street, as majority of working hours would be spent there. The contract was unanimously agreed and signed by Cllr Kirk and the Clerk.</p> | |
| <p>7. Correspondence</p> | |
| <p>a) Letter dated 6th April from Rutland County Council Mr A Mitchell Highways Inspector regarding deterioration of road surface around the village. Temporary measures are</p> | |

being employed until a more lasting solution can be identified.

- b) Letter dated 7th April from Rutland County Council Paul Slater Surveyor, regarding deterioration of cycleway. Repairs will be carried out to remedy any safety issues but due to budget constraints no major repairs are due at present. The cycleway is inspected twice yearly and will be repaired as required.
- c) Burley Road to be closed for a possible period of 18 months from 1st June to allow for major repairs.
- d) Church Street will be closed from 6pm until 12.30am on 24th June to allow for the Street Party.
- e) A thank you card was received from Shelia Poulter.
- f) Subscription renewal for Campaign to Protect Rural England at a cost of £26.

Proposed Cllr Higgins
 Seconded Cllr Leigh
 Unanimously agreed

8. Planning
 NEW PLANS

11/04/2006	CAT/2006/0369/MT	The Chestnuts, Ranksborough Drive	Remove limbs from Willow, Silver Birch, reduce 4 Conifers
24/04/2006	DEMO/2006/0092/CP	Demolition of Ashwell Depot	Demolition
25/04/06	FUL/2006/0384/MT	21 Church Street	Driveway, fence and pergola
16/05/06	FUL/2006/0453/CP	Mayes Cottage 43a Manor Lane	Garage and store and first floor extension.
16/05/06	ADV/2006/0348/MT	Brocklehurst Park Ranksborough Hall	Advertising Boards
25/05/06	FUL/2006/0263	Fliedfare House, Melton Road	Ground floor extension
31/05/06	PTA/2006/0508/MT	7 Harewood Close	Trim & reduce Ash Tree

PLANS GRANTED

11/04/2006	CAT/2006/0358/MT	17 Ruddle Way	Raise crown & thin Yew, Lime
11/04/2006	CAT/2006/0368/MT	Fieldfare, Melton Road	Remove Sycamore & crown and lift Sycamore
11/04/2006	FUL/2006/0337/CP	Ranksborough Hall	Clubhouse Bar

9. Finance

Balance of Accounts 30/03/2006

	b/fwd	£8,295.16
add	Receipts	£16,716.93
		£25,012.09
less	Payments	£1,202.38
		£23,809.71
	Balance Deposit	<u>£7,528.08</u>
	Totals	<u>£16,281.63</u>

Bills Paid

02-May-06	Shelia Poulter	180.96
05-May-06	Alex Wilby	212.50
16-May-06	Ray Lewis	10.99
	G A Hubbard	940.00
30-May-06	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	1,232.89
		<u>£2,577.34</u>

Accounts for Payment

31-May-06	Alex Wilby	£195.97
	Powergen	£242.81
	Playsafety Ltd	£84.60
	John S Clifton	£60.00
	Anthony Glynn Gardens	<u>£470.00</u>
		<u>£1,053.38</u>

The accounts ended the year in a healthy state. The Precept

has been received for the year. Thank you to Cllr Kirk for his appraisal of the increase in the precept for the year in the Langham News

Proposed Cllr Hosmer
Seconded Cllr Leigh
Unanimously agreed

d) Inflation Increase for Mower Man - it was agreed to increase the burial grounds fee from £20 to £50. The village mowing has increased with the inclusion of the playing fields and allotment paths meaning an increase in fuel costs and wear and tear. Increase from £450 to £480

Proposed Cllr Hosmer
Seconded Cllr Leigh

e) Audit papers – internal audit was carried out by Julian Jenkins, many thanks to him. External audit paper were agreed and signed.

Proposed Cllr Hosmer
Seconded Cllr Leigh

It was proposed to have Chairman's Fund of £100

Proposed Cllr Hosmer
Seconded Cllr Wright

10. Gratuity

It was unanimously agreed to approve the gratuity for Shelia Poulter of £500.

