

**Minutes of Langham Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Tuesday 17th May 2016
At Langham Village Hall**

Attendance	<p>Cllr. Higgins Cllr. Hosmer Cllr. Kirk Cllr. Lee Cllr. Manning Cllr. B. Palmer Cllr. G. Palmer Cllr. Wright County Cllr. Hemsley</p> <p>Parish Clerk Helen Duckering</p> <p>50 Members of the Public</p>	
Apologies	<p>Peter Duncan Nick Holford Joe Ovington Peter Richie</p>	
Item	<p>It was proposed that Cllr. Roy Hosmer be elected Chairman. Proposed Cllr. Manning Seconded Cllr. Lee All in favour</p>	Actions
1	The meeting opened at 7.30pm	
2	<p>Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 26th May 2015 The Clerk read the minutes. These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
3	<p>Matter arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Levy – Cllr. Lee advised that CIL would now apply to all newly constructed houses. C.Cllr Hemsley advised that it would probably apply only to developments of 10 or more houses. • Speedwatch – Mr Frisby explained that this had not been implemented, as it would require a third of all village residents to be consulted. 	
4	<p>Crime and Policing</p> <p>PC Appleton reported that Langham had 11 reported crimes in the last year, including 2 burglaries and 4 thefts. This had fallen from 21 the previous year. The problem of hare coursing has been resolved but is likely to reoccur. Attention was drawn to the trend in thefts of Land Rover Defenders. Traffic speeds in the village were recorded on 18th January and 3rd June. The average speeds were 31mph and 33mph respectively. The Community Speedwatch Scheme was discussed and PC Appleton agreed to make contact with Rutland County Council to ascertain if traffic speeds through the village can be recorded.</p>	

	<p>Report from Langham Parochial Charities and appointment of trustees</p> <p>Gill Frisby gave a short report on the Langham Parochial Charities and their accounts (Appendix 1). She reported that 72 gifts of £9 had been made to widows and widowers of the parish in December 2015, and 17 messages of thanks were received. The rent for the land at Billesdon was £445. The trustees thanked Sarah Clayton-Robb for independently examining the accounts and Mike Frisby for maintaining the database, printing and the delivering of gifts.</p> <p>The re-election of Gill Frisby and George Kirk as trustees was agreed. All in favour</p> <p>The trustees were thanked for their on going work.</p>	
5	<p>Church clock</p> <p>Cllr. Manning advised that the repairs to the clock have been delayed due to the requirement for the repairs to be as the original. The work is on going, but a definite date for completion cannot be given at present.</p>	
6	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Cllr. Lee explained progress to date. The plan is due to go to RCC cabinet on 21st June. The referendum should be held by end 2016. Consultations for the plan highlighted various community actions that will not be included in policies or proposals of the plan. An appeal was made for assistance with the implementation of these.</p> <p>Mr Frisby was thanked for his assistance with the Langham website.</p> <p>Cllr. Lee reported that Barleythorpe had recently made an application to RCC to create a Neighbourhood Plan. An application was also made for a Neighbourhood Plan for Oakham North and Barleythorpe to be created. The latter has been approved. A consultation on reviewing Barleythorpe's boundary has also recently been undertaken. It was highlighted that Langham Parish Council had responded strongly in support of Barleythorpe.</p>	
7	<p>Langham Lookout</p> <p>Cllr. Lee asked for volunteers, with technical expertise, to assist in reinstating the Langham Lookout</p>	
8	<p>Parking and Speeding</p> <p>See item 4</p> <p>Mr Frisby reported frequent parking problems in Bridge Street, Church Street, Well Street and Orchard Road, particularly around the school at start and finishing times. It was confirmed that this was also highlighted by the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Lee emphasised that action was required by village residents to find solutions and solve the recurring problem.</p> <p>Reverend Hutchinson, a school governor, agreed to speak with the school to ascertain if anything further can be done, although it was recognised that the school is proactive.</p> <p>It was noted that a previously agreed 40mph speed sign on Burley Road has never been installed. It was agreed that Langham Parish Council would pursue the matter with RCC.</p>	

