

# Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30 pm on 8 June 2009 in Rampton Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr J Wilkinson, Chairman  
Cllrs Ingamells, Morris BEM, Rickells, Russell, Sheppard,

**Also present:** PCSO Ciacci  
PC Whitehouse  
D Landon, Clerk of the Council  
5 members of the public

## 1 Apologies for absence

None.

## 2 Declarations of interest

All members present declared a personal interest in item 5 and Cllrs Ingamells, Morris and Russell declared a personal interest in item 9a).

## 3 Approval of the minutes of the annual meeting held on 11 May

Approved.

## 4 Police Report

PCSO Ciacci reported that there had been two crimes since the last meeting. The perpetrators of one of them - the theft of a vehicle - have been arrested. There has been no progress with the insurance of the vehicle which demolished the seat on Torksey Street.

## 5 Sports & Leisure Facilities

The Chairman reported that, following the meeting with him on 28 May, Chris Moxon is now going to submit a planning application for the entrance, children's play area and bowling green as well as for retrospective permission for the levelling of the field. There will be a meeting of the Sports & Leisure Committee on 22 June to discuss options for the field.

## 6 Matters arising from the meeting held on 11 May

### a) Torksey Ferry Road

Laura Summers of Nottinghamshire County Council had advised that she is trying to find out when Lafarge will be leaving the site and that she has noted that the stile on the floodbank needs repairing. She will be inspecting this in next few weeks. The Clerk was asked to point out to her that the Council had asked for the stile to be reinstated and to ask her to arrange to meet the Chairman when she next comes to the village.

### b) Land belonging to Pinder & Moorpool Charities

The Council accepted Wardell Armstrong's advice that it would be better to wait until later in the year before approaching Lafarge. The Clerk was asked to remind Wardell Armstrong about the lack of a lifebelt, especially in view of the imminence of school holidays.

c) Rampton Crossroads

The Clerk was asked to remind Nottinghamshire County Council that they had not replied to the Council's letter about 'Stop' signs. The Clerk was also asked to report to the County Council that the direction sign approaching the crossroads from the north is unsafe.

d) Ground rent for Post Office

The Council noted that that the pub had changed hands in October last year and that half of the ground rent should have been paid to the new owners. As there is little prospect of recovering the overpayment from Mr Burnell, the Council agreed to pay £12.50 to the new owners.

## **7 Planning**

a) Correspondence

- East Midlands Regional Assembly - Regional Plan Partial Review - noted
- Bassetlaw District Council - Planning Newsletter - noted

b) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

- Erect 2 cable sealing end compounds, air insulated switch gear, substation bay & associated access road, Cottam Power Station - no objections
- Modify existing ZDA and VE400kV overhead lines in the vicinity of 400 kV substation, Cottam Power Station - no objections
- Erect kitchen, utility & WC extension, Westcroft House, Treswell Road - no objections
- Erect dwelling and construct new access, land adjacent 33 The Pastures - no objections

c) Decisions by Bassetlaw District Council

- Substitution of house type - Plot at Westcroft Farm, Treswell Road - permission granted

## **8 Handyman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the broken goal post and the old bed springs have been removed from the old playing field. Cllr Rickells agreed to speak to Mr Dodds about the other goal posts. Bassetlaw District Council has been asked to provide a sign for the bottle banks to discourage people from leaving other rubbish.

## **9 Village Hall**

a) Governing document

The Council agreed that it should be responsible for the maintenance of the building and that the Village Hall Committee should be responsible for the organising and paying for the maintenance of all health and safety equipment. The agreement will be reviewed in six months. Cllr Ingamells will take this document back to the Village Hall Committee

b) Other matters

Cllr Ingamells reported that the boiler upgrade has been scheduled for August.

## 10 Accounts & Audit

### a) Internal Audit & Annual Return

The Council approved the Annual Return which was signed by the Chairman and by the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer and will be sent to the external auditor, Clement Keys unless the internal auditor has any reservations about the Council's accounts and internal control system.

### b) Subscription to Rural Voice

The Council decided not to subscribe to this magazine.

### c) Insurance renewal

The Council noted that Allianz Insurance had improved the cover it provides at a lower premium. However, the cover is not as good, and the price higher, than Norwich Union and Allianz has advised that the only way to extend the cover to include the members and activities of the Village Hall Committee is for the Committee to take out its own insurance.

Norwich Union is not prepared to reduce the excess per claim below £250 but has confirmed that its policy also includes an 'Indemnity to Principal' clause, which is an essential requirement for the Council to cut the grass verges on behalf of the County Council. Norwich Union had also advised that Parish Councils who agree to a 3-year deal do not need to renew cover for future years if the premium increases by more than the rate of inflation.

The Council decided to accept the quote from Norwich Union for a 3-year deal giving a discount of 5% on the premium for the current year and the opportunity to earn 5% no claims bonus for each year of this 3-year deal.

### d) Bassetlaw District Council - Parish Grant Scheme

The Council noted a letter from Bassetlaw District Council advising that £1400 has been allocated as a Parish Grant Scheme and that applications for funding need to be submitted before the end of March 2010. The Council agreed to discuss this further at its next meeting.

### e) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipt:

	£
Tuxford Post Office - rent from 2 December to 17 April	292.50

### f) Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	Cheque #	£
B Doyle - wages	235	209.28
D Landon - salary and expenses	236	915.23
JB Rickells - grasscutting	237	380.00
Broker Network Limited - insurance	238	907.56
Eyre Arms - ground rent for Post Office (6 months)	239	12.50

g) Bank balances

The balances of the Council's accounts are:

	£
NatWest Bank	3965.12
Nottingham Building Society	<u>37912.26</u>
	<u>41877.38</u>

**11 Correspondence**

a) Nottinghamshire County Council - Bus Stop Improvement Scheme

The Council noted that work to replace the bus stop poles, flags and timetable cases will begin in August. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to enquire whether there will be a bus stop sign at the end of Orchard Drive.

b) Nottinghamshire CC - Building Better Communities Workshop, 16 June at Mansfield

The Chairman would like to attend this workshop on 16 June at Mansfield.

c) Correspondence for Circulation

The following document was available for inspections by members:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Landscape Briefing

**12 Any Other Business**

a) Pavements

The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to ask whether they have carried out the footpath inspection as promised and, if so, why they have only repaired the path opposite the Eyre Arms when other areas are in a similar condition.

b) Seat on Torksey Street

Cllr Russell will obtain prices for a seat to replace the one destroyed by a vehicle.

c) Plants

The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Neil Jones for donating plants to go alongside the new footpath to the Village Hall and for supplying a hosepipe to facilitate watering them.

**13 Date of next meeting**

Monday 13 July 2009

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.38 pm

Signed.....

Date.....13/07/09.....