Proposed Cllr Kirk
Seconded Cllr Hosmer

11. Approve Grants

a) St Peter & St Paul Church – last year received £525 agreed £550

Proposed Cllr Wright
Seconded Cllr Higgins

b) Baptist Church – last year received £354 agreed £370

Proposed Cllr Hosmer
Seconded Cllr Leigh

c) Citizens' Advice Bureau – last year £50 agreed £50 again

Proposed Cllr Wright
Seconded Cllr Higgins

d) Crimestoppers – last year £25 agreed £25

Proposed Cllr Hosmer
Seconded Cllr Leigh
Majority 5 against 1

12. Appointment of Sub Committees

Thanks were given to the members of the Finance, Burial

Grounds and Planning committees.

Appointments to:

Planning committee – Cllr Higgins, Cllr Wright, Cllr Bailey

Finance committee – Cllr Duncan, Cllr Kirk and The Clerk

Burial Grounds Committee – Cllr Hosmer and Cllr Couch

Thank you to all.

Langham Village Hall Committee meets on Tuesday 6th June 2
representatives from Parish Council to attend.

13. Any other Business

- a) Sale of computer – Shelia has asked if she could keep the computer for her grandson for a reasonable fee. A suitable figure for a 6 year old computer was agreed at £50.

Proposed Cllr Hosmer
Seconded Cllr Leigh

There is also an electronic typewriter that is no longer used. Cllr's agreed to donate the equipment to a worthy cause. The clerk is to investigate.

A
Wilby

- b) Cllr Leigh advised of the retirement of the head teacher from Langham School. The Governors have appointed Mrs Janet Lord. All were sorry to see Miss Cynthia Bartle leave and a letter is to be sent wishing her all the best. Cllr Leigh is Community Councillor for the School, the Parish Council is to be approached regarding a representative for the committee.
- c) Burial fees increase and administration fee is to be included in the next meeting.
- d) A discussion followed regarding Rutland County councils proposed new Waste scheme which went before the RCC cabinet 2 weeks previously and is likely to be implemented.
- e) Next meeting is on 27th July 2006.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Langham Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Alex Wilby, 44 Well Street, Langham, Oakham LE15 7JS

Tel: 01572 723637 email: clerk@langhamvillage.com

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July 2006

Attendance

Cllr G Kirk Chair

Cllr R Wright

Cllr M Leigh

Cllr R Bailey

Cllr H Crouch

1. Apologies

Cllr J Higgin

Cllr R Hosmer

Cnty Cllr R Reid

Cllr R Anker has resigned this evening via a phone call to the clerk, written confirmation to follow. The members decided not to co-opt a new member as elections are due in May 2007. Possibly put something in the Langham News. G Carey needs to be notified at Rutland County Council.

A Wilby

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr R Bailey is on PCC

3. Minutes of meeting held on 1st June 2006

Minutes were agreed and signed

4. Matters arising therefrom

A) P340 – c Ranksborough advertising signs planning has been refused. The signs are still being displayed, RCC enforcement officer is to be notified.

A Wilby

B) Shelia very gratefully accepted the computer at £50.

5. To confirm clerks salary to Scale L.P.I SCP 18 @ £8.367 per hour.

Proposed Cllr Crouch

Seconded Cllr Leigh

Unanimously agreed

6. Correspondence

a) Thank you letter received from Crimestoppers.

b) Letter from Rutland County Council regarding Gambling Act 2005. The draft policy is available from the council website and our views are sought. A discussion followed whereby the consensus was, does Rutland really need Casinos? A reply to be sent indicating a negative response.

A Wilby

- c) Ashwell Road will be closed from September for approximately 6 weeks for bridge repairs.
- d) A complaint had been received regarding the footpath at Mickley Lane, which had become very overgrown. Rutland County Council are behind with their first cut of footpaths. This should have been rectified.
- e) Reply received regarding a request for bollards outside of the Village Hall. Wooden bollards are to be placed in the verge in an attempt to solve the problem of cars parking on the verge.
- f) A hole that appeared after the bridge on Cold Overton Road has now been filled and the rubbish removed.
- g) A request for a shade on the Zebra crossing outside the school should have been completed.
- h) Following a request for speed humps to be considered on Burley Road to slow speeding traffic, Malcolm Ainley from highways dept is to be invited to attend the next council meeting in September.
- i) Copy of a letter to The Post Office, from the WI has been received regarding the future of the post office in Langham. It was decided to hold a public meeting to discuss the possibility of a community post office, there is a similar one at Barrowden and Wardley, who will be contacted. Present postmaster Bob is to be invited and a friend of Cllr Kirk's who runs a community post office. Rural Community Council provides advice on this issue.
- j) Parish Briefing regarding the enforcement of Dog Orders. It was felt this would be very difficult to enforce.