9	<p>Report from County Councillor Hemsley</p> <p>C.Cllr Hemsley confirmed that council cabinet meetings are open to the public and minuted. He confirmed his support for the Neighbourhood Plan, which is an agenda item for the cabinet meeting on 21st June.</p> <p>Dissatisfaction at the lack of consultation on the recent boundary review and recent decisions by RCC were expressed to C. Cllr Hemsley.</p> <p>C. Cllr. Hemsley was thanked for attending every Langham Parish Council meeting since his election.</p>	
10	<p>Village hall future and funding</p> <p>It was confirmed that the Parish Council would this year offer financial support of £1500 to the village hall to cover insurance and water bill. The support was required due to a reduction in the monies generated from fundraising.</p> <p>Susan Holford confirmed that the Langham Events Group (LEG) was set up in good faith to raise funds in support of the whole community. Val Page emphasised the necessity for more people to become involved with the running of the village hall. The possibility of funding the village hall directly from the precept was discussed. It was confirmed that the financial situation of the village hall would continue to be reviewed and monitored by the village hall committee and the parish council.</p>	
11	<p>Activities and finances of the Parish Council</p> <p>A summary of the previous years income and expenditure (Appendix 2) was circulated.</p> <p>The precept for this financial year has increased by £4000.</p> <p>Plans to replace 2 village noticeboards and install a new board at Kimball Close, at a cost of £2000, were confirmed. A commitment to assist with the cost of the church clock repairs, additional work to the wildlife area and £1500 support for the village hall were also confirmed.</p>	
12	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenda Palmer advised that the BT Openreach exchange is at full capacity and prevents further installation of superfast broadband. Capacity will only be increased in response to demand. It was suggested that residents make their interest known via the BT broadband website. • The problem of excess soil from the burial ground impeding vehicular access to the allotments was raised. • Mr Maskell suggested that an annual meeting was insufficient. He was advised that members of the public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and requests to speak can be made in advance to the clerk. • The circulation of leaflets advertising the Annual Parish meeting was commended 	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.15pm</p>	

Langham Parochial Charities

Trustees: G. W. Kirk & Mrs G.V. Frisby
Registered Charity No. 217550

Statement of Account 1st April 2015 - 31st March 2016

Receipts

Balance B'Fwd	£92.43
Tallow Chandlers	£200.00
Rent from Land at Billesdon	£445.00
Donation	£9.00
Bank Interest	£0.28
	£746.71

Payments

Distribution	£648.00
Stationery, Printing & Postage	£19.00
Balance C'Fwd	£79.71
	£746.71

Independently examined and found correct

S Clayton-Robb

Sarah Clayton-Robb - Independent Examiner -

11 May 2016

Langham Parish Council Finance 2015/16

		2015-16 Budget	Year to date:
INCOME			
	Precept:	16,000.00	16,000.00
	Grass Cutting:	2,000.00	1,819.38
	Street Lights:	2,400.00	1,561.00
	Burial Ground:	1,000.00	1,015.00
	Sundries:	600.00	115.66
	Interest:		7.43
	VAT:		1,973.71
	RCC Section 106 grant		12,000.00
	TOTAL:	22,000.00	34,492.18
EXPENSES:			
	Clerk's Salary:		4,523.24
	Clerk's Expenses:		435.72
	Street Lights		2,528.28
	Grounds & Open Space:		5,643.48
	Insurance:		1,071.34
	CLLr training		35.00
	Grants:		1,225.00
	Audit:		250.00
	Subscriptions:		407.80
	Waste Collection:		195.00
	Village Hall:		7,222.82
	N Plan Expenses		876.32
	Burial ground:		556.66
	VAT:		2300.05
	Playarea		730.71
	Defibrillator		228.00
	TOTAL:	0.00	28,229.42
	bank a/c at 1 Apr 2015:	17,366.90	
	Income:	34,492.18	
	Expenditure:	28,229.42	
	Closing balance	23,629.66	

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Commitment to assist with cost of church clock repairs
 Replacement of notice boards and installation of a board at Kimball Close £2000
 Agreement made to assist with village hall running costs £1500
 Further £4500 to be spent of village hall refurbishment.