

LANEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 11.08.08 in the Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors G. Scrini, Mrs. B. Barber, F. Clark, P. Cable and J. Cobb, District Councillors Mr. & Mrs. Isard, county Cllr J. Hemsall and Hester Kapur, Trent Vale Partnership

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Mrs. A. Clark and P. Baines

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None

3. POLICE REPORT

The police were not present this month.

4. TRENT VALE PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman welcomed Hester Kapur to the meeting. Hester explained that she had taken over from Rob Fitzimmons to move the project through Stage II of the project. Money is now available through the Lottery Fund to develop community projects along the Trent Vale. Plans need to be submitted by the end of October, with the money becoming available in 2009. Grants of about £2000 will be available. Ideas should now be formulated and submitted on the forms provided. The partners of the scheme will make selections. Promotion material for the Meadows project was one suggestion. Archive training a further suggestion. Hester will now send out forms and guidance notes. The forms should be returned by 31.10.08. The Chairman thanked Hester for attending the meeting and she elected to stay on for the rest of the meeting.

5. MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 14.7.08

The minutes had been circulated before the meeting and it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Barber and seconded by Cllr Cable that they were a correct record of the meeting. This was agreed.

6. MATTERS ARISING

- a) **Meadow Project** – will need some spraying in a couple of weeks.
- b) **Village Hall** – Cllr Baines not present to report on this.
- c) **Bridleway 25** – The Chairman is meeting with Laura Summers later in the week to discuss this.
- d) **Land Registry** – some information requested about the adjoining landowners to the Rampton Road Garden.
- e) **Bus Shelter** – £5 received from the sale of Parish Plans for the fund. The bench has now been painted and the notice board is almost ready. Will need to decide on how to mark the donors. The amount now in the Bus Shelter account is £1944 and a decision on loan repayments will be made after the October fundraiser. This project has been proof of how the community can work together for the benefit of the community.
- f) **Village Maintenance – Hoo Lane** – a meeting took place with Anglian Water and their Insurance Brokers but no feedback yet, need to follow up. Excellent work being done by the grass cutting volunteers and Mr. Walker. The gutters will be sprayed in the next few weeks. An improved litter situation was noted. The verges alongside the path to Church Laneham have been cut. Now some brambles need to be cut back in the same area and a hedge on Dunham Road needs cutting. The Chairman to contact the owners. A complaint had been received about a visibility problem when leaving Helenship Lane this had been reported to NCC and was dealt with within 24 hours. An excellent job done. It was, however, noted that some of the flower troughs have not been maintained this year.
- g) **Planning** – no further word on Holly Folly Farm.
- h) **Best Kept Village Competition** – the results are now in and the winner of our group was Bothamsall with Widmerpool second.
- i) **Village Hall Café** - had been open one Saturday and about £30 raised. Next opening will be 6th September,
- j) **Planning Enforcement** – no response to letter yet. Chase up in two weeks if no response by then.
- k) **Public Footpaths** - Laura had made a full response to letter and enclosed maps for overgrown footpaths to be marked on them. The chairman will do this and return to Laura at their meeting later in the week.

l) Overgrown Hedge – Cllr Cobb has contacted the owner who will deal with this.

m) Tree outside The Cottage - it was suggested this is removed it has grown bigger and quicker than expected. Mr. Walker to be asked for a quote to remove it.

7. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

After discussion one item needs following up. The Environment Agency needs to be thanked for the repair to the steps at the riverside. Also enquiries need to be made about safety notices re swimming in the river, especially in view of the nearby recent tragedy.

8. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

£5 cash received from sponsored walk for Bus Shelter fund.

- a) Mr. Walker - grass cutting and footpaths £74.00 (000708)
- b) Caretaker £341.66 (000709)
- c) Petrol for grass cutting £13.47 (000710)

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs. Barber and seconded by Cllr. Scrinii that the accounts be approved for payment, this was unanimously agreed.

9. PARISH PLAN – Taking Responsibility

After a short discussion it was decided to leave this for now. Will look into publishing the plan on the web site.

10. CHURCH LANEHAM SIGN

New sites were discussed, however, it seems planning permission would be needed to move it and in view of the cost of this it was agreed to leave the sign where it is. However, it was agreed to ask the adjoining landowner to cut back his hedge.

11. BRIDLEWAY 25 – GATE TO PARISH FIELD

The Chairman mentioned that NCC (Laura Summers) are unhappy that the gate on the flood bank is unsuitable for a bridleway as it cannot be opened both ways and cannot be opened from horseback. If the gate has to be removed there is still an impediment to the council's Right of Easement as the access is too narrow for agricultural machinery. The Chairman does have the combination for the locked post. This will be discussed with Laura at the meeting this week.

12. VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE

The boiler is 10/12 years old but could be repaired rather than replaced if necessary. It was suggested two fan heaters could be purchased in case of emergency. It was agreed to get the building surveyed to ascertain the current state of the structure of the building. Local builders to be consulted. Will also be discussed at the next Village Hall committee meeting.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Church Wall work has now been completed and the council thanked for their assistance,
- b) Civic Service – 7.9.08 at Carlton in Lindrick – no one to attend.
- c) Youthzone – posters for board and info for roundabout.
- d) BDC Hedgerow removal, Manor Farm – permission refused. Papers to be circulated.
- e) B DC Planning Application Binge Farm – permission granted.
- f) Mobile Contact Point next visit 18.8.08 11.30 – 12.30. An evening visit to be requested.
- g) Building Better Communities – information to be circulated.
- h) NCC Progressing with Wisdom – document passed to Chairman.
- i) Bus Service – new timetables available. It was also noted that the Friday Lincoln service has been withdrawn.

11. LANEHAM LAST MONTH

- a) Butchers Arms – chimney looks dangerous.
- b) October fest – to raise funds for the Bus Shelter. Food, drinks, raffle, quiz and line dancing all happening. Tickets £3.
- c) Internet Access – consider providing an Internet ordering service. Worth exploring add to October Agenda.
- d) Fishermen – still parking on Wharf Road.

There was no further business discussed and the meeting closed at approximately 9.10 p.m.