7. Finance

Balance of Accounts 01/06/2006 £16,735.09

Receipt Received

05-Jul-06 S Poulter £50.00

03-Jul-06 Interest £5.83

Total Income £16,790.92

Payments Made

08-Jun-06 Parachoial Church Council 550.00

Rutland Citizen Advice 50.00

Langham Baptist Church 370.00

Crimestoppers 25.00

CPRE 26.00

Shelia Poulter 500.00

12-Jul-06 G A Hubbard 530.00

Powergen 272.16

ABB 225.66

A Wilby 166.67

Total Payments since April 06 £6,345.91

Bills to be Paid

ABB 61.25

A Wilby 181.29

G Kirk 25.00

Balance of Deposit Account £7,508.73

Total Cash Available £17,953.74

8. Planning Matters

Ref No	Address	Proposal	Granted/ Refused
CAT/2006/0358/MT	17 Ruddle Way	Raise crown & thin Yew, Lime	G
CAT/2006/0368/MT	Fieldfare, Melton Road	Remove Sycamore & crown and lift Sycamore	G
CAT/2006/0369/MT	The Chestnutes, Ranksborough Drive	Remove limbs from Willow, Silver Birch, reduce 4 Conifers	G
FUL/2006/0337/CP DEMO/2006/0092/CP	Ranksborough Hall Demolition of Ashwell Depot	Clubhouse Bar Demolition	G
FUL/2006/0384/MT	21 Church Street	Driveway, fence and pergola	G
FUL/2006/0453/CP	Mayes Cottage 43a Manor Lane	Garage and store and first floor extension.	G
ADV/2006/0348/MT	Brocklehurst Park Ranksborough Hall	Advertising Boards	R
FUL/2006/0263	Fieldfare House, Melton Road	Ground floor extension	G
PTA/2006/0508/MT FUL/2006/0333/MT	7 Harewood Close Plot 3 Lonsborough Gardens, Ranksborough	Trim & reduce Ash Tree Conservatory	G
CAT/2006/0546/MT	Islington Lodge, Cold Overton Road	Fell 2 Leylandii, 1 Cherry, 3 Sycamore, canopy 1 Sycamore	G
FUL/2006/0566/MT FUL/2006/0507/NT FUL/2006/0578/MT FUL/2006/0615/MT FUL/2006/0535 CAT/2006/0627/MT FUL/2006/0666/CP	3 Sharrads Way 15 Melton Road 64 Melton Road 19 Melton Road 14 Church Street 56 Burley Road 24 Church Street	Extension Replacement Windows 2 Storey extension 3 replacement windows Garden Shed Various work to trees 2 storey detached house and associated works	G
Ful/2006/0621/MS	21 Cold Overton Road	Ground floor ext. to rear Pitched roof to garage and car port to side.	
FUL/2006/0668/MS	Council Depot, Ashwell Road	47 dwellings, access roads and incidental space.	
CAT/2006/0744/MT FUL/2006/0748/9/CP	21 Harewood Close H M Prison Ashwell	Fell Willow Erection of Kitchen Building	

There has been some concern regarding replacement windows for houses on Melton Road, as this is part of the conservation area. Some were changed before this happened but some recent applications have been for plastic and some for wooden. Ultimately the RCC planning committee will decide.

Ashwell Depot – a revised application for 47 houses has been received, this would make Ashwell considerably larger. The application goes against the Local Plan. The houses will have to be raised above the flood plain and there is no social provision. This is not the right place for housing.

