

LANEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 12th January 2014, 7 pm at the Village Hall, Laneham.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Cllr E Collier (Chair), Cllr G Woodfield, Cllr F Clark, Cllr J Cobb, Cllr D Myers, Cllr G Sumnall, Cllr T Williamson,

In attendance: Cllr K Isard, Cllr S Isard, Cllr J Ogle, T Callaghan (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES

1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.

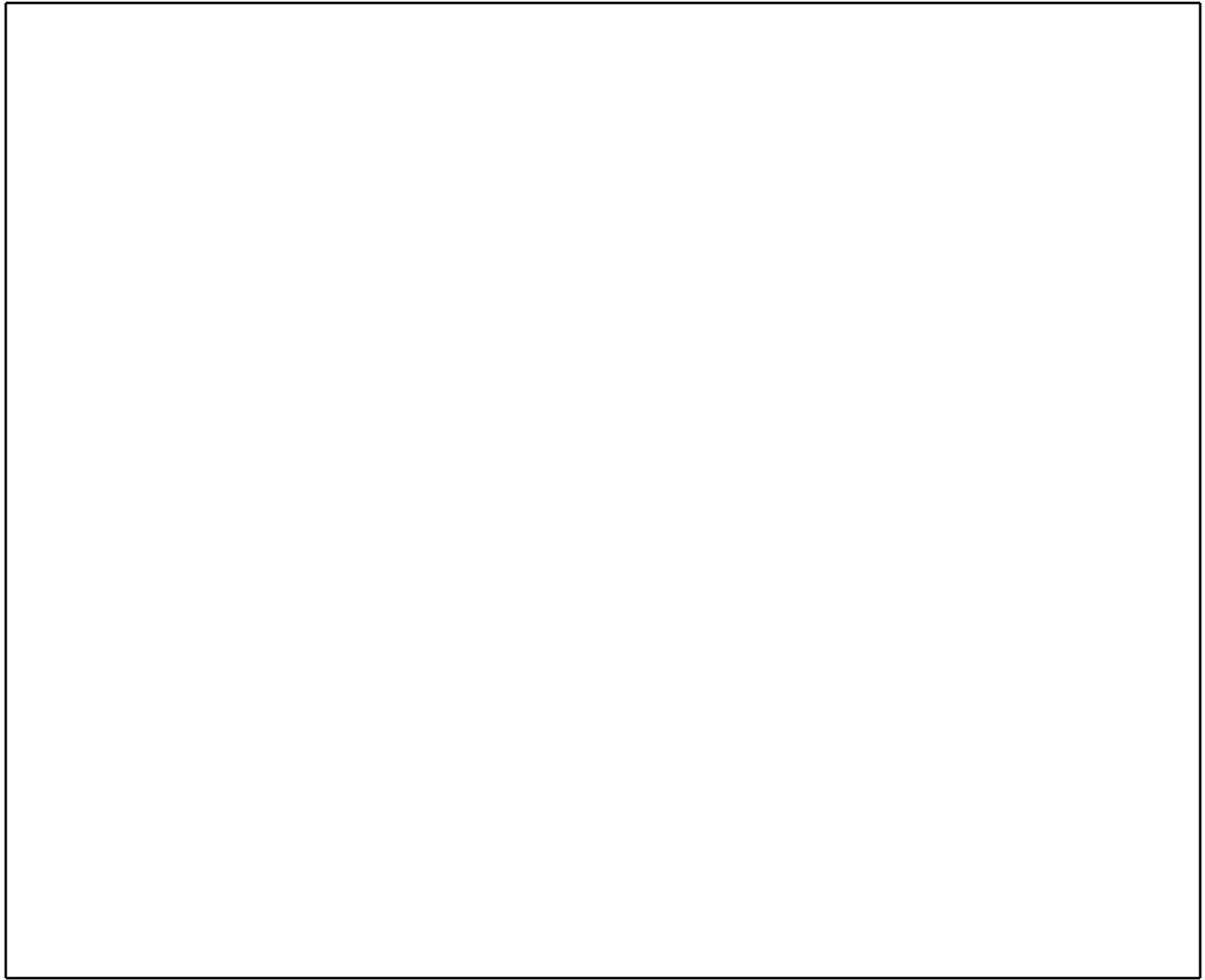
None

1. POLICE REPORT

None.

