

LANEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 10 March 2014 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Laneham.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors (PCllr) Elaine Collier (Chair), Fred Clark, David Myers, Gavin Sumnall

BDC Councillor Keith Isard,
In attendance: Susan Flye (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES – PC Bill Bailey, Philip Baines, John Cobb, Geoff Woodfield, BDC Councillor Shirley Isard

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS – none.

3. POLICE REPORT – PC Bailey unable to attend. By email he had reported two burglaries during the month at Fox Covert - burglary farm buildings and theft of tools and a vehicle, Main Street - house burglary. Two incidents were also reported to the meeting – Church Laneham and Broadings Lane at the end of December. Also noted that there had been burglaries at Treswell.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 FEBRUARY 2014

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

5. MATTERS ARISING

- village hall valuation for buildings insurance purposes. Held over to next meeting.
- Helenship Lane passing places. Nottinghamshire County Council has given instructions for repair to the verges and potholes on Helenship Lane. The Parish Council suggestion of additional passing places is still being considered. There is a need for say 3 additional passing places.
- village hall roof. Both G Sumnall and the Clerk had chased up Jason Oakes but no response.
- temporary interactive speed sign. The sign was not erected at the agreed site due to foliage and the age of street light columns. It has been moved closer to Top Town Bridge, following complaints, which the meeting considered was not an ideal site. It was felt that a further sign should be installed near Dunham Road entrance on Main Street.
- dyke clearance. GS/DM are waiting for the water to recede.
- overgrown trees, Main St. NCC Forestry Unit have now acknowledged the problem of the trees growing into the electricity cables and are arranging a site meeting with Western Power who have specific qualifications to operate on trees within power lines. It is possible that they will request these trees be removed from this location. Clerk instructed to report to NCC that this would not be acceptable to the parish council.
- street lights – 5 reported faulty lights have now been repaired.
- complaints re delivery driver at last meeting. Some improvement noted.

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – no members of public present.

7. PARISH FIELD

E Collier reported that following flooding a large amount of debris had been left behind in the parish field. John Cobb has chopped up a tree fallen on the footpath. It was felt that George Scrini as Chair of the “Meadow Group” was best placed to organise volunteers to help with this work – Clerk instructed to make contact. E Collier offered the use of a tractor and trailer, other parish councillors offered their time.

8. BYWAY NUMBER 7 – NCC UPDATE

As reported at the last parish council meeting, NCC propose to upgrade this by-way to the same standard as Clayhough Lane. The Parish Council had requested repairs be carried out rather than a re-build but NCC report the work is essential for flood defences at this location and also to provide a surface that provides a long term solution for the lawful use of the byway. This work will commence in the next few months. Byway no 9 (Clayhough Lane) will be closed for the storage of plant and materials and there will be lorry traffic through the village during these works. It was agreed that the Environment Agency cause a lot of the problems with the surface of the byway. Although not happy with NCC’s response it was felt that the decision had already been made.

9. ACCOUNTS

Clerk reported VAT has been reclaimed from HMRC - £189.32 for the period October 2012 to end December 2013.

Clerk presented invoices to the meeting. Payment of cheques was proposed by F Clark and seconded by G Sumnall.

P Cable	001025	£197.22	"Christmas Direct" new & replacement lights
M Fanthorpe	001026	£358.33	Cleaning public conveniences
Susan Flye	001027	£136.99	Wage to 10 March 2014

Clerk intended to bring final 2013/14 accounts to the April meeting.

10. BDC CONCURRENT GRANT REDUCTION

The concurrent grant for Laneham has been reduced from £222 to £161 over the past 3 years. BDC Councillor Keith Isard explained the issue of double taxation where villages pay more than the towns in respect of works. The reduction is blamed on government reducing support grants and he stated that the concurrent grant will disappear within 3 years. To-date Laneham's grants for public conveniences and street cleaning have not been reduced.

A second issue is the Council Tax Benefit Reduction scheme. BDC has received £116,000 for 2014/15. Of 240 councils in the scheme 223 have agreed to pass on funds to Parish Councils. 17 councils are not passing on – including Bassetlaw District Council. Laneham did not qualify to receive BDC Council Tax Benefit Grant in the 2013/14 financial year.

11. PLANNING

- no new applications received. West View application considered at last meeting is pending.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Last meeting correspondence – the issue of the area opposite the Ferry Boat pub was raised again. Clerk to check past information from NCC.

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

- Best Kept Village competition. It was agreed not to enter the competition again this year.
- application for funding for the voluntary group, "First Responder". The nearest group is Tuxford.
- Cllr Greaves, BDC response to Mr G Brown, NALC re reduction in grant funding to parish councils.
- Bassetlaw Rural Conference agenda – 26 March.
- noted that Jeanne Wallace, NCC Highways is taking voluntary redundancy at the end of March. Replacement contact has not been notified.

13. LANEHAM LAST MONTH

- street lights. Further faulty lights towards the church, estimated as numbers 28/29 and 30.
- footpath from Top Town Bridge to Church is dangerously overgrown. Clerk to report to NCC.
- Friday 7 March – night fishing on river reported to D Myers. Future incidents should be reported to Police on non-emergency 101 number.
- Dunham Road. Reported "ponding" between the two entrances to the village. Clerk to report to NCC.
- Grass cutting. The meeting discussed whether to continue with Mr K Walker or to go to tender. No action. Consider at next meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.23 PM