9. Increase in Burial Fees

Cllr Hosmer proposes that we increase our charges (first increase since 2003) by about 15%. This will give us the following price structure:

Burial charge in normal grave	£175.00
Burial of a child up to 1 year old	No Charge
Burial of a child up to 5 years old	£ 43.00
Burial of a child up to 14 years old	£ 87.00
Cremated remains in designated area assuming double plot	£ 70.00
	£ 35.00
When second internment takes place	
Cremated remains in an existing grave	£ 46.00
Reservation of a grave space	£175.00
NEW CHARGE reservation of a cremation plot	£ 35.00

Headstones

On grave space	£ 57.50
Tablet on cremation plot	£ 30.00

All charges for Non Langham Residents to be TRIPLED

Administration Charges

I propose a charge of £20.00 to cover:

- marking grave
- completing records
- receipts
- headstone administration

This charge to be reviewed after 12 months.

These charges compare favourably with Rutland County Council and are the first increase since 2003.

EXAMPLE	
Cost of burial	£175.00
Admin	£ 20.00
Headstone	<u>£ 57.50</u>
	<u>£252.50</u>

Other costs e.g. gravedigger, vicar expenses, are charged separately by the undertakers. Rutland charges include the gravedigger.

There was some discussion of who constituted a non resident, County Council definition was accepted;

for the burial of a deceased person not resident within the Parish of Langham at the time of his/her death, unless the deceased person has been a Langham resident for the majority of his/her life and the reason for his/her absence from the Parish of Langham is due to:

1. *The admission of that person in a nursing home outside the Parish or*
2. *Being cared for by relatives outside the the Parish of Langham, but having still retained during that period of absence strong family ties within the the Parish of Langham, e. g. having a close relative buried within the the Parish of Langham.*

There are 100 spaces for graves and the area is about a quarter full.

Proposed Cllr H Crouch
Seconded Cllr R Wright

10. Any other Business

- a) Request for cremation plaque was approved.
- b) A question was raised regarding the footpath and cycleway to Barleythorpe and how it was to be incorporated into the new by pass. Letter to be sent to highways
- c) Cllr Leigh reported on the Parish Council Forum meeting of 24th July. A report on the mining strategies for Rutland was presented to the Forum. A reply has to be given by August 18th. The two most important points are:
 - i) Opportunity to express a preference for only old workings to continue or new to be considered.
 - ii) To comment on the minerals and mining as well as other economic needs e.g. tourism and transport issues of heavy lorries.

A
Wilby

Cllr Leigh has agreed to complete the reply.

M
Leigh

- d) Buildings at Sewage Works – Rutland County Council is aware of

these but there has been no change of use application, query to be raised. A
Wilby

e) Stretch of brook between the pump house and Burley Road has become very congested, cutting of foliage will not ease the congestion. The brook needs digging out, Barnetts in Knossington are to be asked to quote. A
Wilby

f) Sharrads Way has a spelling error on the road name, Sherrads, highways to be requested to amend. A
Wilby

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 28th September

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Langham Parish Council

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 28th September 2006

Attendance

Cllr G Kirk Chair
Cllr R Wright
Cllr M Leigh
Cllr R Bailey
Cllr H Crouch
Cllr J Higgin
Cllr P Duncan

Welcome to Malcolm Ainley from Rutland County Council Highways Department who said:

Thank you for inviting me to attend this meeting. I would like to explore some of the problems that residents encounter in the village and take those issues back to council members to discuss, within the decreasing limit of the highways budget and increasing costs

Local Traffic Plan part 1 2001-06 is nearing completion and this included the safer routes to school scheme that has alleviated some of the speeding issues in the village. LTP part 2 2006-11 there is a change in emphasis to more quality of life issues, although this can be related to residents perceptions. The usual course of events means an accident has to happen before anything can be changed, with LTP 2 this will not necessarily be the case. Most villages with accidents areas have been dealt with but problems remain on main link roads between villages. The highways dept is starting to look at quality of life issues rather than incident forced.

The way speed cameras are funded is changing from Feb 2007, where by the Gov will take all the proceeds and give back a percentage to councils to spend as they wish. Cameras can only be provided in agreement with the Road Safety Partnership, where accidents have happened. Mobile camera is restricted to high speed areas. Although the parameters for cameras are changing, from 1st April Rutland County Council will have £110,000 to invest in Camera partnership or safety measures. 1 camera costs £40,000 p.a mobile camera costs £10,000 p.a per site.