1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8th December 2014

The minutes of the above meetings were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Cllr Williamson and seconded by Cllr Woodfield



1. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Outstanding Items List:

(i). Oil Tank Replacement-Ongoing. Cllr GS to chase up completion of works. If not within 3 weeks to be reconsidered at next meeting and works possibly re-tendered.

(ii) . Speeding-Main St. No developments . Clerk to chase again. Also to contact Police re speed gun & appropriate training.

(iii) Helenship Lane Passing Places-.Ongoing. No developments. Await funding agreement. 12/1 ongoing

(iv) Grass/weeds blocking Clayhough Lane-Ongoing-12/1 Once area affected confirmed, by GW, clerk to contact Notts CC and request works.

(v) Village Handyman-Cllr Collier has prepared brief job description for Laneham Parish Village Handyman, which was agreed as follows:

Hours 20 per month, by mutual agreement, total variable during seasons, at a rate of £20 per hour. To carry out regular village maintenance in Laneham and Church Laneham. Tasks will be set by council to ensure village remains aesthetically

pleasing, probably including: litter picking, cleaning bus shelter, maintaining village owned signs, maintaining War Memorial, maintaining village hall inside and out, sign washing, keeping paths clear of weeds, reporting county council maintained street furniture damage,; any other reasonable tasks required. It is the desire of the parish council to enter the best kept village during 2015. Monthly tasks to be agreed by the parish council at the start of each month. Appointment to be subject to trial period. Agreed to advertise post in Roundabout. Cllr Collier to compile advert. *(position later put on hold. Refer to item 11-Precept*

(vi) Alterations to Bank Accounts-see item b below under Matters Arising

(vii)VAT return-Vat return submitted and amount received of £345.68. Await adjustment of £19.29.

(b) Nat West Accounts -update-Clerk advised that an account had been received for the main business account and reconciled (issued by email). Access to on line banking and remaining 3 accounts still not granted. Clerk submitted papers to bank 22/12/14 and chased up 12/1/15. No response from bank despite promises to call. Response to Cllr Collier's complaint received by Clerk. (See correspondence.) Clerk has obtained papers to move account to Yorkshire Bank but agreed to wait till full access to Nat West achieved.

Meeting closed 7:30pm

1. PUBLIC DISCUSSION :

Mr P Cable thanked the council for the donation to the cost of the parish lights, and also advised that the weather and age had taken its toll on the equipment, with a number of the strings of lights and transformers now faulty and replacement desirable. Mr Cable has purchased plastic storage boxes and council agreed to reimburse for the cost. Also the Ring O'Bells electric box needs testing. Council agreed that if Mr Cable arranged it would reimburse reasonable cost. Council further agreed to put replacement lighting on the agenda for the February meeting. Mr Cable estimated the cost at £550.

Mr Cable further raised the issue of the entrance to the apartments at Manor Farm. In poor visibility the road appears to drivers to continue straight on rather than veering off at this point. Suggested that the road needs a

reflective sign (chevrons) or a higher power street lamp bulb. Council agreed that the clerk would contact Notts CC with the concerns.

Cllr K Isard advised that within his budget he had £400 which could be donated toward a local project sponsored by the Parish Council. The council would need to apply for this money.

Meeting recommenced at 7:40pm

1. ACCOUNTS

Clerk presented invoices to the meeting. The following cheques were agreed and signed:

M Fanthorpe	1074	£358.33	Maintenance
T Callaghan	1075	£155.70	Wages
T Callaghan	1076	£43.77	Expenses
Laneham Village Hall			
Committee	1077	£495.07	Reimbursement of % insurance premium

1. PLANNING

v/3208 Lafarge Tarmac-Rampton Quarry Torksey Ferry Road, Rampton-.To vary condition 2 of planning permission 1/38/11/00004 to extend timescales associated with final restoration to 31/12/15 for completion of earthwork operations and 31/03.2016 for final restoration and landscaping

v/3209 Lafarge Tarmac-Rampton Quarry Torksey Ferry Road, Rampton-.To vary conditions 2&25 of planning permission 14/00906/cdm to extend timescales associated with final restoration to 31/12/15 for completion of earthwork operations and 31/03.2016 for final restoration and landscaping.

Council agreed no comment required

1. CORRESPONDENCE

Outgoing: None

Incoming:

Pensions Regulator: agreed clerk to be pension contact

BDC Spring Clean: passed to chair

Nat West complaint correspondence: Clerk read out letter in response to Nat West handling of complaint. Agreed that with some alterations and agreement by chair, letter to be sent.

