

LANEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 12 May 2014 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Laneham.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors (PCllr) Phil Baines (Chair), Elaine Collier, Fred Clark, John Cobb, David Myers, Gavin Sumnall, Geoff Woodfield
BDC Cllrs Keith Isard, Shirley Isard. Part meeting: NCC Cllr J Ogle
In attendance: Susan Flye (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES** – PC Bill Bailey
2. **DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS** – D Myers, dyke clearance.
3. **POLICE REPORT** – nothing to report.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 APRIL 2014

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

5. MATTERS ARISING

- village hall roof repairs. Jason Oates has now confirmed he is unable to carry out the repairs due to problems with his back. He has provided details of Andy Good – Gavin Sumnall to make contact. Elaine Collier is to obtain an alternative quote
- speeding on Main St. Following the removal of the temporary interactive speed sign, NCC have now offered to conduct a speed survey. Details of suitable site had been provided by Fred Clark and forwarded to NCC.
- Broadings Lane. NCC reported that this lane is part adopted and part an unadopted byway – there is therefore no requirement for NCC Rights of Way to maintain this to a standard for vehicular use. Phil Baines highlighted delivery drivers, lorries etc and the general over use for a by-way. Clerk to request a supply of plannings from NCC.
- dyke clearance, Church Laneham. Clerk had written to Tingdene as instructed, no response received. David Myers reported that the boundary of the Tingdene property is 1metre from the dyke and provided a plan highlighting the area. The Environment Agency dug grips into the dyke. The Environment Agency, Drainage Board and Nottinghamshire County Council have all previously denied responsibility. The dyke runs to the beck and on to the river so if blocked could create a flooding issue. Clerk to report again to NCC. If the Parish Council pay to clear the dyke there was concern that this could become an on-going liability.

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The meeting closed at 7.20pm. Member of the public raised issues at Church Laneham, as itemised on the agenda. - land opposite the Ferry Boat. Unightly due to use as bus turning area. Suggestion to put down matting. - driving on parish owned land next to the Boat Club – suggestion to erect poles to prevent. Dumping of rubbish on land. - flooding problems. Loss of access for 2 – 3 weeks. Suggestion of flood wall to property and possible grants.

John Cobb apologised and left the meeting at 19.25.

Cllr John Ogle attended the meeting briefly to introduce the Conservative candidate for MP _ Robert Jarrick. Also reported on a meeting he had held with the Police Commissioner, reported on spending cuts of £154m, the speed sign, Broadening Lane issues and problems raised to him of lorries on the Lincoln road.

7. CHURCH LANEHAM ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENT – flood wall, land opposite Ferry Boat pub, additional posts to prevent driving on grass. Parish Councillors response to the above:

- land opposite Ferry Boat. It is understood this is NCC land and the Clerk instructed to report again to NCC.
- driving on parish land. Concern re the question of liability for accidents? This should be reported to Police so that problems are logged for action. Clerk to email PC Bailey. Consider the erection of a gate to prevent dumping. Implications to be considered. Speak to Boat Club. Phil Baines to action.

- flooding. The meeting felt this whole matter needs to be referred to NCC for assessment as outside of the parish council's remit.

8. PARISH UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS

Clerk reported that BDC had received 5 applications for the 7 positions as parish councillor – Fred Clark, John Cobb, David Myers, Gavin Sumnall, Geoff Woodfield are therefore elected to the Parish Council uncontested. Elaine Collier's application had been submitted by post and would therefore be ineligible. Phil Baines notified the meeting of his intention to resign as a parish councillor and also therefore as Chairman due to other commitments.

The remaining 2 places are to be filled by co-option. Clerk instructed to advertise accordingly and place on the agenda for the next meeting on 14 July. A Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council will be elected by the existing parish councillors at the 14 July meeting.

Fred Clark expressed the thanks and appreciation of the council for Phil's efforts on behalf of the village.

The resignation of the Parish Clerk was also noted. Clerk provided vacancy notices for the notice boards and would advertise in Roundabout, NALC website and Retford Times.

9. GRASS CUTTING – TRENTSIDE AND PARISH FIELD

The meeting noted that Mr Walker had increased his charge per cut from £30 to £45. Clerk recorded that no provision for such an increase had been included in the precept application. It was agreed that the parish council's financial regulations give an obligation to obtain alternative quotes before agreeing to an increase of 50%. Meantime the meeting authorised the payment of £60 for 2 cuts. Clerk to write to Mr Walker accordingly and ask for his patience while this procedure is carried out. Clerk provided Elaine Collier with details to obtain two alternative quotes. Item for July meeting agenda.

10. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL

The meeting confirmed the renewal of the Aviva liability and assets insurance arranged via brokers Came & Company, under the terms of the 3 year agreement which expires 31 May 2016. Small increase due to index linking.

11. ACCOUNTS

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

M Fanthorpe	001032	£358.33	Cleaning public conveniences (May)
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Broker Network Ltd	001034	£279.03	Local Council insurance
J K Walker	001035	£60.00	Grass cutting 5 and 15 April
Susan Flye	001037	£113.80	Wage to 12 May 2014
F Clark	001038	£14.25	Grass cutting fuel (J Cobb)

Fred Clark reported that the Easter Monday lane lettings raised a total of £5.

12. PLANNING

Ashwood House access to Manor Farm, Church Laneham – erect single storey extension. Details provided prior to meeting. The meeting considered the application and raised no objections.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Last meeting correspondence. EC reported that police crime figures seem unlikely.

New correspondence - update from G Scrinii re archaeological survey. The Clerk provided a file of correspondence – copy available on request. E Collier agreed to review the file.

13. LANEHAM LAST MONTH

- Fred Clark requested full attendance for 14 July Annual meeting.

- It was noted that the Bees Knees had placed advertising banners, with posts into the ground, at the entrance to the village from Dunham Road. Clerk to request removal.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 PM