Burley Road

Hopefully the opening of the bypass (January/February 2007) will alleviate some of the volume of traffic, as there is no level crossing. Traffic monitoring will take place after the opening date.

Roundabout at Ruddle Way is not effective as drivers just drive over it, the layout of that junction and signage does not slow traffic speeding in or out of the village.

There is also the problem for residents on Sharrads Way and housing opposite who have difficulty exiting due to speeding cars. The stretch of road from Manor Lane to Burley Road has become a bit of a racetrack after 10pm not to mention the traffic that uses Ashwell Road.

Possible Effective Measures.

Traffic census will be carried out on Burley Road located at Sharrads Farm and Hubbards Lodge. A second census will be done after the by pass opens then the data can be correlated.

Speed tables would be the best option to slow speeding traffic through the village. They are the most cost effective at approx. £7500 per table. 3 tables and signs would be approx. £25000. Tables placed at junctions as in Cold Overton Road in Oakham are more expensive. The downside is noise and vibration, 68 decibels, there were lots of complaints from the rumble strips when they were laid. The council will not go ahead with them unless residents are 100% behind the scheme. There is no budget available for this at present but would be in the next 5 years.

Chicanes, as in Ashwell Road in Oakham need an even flow of traffic in both directions.

Speed reactive signs are set off by 80% of vehicles but do tend to slow drivers.

Ashwell Lane

Could be designated a quiet lane, but this has not proved good value for money in other regions.

Street furniture

A bid to be made asap by County Council to remove street signs and clutter.

Crossing to Ranksborough

As the Post Office is closing there could be more pedestrians crossing Melton Road to the shop at Ranksborough. Cost of a zebra crossing is £10000, and average speed of traffic has to be < 35mph. Pelican crossing costs are £35-400000. Would need support of County Cllr Robert Reid.

Village Hall bollards

The Village Hall committee has decided this is not a practical option. Are considering making the grassed area in front of the hall into parking. Estimated costs would be £30 per square metre more if utilities or drains need moving, although not a high priority for County Council. No problem if the village pay for it.

Highways dept will be quiet happy to hear our thoughts on Burley Road and Village Hall. These items to be added to agenda for next meeting.

1. Apologies

Roy Hosmer

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of meeting held on 27th July 2006

Page 349 para 1 should read Ultimately the Rutland County Council planning committee will decide.

Page 350 definition of resident all references to Rutland should be changed to Langham.

Page 351 f Sharrards should read Sharrads

Minutes were signed as correct

H Crouch
M Leigh

4. Matters arising therefrom

a) Letter has been received from the enforcement officer regarding the signs at Ranksborough. New application is to be proposed.

b) Letter has been sent to Rutland County Council requesting information regarding the enforcement of Dog Orders, awaiting reply.

c) Plans for a new footpath from Langham to Barleythorpe were circulated. It was felt a crossing should have been provided as school children should not be expected to cross Melton Road.

d) Buildings at sewage works, planning office are keeping an eye on what is being carried out. A Wilby

e) Planning proposal for Ashwell Depot has been provisionally passed by RCC is now being sent for approval. Parish councillors feel this was not right to pass in the light of the guidelines and policies that the council impose. How can they expect others to abide by these policies? County Council will gain from this development, which is for low cost housing. Letter to be sent to Full Council and the Government. A Wilby

5. Correspondence

- a) Mrs Phillips has asked whether she can place gravel chippings around the edge of her husbands cremation plaque in the burial ground. It was felt the grass would eventually grow through in the passage of time. Our contractor is very careful and considerate when cutting that area therefore request was denied. A Wilby
- b) Invitation to attend a Leicestershire Police Authority consultation evening on 16th November – no attendees.
- c) Hugh Crouch is to attend the Rutland County Council regarding Parish Design Statements.
- d) Letter has been received regarding levels of street cleaning in the village. It was felt we were satisfied with present situation. A Wilby
- e) R Abel-Smith has complained about the destruction by the brook contractors, of the mature wild roses on the brook bank. We will look into the matter and report. A Wilby
- f) George Carey is leaving Rutland County Council letter to be sent wishing him well. A Wilby

6. Planning

Not many replies have been received over the last 2 months.

