

## **Minutes of Langham Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2026 7.30pm Langham Village Hall**

### **2026/133 Parishioner's representations**

A Church Street resident raised the recent Rutland County Council Call for Sites 2026, particularly the Hubbards Lodge site, listed as proposed use 'Housing, Gypsy and Travellers, Others (e.g. residential care home). They raised concern regarding the impact of a traveller site on school roll numbers. The identity of the site proposer is unknown. It was agreed that the Parish Council will contact Local Plan at Rutland County Council to ascertain more detail.

A Melton Road resident raised various questions regarding progress by RCC with works to alleviate the flood risk in Langham. See 2026/146.

### **2026/134 Attendance register**

Cllr. S Catlin (Chairman)  
Cllr. R Besant  
Cllr. S Pickering  
Cllr. J Taylor  
Cllr. A Tilbrook  
3 members of the public

**2026/135 Approval of absences** – none. Apologies received from C. Cllr. Hemsley.

**2026/136 To co-opt a Parish Councillor** – no candidates were present at the meeting.

**2026/137 Declaration of member's interests and consideration of dispensations.**

None.

**2026/138 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**2026/139 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

- a. Community Park fence – requested badger survey completed and submitted to RCC planning for decision.
- b. Munday's Close/allotments boundary – quotation for works awaited.
- c. Village sign solar lights – received and will be installed.

### **2026/140 Clerk's report**

- a. Finance Committee meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2026 7.30pm

## **2026/141 Correspondence**

- a. Ashwell Road – correspondence received regarding traveller encampment on Ashwell Road and potential environmental health issue.
- b. RCC Highways response to request to reduce speed limit – it was agreed that more information is required in response to the reply received. It was therefore agreed that the offer of a meeting with the Highways Engineer would be accepted to discuss further.
- c. Receipt of CIL monies - £10,000 received 2021/1334/RES Land North of Cold Overton Road.

## **2026/142 Flooding –**

- a. Brook clearance and update on progress – 2026/146 attached below.
- b. Flood Plan – refresh of flood stock in progress. A redacted version of the completed Flood Plan will be published on the Parish Council website.
- c. Installation of flood gauge – it was proposed that the quotation from Thomas Bow City Asphalt £1020.71 to install flood water gauge on A606 be accepted. All in favour.

## **2026/143 CIL projects**

- a. Rewilding – 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December agreed for planting.

## **2026/144 Planning**

- a. To receive planning applications and decisions since the last meeting – 2026/47 below.

## **2026/145 AOB – items for the next meeting**

Cllr. Pickering reported a series of break-ins around Ranksborough Hall over the weekend 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2026

Action log:

1. Response to Highways Concern and request for action to lower speed limits awaited from RCC. Meeting to be requested. Clerk
  2. Flood plan – to be completed and published. Copies to LLR Resilience and LLFA (RB). To be followed up with RCC by C. Cllr Hemsley (OH)
- SIM card replaced in monitor. (SC)
3. Quotation for cutting back of boundary between allotments and Munday's Close to be obtained. Clerk
  4. Contact with RCC forestry & planning enforcement re replacement tree Squires Close Clerk
  5. Community Park fence to be replaced. Planning permission pending - Clerk
  6. RCC instruction re flood depth gauge – contractor to be instructed. Clerk
  7. Information regarding Call for Sites to be requested from Local Plan – Clerk.

**2026/146**

**Langham Parish Council flood activity update. October 2026.**

**RCC Highways village walk-around in October 2026**

We have walked around the village from Ranksborough to Ashwell Road bridge with Emma Price from RCC Highways. They have been doing some survey work in the drains around the village using a robotic camera and have identified a number of places where there are problems. In some places they need to use a root cutter to allow the camera to get past obstructions.

At Ranksborough we didn't identify the blocked culvert. The manhole cover opposite the end of Manor Lane that produces a fountain during heavy rain was and is one of the areas where RCC had found problems. The depth gauge on the A606 which was installed and then removed is now going to be reinstated.

There are problems with some of the outlet pipes feeding into the brook and they will be repairing or replacing them as part of the overall program of works. The contract for the clearance of silt and debris under the A606 bridge should be let by the end of October, Emma hopes work on the other bridges will take place very soon.

Riparian ownership was discussed and RCC believe that Seven Trent Water are responsible for their section by the pumping station on Church. RCC will write to STW and ask them to perform their riparian duties. RCC will be writing to all riparian owners to remind them of their responsibilities.

Overall it was a positive and useful meeting and we feel there is a genuine interest in putting in measures to reduce the risk of flooding.

Other points of note

1. The flood warden scheme continues this season. If you are or know of a vulnerable person, please contact LPC via the website. Your address and any needs will be noted in the event of needing to act during a flood. The village hall remains a safe refuge and villagers will be made aware via the village WhatsApp when it is open.
2. There is a list of volunteers being drawn up to help in flood prevention. Hopefully RCC will do the work but if not we may call a meeting of volunteers in the spring to arrange our own actions. If you want to put your name forward, please do so via the LPC contact page, leaving name and phone number.

## **2026/147**

2026/0995/PTA Brocklehurst Park, Ranksborough Drive

Short-term works: (Tree 3330) 1no. Horse Chestnut remove deadwood greater than 25mm in diameter and crown lift to provide 3.5m clearance over the road. (Tree 3331) 1no. Horse Chestnut crown lift to provide 3.5m clearance over the road. (Tree 3332) 1no. Red Horse Chestnut crown lift to provide 3.5m clearance over the road.

(Group A) 1no. Cherry crown lift to provide 3.5m clearance over the road. (Tree 3334) 1no. Red Horse Chestnut crown lift to provide 3.5m clearance over the road. (Tree 3335) 1no. Red Horse Chestnut crown lift to provide 3.5m clearance over the road.

Planned works: (Group B) Fell and replace 1no. Elm. (Tree 3338) 1no. Horse Chestnut remove deadwood greater than 25mm in diameter. (Tree 3339) 1no. Western Red Cedar remove epicormic shoots from the stem where required. (Tree 3340) 1no. Ash remove deadwood greater than 25mm in diameter. (Tree NT2) 1no. Sycamore remove deadwood greater than 25mm in diameter. (Tree 3341) 1no. Cherry Laurel prune to provide 1m clearance from the wall. (Tree 3346) Fell and replace 1no. Ash. (Group D) Fell and replace 1no. Elm.

Granted 01/10/26

2026/0173/CAT Autumn Cottage, 12 Westons Lane

1 no. Conifer (T1) to be felled to ground level.

Granted 20/10/26

2026/1055/FUL 34 Church Street

Various external works including changing windows and front door, cladding, insulating the gables, change to roof tiles and addition of solar panels. Reinstate original driveway entrance, installation of post and rail fence.

Granted 21/10/26

2026/1177/CAT 3 Melton Road

Fell 1 no. Eucalyptus Tree. Tree is extremely tall and overhanging neighbours garage. Roots impacting York stone.

Granted 23/10/26

2026/1183/CAT 6 Melton Road

Removal of 1 no. Laurel bush at end of garden.

Granted 23/10/26