NALC Transparency Code: Agreed action needed to comply with code. Website needs updating, with possible links to existing facebook page. Minutes and accounts to be published on site. Clerk to contact Mr L Sinclair and discuss. To report back next meeting with estimate of costs, if any.

NALC Section 137 Expenditure-Clerk to investigate and advise in due course

Village Hall Insurance-agreed to make reimbursement of 68% of total. (see above).

Police Priority Setting Meeting: passed to chair.

8.05pm. Cllr Cobb left the meeting

1. LANEHAM LAST MONTH

There is increased evidence of dog fouling within the area, and it was thought more bins would help, with one being placed equidistant between Broadings Lane and the Ferryboat Inn, by the streetlamp with the "Horse" sign. Also increased activity to the area from the dog warden, with leafleting and signage. Clerk to contact BDC

Footpath Top Town Bridge to Church Laneham. The general condition is very poor, with disabled people and people pushing children forced to walk into the road. Cllr Sumnall will prepare a quotation to clear the growth back to the hedge side of the path and once this has been done, clerk to contact BDC for footpath repairs.

Streetlight no 34 in Church Laneham not working. Clerk to request repair.

An enquiry has been received regarding contacts for the council. Cllr Clark will put information into the Retford Times, and clerk will prepare a poster with names and contact details for the next meeting.

Broadings Lane. Some concern over the potholes and the repairs which have been made locally, as these prove dangerous to horse & rider. Parish Council to consider funding repair and Cllr Sumnall to arrange an assessment of the Lane along with a quotation for the works identified.

Cllr Ogle noted that the area was now rated high for crime and that less neighbourhood policing was available. He has been raising issues with both the Police and BDC. It was agreed that the clerk would draft letters to both the Police Commissioner and Chief Constable raising the council's concerns over the lack of funding for rural policing and a lack of local knowledge

when a response arrives.

Cllr Cobb has obtained a quote for works to trees and was asked to proceed at £400.

8.36pm Cllr Myers left the meeting

11. PRECEPT APPLICATION 2015-2016 TO BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL (BDC).

The Clerk provided the meeting with details of the meeting along with details of the 2014/15 precept, actual expenditure to 31/12/2014 and forecast expenditure for the full year 2014/15. BDC advised that the following annual grants were available from them for the year 2015/2016:

BDC Concurrent Grant £110.00

BDC Public Convenience Grant £4300.00

BDC Street Cleaning Grant £206.00

The meeting discussed several options and agreed the following proposed expenditure for the financial year 2015/16

General Administration/stationery	£ 200.00
Clerk Wages	£ 1,869.00
Graveyard maintenance	£ 700.00
Agency Work – Public Conveniences	£ 4,300.00
Insurance	
- Assets & Liabilities	£ 300.00
- Village Hall building	£ 550.00
Auditor expenses	£ 110.00
Running costs – Village Hall	
Village Hall Repairs	£ -
Bank Charges	
Donation to Laneham Church	£ 600.00
Donations - other	£ 100.00
Misc – subs, training, website	£ 100.00
Misc – grass cutting and tree removal/litter	£ 800.00

Misc - General Repairs	£ 2,000.00
Misc - Christmas lights	£ 250.00
Misc - Clerk/Councillor expenses	£ 30.00
Gross Expenditure	£ 11,909.00
From Parish Funds	£ 1,000.00
Total	£ 10,909.00

The Parish Levy element of the Council Tax on a Band D Property will be £43.78. Although this represents an increase on the amount for 2014/15 from £37.51, it is an increase of £1.77per household on the projected spend for the current year. The forecast includes an increased contribution from reserves of £1000 in order to mitigate the effect on households. The Council will be considering ways of replenishing the reserve over the next few months.

After careful consideration, it was agreed to put the position of Village Handyman on hold, to be considered again in the February meeting, due to the adverse financial effect the cost had on the projected spend for the year, and resulting cost to households. It was felt that the money could be better spent by contracting for individual tasks which had the advantage of not entering the Council into a long standing financial commitment.

The increase will be earmarked to improve the village over the year and it is hoped that the slightly increased expenditure will assist the Council in applying to the best kept village competition.

9.00pm Cllr Sumnall left the meeting

Meeting closed 10pm

Next meeting 7 pm at Village Hall, Laneham on Monday 9th February.