71 Church Street have had replacement windows and erected a shed in the front garden. No planning application has been received enforcement officer to be notified. A Wilby

07/06/06	CAT/2006/0546/MT	Islington Lodge, Cold Overton Road	Fell 2 Leylandii, 1 Cherry, 3 Sycamore, canopy 1 Sycamore Extension
13/06/06	FUL/2006/0566/MT	3 Sharrads Way	Extension
19/6/06	FUL/2006/0507/NT	15 Melton Road	Replacement Windows
19/06/06	FUL/2006/0578/MT	64 Melton Road	2 Storey extension
26/06/06	FUL/2006/0615/MT	19 Melton Road	3 replacement windows
26/06/06	FUL/2006/0535	14 Church Street	Garden Shed
28/06/06	CAT/2006/0627/MT	56 Burley Road	Various work to trees
10/07/06	FUL/2006/0666/CP	24 Church Street	2 storey detached house and associated works
11/07/06	Ful/2006/0621/MS	21 Cold Overton Road	Ground floor ext. to rear Pitched roof to garage and car port to side.
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25/07/06	CAT/2006/0744/MT	21 Harewood Close	Fell Willow
25/07/09	FUL/2006/0748/9/CP	H M Prison Ashwell	Erection of Kitchen Building

7. Finance

- a) Many thanks to all councillors for fast response on the cost of the brook clearing. Extra cost for the clearance under the Well Street bridge of £850.
- b) Highways to be notified of the build up of the brook on Well Street.
- c) Cllr Duncan requested amendments to finance report to reflect budget and actual amounts. Draft a new version for next meeting.

A Wilby

**Langham Parish Council
Finance Report dated**

28-Sep-06

Balance of Accounts 01/06/2006 £17,953.74

Receipt Received since 27th July

28-Jul-06 Co Op Philips	30.00
Fords G Thorpe	150.00
21-Jul-06 RCC street Lights	1,065.28
31-Jul-06 Co Op Hamilton	30.00
Total Income	£19,229.02

Payments Made since 27th July

28-Jul-06 balance b/forward	6613.36
02-Aug-06 G A Hubbard	530.00
31-Aug-06 G A Hubbard	550.00
A Wilby	183.96
Total Payments	£7,877.32

Bills to be Paid

28th Sep 06 Alex Wilby	181.20
G A Hubbard	530.00
M & GV Frisby	126.48
ABB	225.66
	£1,063.34

Balance of Deposit Account £7,508.73

Total Cash Available **£17,797.09**

Finance was agreed

P Duncan
H Crouch

8. Any Other Business

- a) Cllr Kirk has approached someone to co-opt onto council but it was refused as they were too busy.
- b) Construction of new bridge on the footpath from Sewage Works on Mickley Lane to Ashwell Road. Information is to be requested from County Council. A Wilby
- c) Post Office Meeting – Thank you to Cllr Higgins for her donation of £100 to start the funding.

Next meeting to be held on 30th November. Meeting closed at 10pm.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 30th November 2006

Attendance

G Kirk Chair
Cllr R Wright
Cllr M Liegh
Cllr R Bailey
Cllr P Duncan
Cllr R Hosmer
Cnty Cllr R Reid

1. Maintenance of Playing Field

Report from Mr P Allison & Mrs W Broad

Mr Allison expressed concern regarding the haphazard way that the playing field inspection is being carried out. The original scheme for keeping records was never well established and is now breaking down. No one person has taken charge although the need for weekly inspection is recognised. Mrs Broad and Mr Allison have undertaken inspections up until now although the Playing Field committee has been disbanded, the responsibility for the field has been handed back to the Parish Council.

Mrs Broad does not wish to be involved further, and this leaves only one person inspecting the field which is not acceptable. There has not been any major problems so far but Mr Allison would like an official way of keeping records and to have assistance together with one overall responsible person. Inspection sheets have been produced and are to be handed to the Clerk. A schedule of inspections needs to be created, once completed by responsible person should then be kept on file by the Clerk.

