

**Minutes of Langham Annual Parish Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
At Langham Village Hall**

Attendance	<p>Cllr. Duncan - Chairman Cllr. B Palmer Cllr. Higgins Cllr. Wright Cllr. Lee-Ovington Cllr. Manning Cllr. G Palmer C. Cllr. Hemsley Helen Duckering – clerk PC Appleton</p> <p>27 members of the public</p>
Apologies	<p>Cllr. Hosmer Mr &amp; Mrs Braithwaite Mr Hill Mr Page</p>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	<b>The meeting opened at 7.30pm</b>
2	<p><b>Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b></p> <p>These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p><b>Proposed Cllr. Manning Seconded Mrs Duncan.</b></p>
3	<p><b>Crime and Policing report</b></p> <p>PC Appleton reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There had been 14 reported crimes in Langham in 2016 and 3 burglaries to dwellings in 2017.</li> <li>• There were no anti social behaviour issues to report.</li> <li>• The incidence of hare coursing is decreasing but continuing.</li> <li>• Speedwatch funding has changed, but may be available from RCC</li> <li>• PC Steve Houghton is continuing to recover from illness. He was wished well by the meeting.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Langham Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>Cllr. Lee-Ovington gave a report on the progress of the Langham Neighbourhood Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Neighbourhood Plan was made on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017. It will be reviewed every few years in line with legislation.</li> <li>• Proposals, identified from the 2014 survey, are now being implemented. These will require community involvement and volunteers were requested. The steering group will continue to meet to review these. The proposals will also be supported by the Parish Council and reviewed regularly.</li> </ul>

	<p>Thanks were expressed to Marcus Cole, who died in April, for his support and assistance at the outset of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Thanks were also expressed to the Neighbourhood Plan team and Cllr. Lee-Ovington for all their work over 4 years to complete the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
5	<p><b>Barleythorpe</b></p> <p>Barleythorpe have now established a Parish Council. A Neighbourhood Plan for Oakham and Barleythorpe will be produced. Langham Neighbourhood Plan will offer assistance with this and monitor progress with regards to maintaining the green separation zone to the south of Langham.</p>	
6	<p><b>County Councillor's report</b></p> <p>County Councillor Hemsley reported on the following topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Enforcement by RCC – the action taken by RCC in the enforcement of planning policy must be proportionate and RCC rely on individuals reporting any breaches of policy or unauthorised work. A comprehensive Planning Enforcement document is available on the RCC website.</li> <li>• Local Plan – this is currently in draft form and due to reach consultation in June/July. With regard to allocation of sites, the Neighbourhood Plan would be used in conjunction with the Local Plan. The Local Plan would be able to vary numbers of houses but not locations. Demands on infrastructure created by the increase in housing are being addressed.</li> <li>• Ward Boundaries – these are currently under review, with the preference being to keep 26 councillors. It is unlikely that any changes to ward boundaries would effect Parish boundaries</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Church clock</b></p> <p>Cllr. Manning advised that the insurance loss adjustor has now approved the insurance payment for the clock. The clock face is ready to be erected. Funds are in place to complete the work and further updates will be added to the Langham News.</p>	
8	<p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <p>Mike Cropper gave an update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are now 7 new village hall trustees</li> <li>• Initial surveys of buildings, electrics etc. are being completed</li> <li>• Focus is presently on the Street Market and any assistance with this would be welcome</li> </ul> <p>The trustees were thanked for undertaking this role and Penny Viner was thanked for the production of the village hall trustee meeting minutes.</p>	

9	<p><b>Report Langham Parochial Charities and appointment of trustees</b></p> <p>Gill Frisby read a short report on the charity and their accounts – appendix 1 &amp; 2 attached.</p> <p>The re-election of the existing trustees, Mrs Gill Frisby and Mr George Kirk was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The trustees were thanked for their continued work,</p>	
10	<p><b>Activities and Finances of the Parish Council</b></p> <p>A summary of the previous year's income and expenditure was circulated – Appendix 3 attached.</p> <p>Grass cutting in the village was discussed with concerns regarding general standards expressed. Cllr. Duncan agreed to speak with the contractor regarding tidying up after cutting.</p>	
11	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report from Richard Braithwaite, on the community defibrillator, was read. The defibrillator has been removed from the case on two occasions but has not been used.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that an Emergency Plan for Langham has been drawn up. This can be viewed on the village website and a hard copy is displayed in the village hall.</li> </ul> <p><b>The meeting closed at 8.30pm</b></p>	

Report from the Trustees of Langham Parochial Charities for  
Langham Annual Parish Meeting  
16th May 2017

In December 2016, we distributed seventy-two gifts of £9 to widows and widowers of the parish. Exactly the same number as in the previous year. Eighteen messages of thanks were received. Thanks were also received from a lady whose father had been a beneficiary over a number of years. She said how much the thought behind the gift had been appreciated by the family.

A review of the rent of the land at Billesdon will take place later this year in accordance with the tenancy agreement.

The Trustees would like to thank Sarah Clayton-Robb for independently examining the accounts and Michael Frisby for maintaining the data base, undertaking our printing and assisting with delivery.

Gillian V Frisby

George W Kirk

Trustees

Registered Charity No. 217550

# Langham Parochial Charities

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Statement of Account 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
Balance B'Fwd	£79.71	Distribution	£648.00
Tallow Chandlers	£200.00	Stationery, Printing & Postage	£15.50
Rent from Land at Billesdon	£445.00		
Donation	£18.00		
Deposit Interest	£0.22	Balance C'Fwd	£79.43
	<u>742.93</u>		<u>742.93</u>

Independently examined and found correct



Sarah Clayton-Robb - Independent Examiner – 2nd May 2017

## Langham Parish Council Finance Summary 2016/17

### INCOME

Precept:	20,000
Street Lights:	2,011
Grass Cutting:	1,836
Burial Ground:	1,314
Insurance claim	844
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>26,005</b>

### EXPENSES:

Grass cutting & maintenance	6,060	*1
Clerk's Salary:	5,517	
Street Lights	2,165	
Noticeboards	2,100	
N Plan Expenses	1,830	
Village Hall grant	1,520	
Play Area	1,264	*2
Insurance:	1,020	
Grants:	1,000	
Clerk's Expenses:	402	
Subscriptions:	350	
Audit:	250	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>23,478</b>	

\*1 grass cutting, maintenance of woodland area, trees, brook, burial ground and church wall

\*2 replacement of vandalized picnic table, repairs and maintenance.