

LANEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 14 October 2013 at 7pm at the Village Hall, Laneham.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors (PClrs) Elaine Collier (Chair), Fred Clark, John Cobb, Geoff Woodfield, BDC Councillor Keith Isard, PC Bill Bailey (police section only)

In attendance: Susan Flye (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES – Philip Baines, Gavin Sumnall, BDC Councillor Shirley Isard

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS – none.

3. POLICE REPORT – PC Bailey reported to the meeting that it was almost 12 months since any crime had been reported in Laneham/Church Laneham. He reported that following a re-shuffle of the rural team – staffing levels had been cut by half. Rural policing would be dealt with by PCSOs with a Rural Beat Manager responsible for East Bassetlaw. One PCSO would cover the Tuxford/Trent area. Currently awaiting the appointment of the PCSO. He had spoken to youths hanging about around the bus shelter but they did appear to be genuinely waiting for a bus.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 SEPTEMBER 2013

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

5. MATTERS ARISING

- Street lights. The Clerk was instructed to follow up with NCC the promise of all night street lighting.
- Oil tank, village hall. Thanks noted to Cllrs Isard for their £400 BDC donation towards the cost of works.
- Welcome Signs – clerk had submitted grant application under the NCC Local Improvement Scheme, which had been acknowledged. Report by April 2014 but noted reduction in funding for the scheme.
- Dyke clearance. GS and DM absent from meeting so no report available.
- Overgrown trees, Main Street. NCC reported back that there was not a problem – Clerk to resubmit request as it appeared NCC were looking at the wrong end of Main St. Give NCC FC's phone number.
- Street light number 27, broken shade. Reported to NCC.
- Overgrown hedge, Helenship Lane, Rampton Rd – this had now been cut.
- Flood marker. Clerk to follow up again with NCC, Highways.
- Pot hole and rut in road at Church Laneham. Clerk to report to NCC.
- Yellow grit bin, Dunham Rd entrance. Clerk had contacted NCC again.

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – meeting closed at 7.21pm.

Mr George Scrin and two members of Mercian Archaeological Services attended the meeting to provide a brief on a proposed survey in Church Laneham for the Archbishop of York's Palace. This follows on from a successful survey in 2012. The difference being that the archaeologists are no longer employed by Nottinghamshire County Council and have formed a non-profit making company which applies for grants for works such as this. GS suggested that 2 parish councillors join the steering group to provide liaison with the parish council. Applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund range from up to £10,000 to £100,000 and the survey would involve test digs in gardens. The survey would be a community exercise.

The Parish Council's involvement would include a separate bank account for grant monies and the majority of the work would be done outside of the Parish Council. More information is available at www.mercian-as.co.uk.

Geoff Woodfield indicated that he would be willing to join the Steering Group. The meeting agreed that this required further discussion and the item would be put on the next agenda so that villagers could be formally notified and for further discussion.

Meeting re-opened at 7.45pm.

8. ACCOUNTS

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

M Fanthorpe	001001	£358.33	Cleaning public conveniences
J K Walker	001002	£60.00	Grass cutting x 2, Church Laneham
Grant Thornton	001003	£120.00	Audit
Susan Flye	001004	£109.59	Wage
Laneham PCC	001005	£125.00	Donation to Church from Angling Club for 2013/14
F Clark	001006	£15.11	Petrol expenses for grass cutting (J Cobb)

The Clerk reported the receipt of the second half year funding from BDC and provided the meeting with a bank reconciliation at 30 September 2013.

9. PLANNING

Nothing to report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk provided a list and file of correspondence – copy of the list is available on request. E Collier agreed to review the file. Clerk highlighted NALC Dept for Communities & Local Government + “our place” programme, NALC AGM, NCC budget consultation to Jan 2014, poster + reply cards, BDC Bassetlaw Rural Action Plan draft. and Mr George Brown of NALC offered to attend a meeting to provide information on the new Parish Forum. Healthcare Watch Nottinghamshire would also like to make a presentation of the work they do.

11. LANEHAM LAST MONTH

- Church Laneham grass cutting. Mr Walker had asked when the last grass cut would be required. Fred Clerk to contact Mr Walker if another cut needed.
- Clayhough Lane. Clerk to ask NCC for code for combination lock on the barrier. GW has cleared some of the problem brambles.
- Bus Shelter notice board has been repaired by John Cobb. Obtaining Perspex to replace broken.
- Retford Times. It was reported that Fred Clark’s Laneham article had been omitted from the paper for several weeks. EC said she would phone Retford Times to find out why.
- a boat with outboard motor was being launched off a transit van in the dusk. Councillors were asked to keep an eye on the situation.
- Poor Close land. EC reported that the land was in need of chain harrowing and tidying up. F Clark intends to discuss with the Chairman of the Poor Close Trustees – he is going to suggest that the field should be rested in the 2014/15 season.
- It had been suggested last year that it was not necessary to hold a January meeting. The BDC accounting information for the precept application was received late and a special January meeting had to be held. The Clerk suggested that it would be more beneficial to not have a meeting in December 2013 and to hold the January 2014 meeting as usual and to include the precept discussions. Agreed by all.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10PM