

Meeting of Laneham Parish Council

Minutes of **Laneham Parish Council Meeting** held on the 19th Jul 2021 at Laneham Village Hall, the meeting commenced at 7:00pm.

Members & Officer Present

Cllr Malcolm Spray	Chairman
Cllr Rosemarie Connole	Vice-Chair
Cllr Corinna Reeves (arrived at item 38.21)	
Cllr Gareth Kirk	
Cllr Dan Griffin	
Cllr Ian Warton-Woods (arrived at item 39.21)	
Ed Knox Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer	

Also Present

0 Member of the Public
Dist Cllr Shirley Isard
County Cllr John Ogle

34.21 To Approve Apologies for Absence
The Council **noted** to the absence of Cllr Beckett.

35.21 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed
None.

36.21 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes
After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

37.21 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports
Dist Cllr Isard: advised that Dist Cllr Stanniland was attending Tuxford Town Council meeting tonight and advised that the District Council meetings are now getting back to normal in the emerging post-Covid world. Cllr Spray updated Dist Cllr Isard on the latest news regards the development of Broadings Land Playground.
Dist Cllr Stanniland: Did not attend.
County Cllr Ogle: Did not attend.

➤ Adjournment – 15 Minute Public Forum
The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak. No comments. The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

38.21 Finance:
Monthly Income & Expenditure
After discussion of the Financial Information, circulated by email before the meeting, the council unanimously **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record.

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wilko	Stationery	£22.24
Trent Valley Drainage Board	Drainage Rates – The Garth & Over Trent Piece	£16.88
S.Ashworth Diggers	Grass Cutting 30.04.21 Garth & Bell Holt	£50.00
S.Ashworth Diggers	Grass Cutting 19.05.21 & 1.06.2021 Garth	£100.00
S.Ashworth Diggers	Grass Cutting 15.06.21 Garth & Bell Holt	£50.00
B&Q	Perspex VHall Noticeboard & Trent Noticeboard	£62.00
Gauntleys Ltd	Silicone VHall Noticeboard & Trent Noticeboard	£11.45
SLCC	Annual Membership Renewal	£46.80
Clerk	Contribution Towards IT Equipment	£95.00
Helix Binders Ltd	Minute Books Binding	£83.26
Post Office Ltd	Postage to Archives	£10.44
ICO	Data Commissioners Fee 2021	£35.00
Notts County Council Via Ltd	Annual Tree Inspections Bell Holt + The Garth 2021	£162.00
NALC	New Cllr Training x 3	£90.00

Toparia Summits Ltd	Tree Surgery Identified by Notts CC in 2021	£462.00
Total Payments		<u>£1,220.27</u>

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Virgin Money Ltd	Bank Interest	29p
Ferryboat Angling Club	Bell Holt Rent 2021	£800.00
Member of Public	Balance of Sale of Metal Trunk	£4.84
Laneham Village Hall	Noticeboard Refurbishment	£78.24
Total Receipts		<u>£883.37</u>
<u>Bank Balances</u>		
The Current Account Balance		<u>£13,608.34</u>
Direct Debits and Standing Orders for staff and agency worker salaries including PAYE and Pension, all approved unananimously.		

39.21 To Discuss Village Gateway Signs

Cllr Splay explained the costs of the Malcome Lane Ltd (recently renamed ES Solutions Ltd) which many parishes in Notts have would be in the excess of £10,000. Cllr Spray suggested an alternative idea to incorporate the three existing Laneham forged signs onto new 'Gateway' mountings, Glasdon UK Ltd provide resin made, long term low/no maintenance. Ideally, Cllr Spray would like the work to incorporate the sign design to be undertaken by a local craftsman. The Gateway Signage would also need to incorporate the "Please Drive Carefully" line which Notts County Council require. The installation of new Gateway Signs would require the permission from the County Council Highways Licencing Team. Cllr Reeves suggested an idea that once the signs were installed, that a small flower bed at their base for bedding plants could be planted and then maintained by the Village Lengthsman. After further discussion, Cllr Spray **Proposed** and the council unanimously voted and **resolved** that Cllr Spray be allowed to progress the idea, obtain the necessary quotes, permissions/licences, designs and look at potential funding.