County Cllr Reid offered to take a two week turn, Cllr Duncan offered his services and Cllr Crouch is already involved. It was decided the Parish Clerk should be emailed when inspection had taken place. Mr Allison is to meet with the Clerk to set up these new procedures.

It was also noted that the bank account held by Cllr Crouch, had not yet been closed. This is to be closed and funds lodged with Parish Council for any further playing field expenses.

Mr Allison is to hold the football nets in his garage as unsupervised players could cause an accident. There has not been much damage to the field in the past year. Next ROSPA inspection is due in May 2007.

2. Apologies

Cllr Crouch
Cllr Higgins

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 28th September 2006.

Minutes were signed as correct.

Cllr Duncan
Cllr Leigh

5. Matters arising therefrom

- a. Ranksborough Signs are still on public land. The enforcement officer needs to be informed. Cnty
Cllr
Reid
- b. Permission was granted to Cllr Wright to purchase 3-4 roses to replant on the bank at Church Street bridge.

6. Correspondence

- a. A letter has been received from the Posh Group, details have been sent to Parish Clerk by email.
- b. Although representation was sent to Alan Duncan etc. regarding the development at Ashwell Depot, permission has been granted.
- c. A reply regarding the enforcement of Dog Orders has been received from Rutland County Council. The large booklet has proved unhelpful in explaining how an on the spot fine should be administered.
- d. A draft of the East Midlands Regional Plan has been received. Cllr Wright has undertaken to study them.

County Cllr Reid recommended highlighting the increased traffic flow through the village and the dangerous positioning of the small button roundabout at Burley Road, Ruddle Way, New Lane intersection. He also stated that the "Village Design Statement", which was paid for by the Council and approved by the County should be taken into consideration, as it is NOT being used as guidance when plans are produced concerning the village.

- e. A response regarding the construction of the new footbridge on the footpath from the Sewage Works to Ashwell Road has been received. The council apologise for not informing the PC beforehand but when inspected it was found to be too dangerous to leave. Cllr Hosmer reported that the new bridge was not in keeping with the old bridge but is much safer. It was agreed to accept the new bridge without protest.
- f. A letter from RCC regarding the naming of new roads has been received. It pointed out that many roads moved in and out of different parishes causing confusion. One regarding Langham and Ashwell Parish runs from Tambourine Bridge to the Kennels. It was proposed that land East of Ashwell Road should now be part of Ashwell Parish. After discussion an amendment that a more sensible solution would be to include the Kennels on Ashwell Road, as they are part of that area.

Cllr Hosmer
Cllr Duncan
Agreed Majority of 4

- g. No more copies of Clerks and Council Direct are to be ordered.

7. Planning Matters

None were to hand

8. Finance

Invoices paid since last meeting:

D & M Barnett	£4,171.25
G A Hubbard	<u>£ 550.00</u>

£ 4,721.25

To be Paid:

Powergen	£242.81
ABB	£ 26.26
Langham Village Hall	£150.00
H Crouch	£ 12.50
G A Hubbard	<u>£530.00</u>

£ 961.57

Bank Statement balance	£4,705.29
Less	<u>961.57</u>

3,743.72

Reserve	<u>7,508.73</u>
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£ 11,252.45

Finance report accepted

Cllr Duncan
Cllr Leigh

Cllr Duncan introduced the 2007/08 budget. The figures have been reviewed, these were explained and discussed. There was a query regarding the Clerks pension, Cllr Duncan explained this was covered by the reserve fund.

The Precept figure of £14,500 was proposed.

Cllr Hosmer
Cllr Leigh
Agreed

8. Any Other Business

- a. Attention was drawn to the road works outside the Village Hall. A Wilby
The council had promised these would be finished by last week. The Clerk to follow this up.
- b. Concern was expressed to the Palm tree planted in the
Ashwell Road and Well Street area. It was agreed to leave this matter to the weather.
- c. The lighting of new Street has caused concern. This has been
looked into over the years but the road was pronounced to narrow for lights to be installed. A request is to be sent for a light in Burley Road to shine down the street.
- d. A query was raised regarding the cones outside the old Post
Office. The matter will be left for the time being.
- e. A form to notify events within the village is to be handed to Mrs
Holford.

Date of next meeting January 27th 2007

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.