

LANEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 8 October 2012 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Laneham.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors (PCllr) Phil Baines (Chair), Fred Clark, John Cobb, Elaine Collier, Gavin Sumnall. In attendance: Susan Flye (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

BDC Councillor K Isard, D Myers, C Simpson-Kane

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Elaine Collier declared a personal interest in the Trentfield Farm planning application and it was agreed that she would leave the meeting for the discussion/vote on this application.

3. POLICE REPORT

The issue of speeding had been reported to PC Bailey who undertook to take action. The theft of a stone trough at Trentfield Farm was noted.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 SEPTEMBER 2012

The minutes of the meeting dated 10 September 2012 were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Elaine Collier and seconded by John Cobb.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Corrina Simpson-Kane – PB presented a letter of resignation from her role as Chairperson and parish councillor. Phil Baines was unanimously elected as the new Chairperson. The Clerk was instructed to inform BDC accordingly and to put in motion advertising the parish councillor vacancy. PB to organise a thank you card for CS-K. Appointment of Vice Chairperson to be on the next agenda.

- a Village Hall roof. PB referred to an email from the Village Hall Committee which had been circulated to parish councillors and is included in the correspondence file. The VH Committee are concerned that the roof has not been repaired and this could result in damage to the newly decorated hall. PB suggested that the VH Committee could have waited until the roof was repaired before commencing work. PB is to obtain a second quote for the roof work.
- b. PB is speaking to the plumber in respect of the necessary certificate for the new boiler.
- c. Clayhough Lane – nothing to report from Nottinghamshire County Council.
- d. Dog fouling – leaflets had been received from BDC. PB and GS to organise distribution.
- e. Trentside Meadow – the Meadow Group had held a meeting and a site visit was arranged for Saturday 13th – volunteers were needed to carry out a “dock pull” at the meadow. The Clerk was asked to invite George Scrinii to provide an informal report for the next meeting or to attend in person.
- f. Grit bin – it was noted that a replacement for the broken bin had not been provided by NCC but the existing bin had been filled with grit. Clerk to follow up with NCC.
- g. Village name signs – no progress. GS offered to provide the Clerk with contact details. It was generally felt that in the present climate it was unlikely BDC would provide replacement signs.
- h. Grass cutting – the meeting noted that an excellent job had been done by Mr Walker and the Clerk was instructed to write a note of appreciation.
- i. Street lights – no news as yet from NCC. The Clerk was asked to re-state our case to NCC and copy Cllr Hemsall.

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No members of the public present.

7.45pm – J Cobb apologised and left the meeting.

8. ACCOUNTS

- Mr M Fanthorpe	000949	£358.33	Cleaning
- Laneham Parochial Church Council	000950	£125	Donation made by Boat & Ski Club
- Susan Flye	000951	£124.98	Wage
- K Walker	000952	£60.00	Grass cutting
- F Clark	000953	£15.	Petrol for grass cutting – J Cobb.

Payment of cheques proposed by Phil Baines and seconded by Elaine Collier. It was noted that CS-K needed to be removed from the bank mandate and GS added.

The Clerk presented a copy of the bank account reconciliation and balances as at 30 September 2012 and an income/expenditure summary at the financial half year. The Clerk highlighted increased expenditure, due to money spent on the village hall heating system, and monies spent not included in the forecast. The accounts required monitoring, particularly bearing in mind recent correspondence stating that the concurrent grant would be reduced for 2013/14 and ultimately phased out and that an increase in the precept would not be allowed. Approximately half of the money received from BDC for the year is spent on agency services regarding the cleaning of the toilets at Church Laneham.

Further to the auditors request that the valuation figure for the memorial hall in the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012 should not be increased in line with the insurance valuation, PB as Chairperson was instructed to sign a revised copy of the accounts.

9. PLANNING MATTER

Manor Farm – conversion of redundant buildings, alterations to existing dwelling, new garages and boiler house. The meeting reviewed the plans and information provided and agreed this would be an improvement on the present situation. No objections were raised to the application and the Clerk was instructed to inform BDC accordingly.

Trentfield Farm – application to vary condition to allow no more than 60 caravans and no caravan to be occupied otherwise than between 1st March and 31st October. E Collier left the room. PB outlined the application and suggested that the application was formalising the existing situation and the restriction on occupation was a safeguard maintaining a tourist rather than a static caravan site. FC raised the point of increased traffic which was acknowledged as an issue by all. PB felt that given the history between some members of the village and Trentfield Farm there would be some complaints however it was noted that the planning application had been advertised on the agenda and in the “Laneham Village” column in the Retford Times and no members of the public were in attendance. Members of the public had the opportunity to register any objections directly with Bassetlaw Planning Department. The meeting did not object to the application and the Clerk was instructed to inform BDC accordingly.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk provided a file of correspondence – a list is available on request. E Collier agreed to review the file. The Clerk highlighted:

- Minutes of the Village Hall Committee and email. See comments under matters arising. The radiators in the toilets needed pipes running to them, PB said that it is difficult to ask the plumber to come back to do this work as the original work was done free of charge. Bad feeling had been caused because the VH Committee had publicly complained about the work done. A crack in the wall was also noted. It was agreed that rather than send emails a representative of the VH Committee should be asked to attend the next parish council meeting.
- Announcement re Elections for the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections on 15 November 2012. A notice had been displayed on the main notice board and EC agreed to display the remainder on notice boards and prominent places in the villages.
- NCC Waste Core Strategy
- BDC report on Concurrent Grants
- NALC – Chairmanship seminar – 4 December 2012
- BDC Parish Councils liaison group
- BDC – Rural Conference

11. LANEHAM LAST MONTH

- Railings at the War Memorial are in need of repair following damage caused during pavement repairs. F Clark to follow up.
- F Clark suggested that in line with other local parish councils Laneham should hold 11 council meetings a year and not hold a meeting in January. It was agreed to put this suggestion on the agenda for the next meeting and the Clerk was instructed to check with BDC. A date for the 2013 annual meeting would also be on the agenda for the November meeting.
- Theft of heating oil – a white open backed transit van had been reported in several surrounding areas and suspicions that it was involved in the theft of heating oil. The Clerk to confirm with PC Bailey that he is aware.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM