

# LANEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Monday 14 July 2014 at 7.20 pm at the Village Hall, Laneham.

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors (PCllr) Elaine Collier (Chair), Fred Clark, John Cobb, Gavin Sumnall, Geoff Woodfield, Terry Williamson

Public discussion: NCC Cllr J Ogle  
In attendance: Susan Flye (Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES** – David Myers, PC Bill Bailey, BDC Cllrs Keith Isard, Shirley Isard

**2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS** – none

**3. POLICE REPORT** – PC Bailey unable to attend the meeting but noted no crimes reported to the Police in the month. Issues with parking on Main Street during events at Springhead Brewery had been noted and would be monitored.

**4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 MAY 2014**

The minutes of the above meetings were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Gavin Sumnall and seconded by Geoff Woodfield.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

- village hall roof repairs. GS and EC had contacted builders but as yet had not received quotations.
- broadband update. GW reported significant progress from BT Open Reach and “Better broadband for Notts”. Fibre optic broadband is planned from Dunham on Trent to the village between January to June 2015. There will be a new cubicle on Main Street and significantly improved speeds should be available.
- dyke clearance. This has again been registered with NCC, no feed back to-date. GS has offered to clear the dyke on behalf of the parish council on a one-off arrangement whilst further investigations regarding responsibility are undertaken.
- Church Laneham issues. Land opposite Ferry Boat has been reported to NCC via on-line enquiries under “Surface “Dressing”. Flood wall issues reported to Ian Parker at NCC – no response. See Cllr Ogle comments below.
- grass cutting Trentside. Further to Clerk’s letter to Mr Walker he has agreed to maintain cost at £30/cut which the parish council very much appreciate. Clerk to inform Mr Walker to submit a tender for the grass cutting prior to end of year for the 2015 season and the parish council will be sympathetic to a price increase. JC offered to deal with the nettles near the bridge but nettles near river noted.
- numerous outstanding items listed. NCC confirmed they have instructed work to resolve ponding on Dunham Road and the overgrown pavement Top Town Bridge to the Church has been added to the routine maintenance cycle.

**6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

The meeting closed at 7.45pm. Cllr Ogle also reported on broadband improvements. He has brought several highways matters to the attention of the department head, Ian Parker, including speed sign, passing places on Helenship Lane, condition of Broadings Lane. Cllr Ogle reports that NCC Highways budget and staffing has been severely cut and priority is being given to safety issues. Whilst we have several issues on “the list” it may be some time before work can be carried out. Cllr Ogle has spent some time in the NCC Customer Services office and appreciates their difficulties. The meeting was re-opened at 7.56pm.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK**

Following adverts both local and in the Retford Times the Clerk provided details of two candidates who were interviewed by GW and EC. Following discussion the meeting unanimously agreed to accept their recommendation to offer the position to Terry Callaghan, who although not a village resident has the capability and time to give to the parish council. EC to make a verbal offer of the position.

## 8. ACCOUNTS

Grant Thornton approved and signed off the 2013/14 Audit. Notice to be displayed on notice board – EC.

Clerk presented a bank reconciliation for the first quarter to 30 June 2014 along with a copy of the accounts. JC noted the omission of money received at the Lane Lettings – Clerk to make the correction. GW noted the “earmarked” funds of £671.32 held on behalf of the “Meadow Group” and there was a discussion regarding spending some of this money on the Trentside Meadow. **Item for next agenda.**

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

M Fanthorpe	001039	£358.33	Cleaning public conveniences
J K Walker	001040	£60.00	Grass cutting
Susan Flye	001041	£56.07	Expenses including Retford Times advert
Susan Flye	001042	£84.30	Wage – 5 hours o/s from May + 5 hrs June
Susan Flye	001043	£113.80	Wage to 13 July 2014
J K Walker	001044	£30.00	Grass cutting 14 July 2014
Trent Valley Internal Drainage	001045	£9.45	Land at Laughterton
Laneham Parochial Church Council	001046	£700.00	Graveyard maintenance
Notts ALC	001047	£60.00	Training – planning, GW & TW

## 9. PLANNING

Meadowside, Main St. Resubmission – 2 storey rear extension, erection of detached garage. Discussed and no objections raised.

NCC planning notice re Lafarge quarry at Rampton. Understood this is in respect of a time extension for the restoration of the site. No comments.

Bassetlaw Site Allocation Consultation – letter from BDC.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

Last meeting correspondence – noted.

New correspondence - the Clerk provided a file of correspondence – copy available on request. E Collier agreed to review the file

## 11. LANEHAM LAST MONTH

- Complaint from a member of the public in respect of the sign “Laneham Fishing Club Members only”. The sign deters people from using the byway.
- Complaints re Lorries accessing the chicken farm, Broadings Lane. Lorries are using the lane at extremely unsocial hours. Clerk instructed to report to the BDC planning enforcement officer.
- Main St – residents are putting planters outside their properties and blocking the pavement. Note for Roundabout.
- Noted a problem of overgrown hedge blocking street lights.
- Bees Knees. A complaint was made regarding noise in the area of the war memorial from guests at a wedding reception and also broken glass. Advice is to report incidents to Licencing Authority. Also a question of a limit on the number of functions allowed.
- Parish Garden, Rampton Road. Complaint received by BDC that garden and domestic waste is being dumped at the area adjacent to the manure heap. Request from BDC to include an item in Roundabout noting this is not a dumping ground.
- Clayhough Lane. Noted grass is coming up through the path, needs weed control. Clerk to report to NCC.
- Village notice boards. Items for display in the board should be passed to Elaine Collier and not hammered into the side of the board causing damage.
- A complaint has been received regarding the grass at the entrance to the village. This is normally cut on a voluntary basis by John Cobb but due to holiday and a breakdown of his mower this got out of hand. He asked for assistance from NCC who cut the grass and John hopes to shortly resume normal service.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 PM**