40.21 To Progress Broadings Lane Playing Field Project

Cllr Splay advised that Bassetlaw District Council cabinet meeting have agreed to offer a lease, the Heads of Terms are expected to be sent within the next two weeks. After discussion, the Council unanimously **resolved** to delegate the power to the Clerk to work with the Chairman on the finer details and sign the lease. Cllr Griffin visited a playground with Kompan Ltd equipment on it and has worked with the two members of the public in Laneham who have been fundraising for the project, Cllr Griffin has worked with Cllr Kirk at the finer details and together with the two members of the public, agreed on a final quote from Kompan for £18,695.77 inc VAT made up of:

- Roundabout Carousel with Bars
- See Saw with Tyres in Steel
- Double 2.5m High A-Frame Swing with 1 No. Birds
- Shell Seat, 1 No. Cradle Seat, 1 No. Flat Seat
- Play Tower with Plastic Slide & Aluminium Posts
- Double Somersault Bars with Steel Posts
- Robinia Sitting Pole in Natural Hardwood
- Balancing Beam
- Horse Springer in Black

After further discussion, Cllr Connole **Proposed**, Cllr Griffin **Seconded** and the Council unanimously resolved that **1)** Cllr Spray is to apply for Lottery Funding towards the project, apply for potential funding from the County Cllr and District Cllrs discretionary funds, Cllr Spray may also apply to any other grant funding body as may be necessary. **2)** Once the lease and funding is secured, the Council approves the Kompan Ltd quote and the quote from S.Ashworth Diggers Ltd for the Gates/Fencing alterations required. **3)** The Parish Council has pledged £5,000 to the project, together with the 2 members of the publics approximate £5,000 fundraising efforts, and the £10,000 awards for all Lottery application will cover the Kompan and S.Ashworth Diggers Ltd quotes, additionally benches, bins, picnic benches, friendship benches and signage it is hoped will be covered by additional small grants from Dist/County Cllrs and other sources.

41.21 To Progress the Openreach Community Broadband Partnership Scheme

The Clerk has submitted costing enquiries for the following areas:

- **Laneham Parish 106 Properties** submitted on Dunham-on-Trent Exchange, ref 52622, £951.18 per property and would be covered by Govt Voucher Scheme alone. Openreach are moving forward to progress a community portal. 70% sign up is needed to make the project viable and move forward. This one did not qualify for demand led at this initial assessment stage so will require a contract if it doesn't reach the 130% pledge target required, at least 74 properties required for sign up to make the project viable and move forward.

The Clerk advised that the new Openreach Rural Engagement Manager, Wendy, states that Openreach are currently looking at end of August as timescales for new pledging websites to be set up, followed by the literature to support promotion of the scheme for the parish council to promote the sign up in the local area. The Clerk agreed to send on the portal link and all the literature templates as soon as this is available, Cllr Spray agreed to print literature for free for the 106 properties. Cllr Reeves and Griffin agreed to help promote awareness of the scheme and were happy to hold an open session at the Bees Knees Pub to encourage and help anyone register their property for the scheme.

If any residents have further questions, they can also contact the Notts County Council Broadband Engagement Officer and his Better Broadband for team using enquiries.broadband@nottsc.gov.uk or by phoning 0115 977 2532.

County Cllr Ogle agreed to escalate the issue with the County Council and Openreach to see if anyone else can cover the absent Openreach Manager and progress matters.

The next step is for Openreach to submit the schemes to DCMS for funding approval where applicable from Central Govt, once this has been achieved, Openreach can start the community portals and promotion of the schemes and sign-up can take place.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following item the council voted to close the item to members of the public due so that the Council can discuss Legal Proceedings, Disputes and Contracts (which may include, but not limited, the early stages of any dispute, preparations, proposals and discussions, correspondence/communications with the legal representatives, solicitor(s), terms of tenders & contracts, proposals and counter proposals, consultations and negotiations of contracts, including tenancies and hire agreements) minutes of the decisions made under this item will be open to the public.

42.21 To Discuss the Bell Holt

Cllr Splay explained the background around the Bell Holt land, its annual upkeep costs, its current income which does not cover the maintenance costs and the issues with the Boat Club regards access and rental payments for the right of access. Three parties have sent in bids to purchase the land:

- Bid A) £4,200
- Bid B) £5,000
- Bid C) £10,125

The Council have checked with the NALC legal solicitor in London about the potential ways forward and after taking note of the advice, there followed a very lengthy and thorough debate by all Councillors about all aspects of the land, and its potential future. Research into the value of the land has been undertaken and the offers are all at or above the valuation of the land so that the councillors is therefore assured that the choice they make is in the best interests of the Council.

Cllr Spray summarised the potential options and then **proposed**, Cllr Connole **Seconded** and a vote by show of hands was held, all in favour, that:

1. the Parish Council sells the Bell Holt Land
2. the Council sells the land to the person who was bid C for £10,125
3. the Council uses Jones & Co solicitors to arrange the conveyance
4. the Council asks the solicitors to put adequate protection covenants into the HM Land Registry Title document to protect the land from building developments (no residential, industrial, or commercial buildings) to be erected on this site. Ensure that it is only used for recreational purposes, fishing, no overnight stays on site, no motorised sports.

The buyer is aware that the public right of way through the land will not be affected and is happy for the public to walk on the land. Regarding Laneham Angling Club on the Bell Holt, they will still be very welcome to hold their fortnightly matches on this land for many years to come but the buyer will take over the sole fishing rights and will bailiff it themselves.

Action, Clerk to contact the buyer and progress the sale as soon as practically possible with Jones & Co solicitors.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8:50pm.