

**LANEHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 13 May 2013 at 7.10pm at the Village Hall, Laneham.

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors (PCllr) Phil Baines(Chair), Fred Clark, John Cobb, Elaine Collier, David Myers, Gavin Sumnall. BDC Councillor K Isard  
In attendance: Susan Flye (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES**

PC B Bailey, BDC Councillor S Isard

**2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS – D Myers - planning.**

**3. POLICE REPORT – no record of crime since last meeting. Speeding issues – see below.**

**4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 APRIL 2013**

The minutes of the above meetings were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Elaine Collier and seconded by David Myers.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

- Clayhough Lane. NCC detailed email (copy available from Clerk on request) was read to the meeting. In summary NCC acted in response to complaints by the Parish Council over a long period of time regarding the deterioration of the lane. NCC has an obligation to maintain the byway for all legitimate users. Funding became available via the “Local Transport Plan”, the cost of surfacing and clearance work was £27,690. Other than grass cutting no surface maintenance has been undertaken for many years and the work required to bring the surface up to a manageable condition was therefore quite significant. NCC point out that by improving the condition of the lane it is less attractive to irresponsible 4x4 drivers. FC felt that an excellent job had been done and that NCC should be congratulated. DM pointed out that the lane, whilst now fit to drive on, does not go anywhere. DM felt that it would have been more cost effective for the lane to be de-classified and maintained as a lane not a byway.
- Highways issues. Clerk to re-confirm with NCC outstanding issues – ponding at Church Laneham and Main St road surface. NCC have again confirmed that the damaged yellow grit bin on Dunham Rd is scheduled to be replaced.
- Shortleys Lane – EC following up with Rampton PC.
- Speeding. PC Bailey reported that due to the volume of traffic it is unlikely that a permanent interactive sign would be supplied. He provided the meeting with details of temporary interactive signs available for set periods. PB to supply Clerk with street light numbers for the temporary signs – who will liaise with NCC. A speed gun is available via “Community Speedwatch” – this requires 6 volunteers to be trained. Meeting agreed it was unlikely that 6 volunteers could be mustered.
- Street lights – FC confirmed that the 2 out of order lights reported at the last meeting were now working. 2 requested all-night lights at Main St/Dunham Rd and Main St/Broadings Lane to be confirmed.
- Village Hall roof – GS to supply Clerk with copy of quote obtained. J Oates confirmed he would start work on the roof by the end of May. The meeting discussed the flat roof - GS to speak to J Oates.

**6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION -** The meeting closed at 7.35pm. A member of the public asked why the single arm barrier is locked at the north end of Clayhough Lane. There is pedestrian access at the south end, not locked. Clerk to contact NCC but meeting assumed it was locked to the end of the temporary closure notice. Meeting re-opened at 7.42pm.

**7. VILLAGE HALL**

- oil tank service and commission. PB had spoken to BDC building regulations for advice who confirmed it was minor work and not notifiable to them. PB would discuss with Brett what work was necessary and report back to the next meeting.

**8. CASUAL VACANCY**

Mr Geoff Woodfield of Riverview had applied for the vacancy as a parish councillor. FC reported that Geoff is a valued member of the Church Council and felt that he would be a real asset to the parish council. It was agreed by all to co-opt Geoff to the Council and he was invited to formally join the meeting. Clerk to provide code of conduct papers for next meeting.

## 9. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Renewal due at 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013. Clerk reported an increase of 2.74% on last year's premium. However if agree to a 3 year long term agreement the annual premium is reduced by 5% and fixed at this level with the exception of property sums insured being index linked. EC queried the definition of street furniture – Clerk to request clarification. It was agreed to accept the 3 year agreement in the sum of £270.90 pa.

## 10. ACCOUNTS

Clerk provided the meeting with the final accounts at 31 March 2013 and the Audit Commission annual return – additional copies available on request. The Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council. The Chairman was authorised to sign the statements. Clerk to pass the statements and all accounting records to the parish council's internal auditor, John Smith. The deadline for submission to the external auditor, Grant Thornton, is 24 June 2013.

Payment of cheques proposed by F Clark and seconded by J Cobb.

- M Fanthorpe	000974	£358.33	Cleaning
- Trees & Landscapes	000975	£420.00	tree services
- Came & Co	000976	£270.90	PC Insurance renewal
- S Flye	000977	£124.98	Wage to 12 May 2013
- S Flye	000978	£40.99	Postage + toner
- K Walker	000979	£60.00	Grass cutting, Church Laneham
- F Clarke	000980	£16.26	Grass cutting fuel – J Cobb

## 11. PLANNING

Tingdene proposal. D Myers and G Woodfield declared their interests (site manager and resident) of Riverview. Further to DM's request at the last meeting for the PC to give their support to Tingdene's application to BDC for additional homes – BDC having confirmed that under their Core Strategy no further additional planning would be allowed for Laneham and Church Laneham. DM and GW left the meeting so that this could be discussed. The PC maintained its view that it was necessary to remain neutral until planning applications are formally submitted to them by BDC and could not set a precedent by giving unconditional support to Tingdene. All agreed. The PC acknowledged that Riverview is an asset to the village and noted residents' active involvement in village life.

Meadow Farm, Broadings Lane – erect first floor extension and conversion. Details had been provided prior to the meeting – consideration was given to the plans provided. No objections – all agreed.

EDF, Cottam Power Station - NCC had granted permission re disposal of pulverised fuel ash and variation of conditions to amend end dates for restoration and disposal of pulverised fuel ash.

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

- J Cawthorne emails. Dyke clearance – waiting for a response from the Environment Agency. Request to have footpath raised to improve access under small flood. The meeting felt that this would not be a viable proposal but noted in any event that this would be a matter for NCC Highways. Land opposite the Ferry Boat public house – contact BDC for advice.
- Land Registry – notice to a registered proprietor of an application to enter a unilateral notice. The meeting agreed no action was required.
- P Cable has raised various items re village hall maintenance with the Hall Committee. PB will discuss.

## 13. LANEHAM LAST MONTH

- Chevrons on Rampton Road – demolished on the bend following a road traffic accident. Clerk to report.
- Public Conveniences. Cllr Isard had been informed that the lights are on 24 hours. FC to enquire of Mr Fanthorpe.
- The meeting noted the election of John Ogle as the NCC Councillor, minutes and agendas to be sent inviting his attendance at future meetings.
- trial bikes noted riding on the flood bank at Town Bridge.
- poplars had been cut down and branches left at Church Laneham preventing the grass cutting. Noted these belong to Tingdene.
- damage to verge on Main Street by Carillion using Springfield Cottage yard as a store during the pylon works. Clerk to make contact and request Carillion make good the damage.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55 PM**