

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 8 October 2001

Present: Cllr E Morris, Chairman
Cllrs Arden, Dixon, Jackson, Mellors, Rickells, Smith
Also present: D Landon, Clerk
2 members of the public

1 Apologies for Absence

None.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September

Approved.

3 Matters Arising

a) Post Office

The Chairman reported that he had finally spoken to someone at Tracey Barlow Furness, although not to Mrs Hood. Apparently, a draft lease has been prepared and is being repeatedly passed between Tracey Barlow Furness and Mr Burnell's solicitors. Cllr Arden commented that the Council is losing all credibility and the Council decided that that they required the matter to be finalised within 14 days. The Clerk was asked to write to the solicitor, with a copy to the senior partner, advising of this decision.

b) Provision of sports facilities in the village

The Council noted that the planning application for the change of use from agriculture to sport had been refused. The Council decided to appeal against this decision and the Clerk was asked to obtain some dates for a meeting with Mr Redmile. The appeal will refer to the number of meetings held with Paul Rossington and Neil Jenkinson and that the application had only been submitted on their advice.

c) Vacancy for handyman

The Council noted applications from a Mr Young of Sturton-le-Steeple and Mr Richardson of Retford and decided to ask them both to interview on 15 October. The Chairman and Cllr Jackson will conduct the interviews and the Clerk will be in attendance and will prepare a draft Contract of Employment.

d) Neighbourhood Watch

The Council decided to make a contribution of £200 to Neighbourhood Watch.

e) Consideration of payment of part of the precept to Woodbeck Residents Association

The Council decided to pay the Residents Association £300 a year from 2002/03.

f) Bus Shelter at Woodbeck

Nottinghamshire County Council has advised that the request for a bus shelter has been added to the list of sites for which similar requests have been made and that they were hopeful that a shelter could be made available.

g) Rampton Crossroads

The Chairman reported on the site meeting with the Mr R Statham, Highways Manager, Nottinghamshire County Council. This had initially been a very negative meeting. However, after some time on site Mr Statham became aware of the volume of traffic on the main road and of the number of vehicles turning left from Woodbeck without looking both ways. He will investigate the provision of red tarmac to warn of the crossroads, although he indicated that there may be a problem with funding. The Clerk was asked to write to Cottam Power Station to ask if they would contribute to safety work. The Clerk was also asked to write to Rampton Hospital to remind staff of the dangers at this junction.

Bassetlaw District Council had confirmed that the issue of road safety will be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Community Governance Scrutiny Committee on 14 November and that the Police and the County Council have been invited to send representatives.

Woodbeck Residents Association had offered to help in any way, including organising a petition.

h) Grant acknowledgement – Woodbeck Residents Association

The Council noted a letter from the Woodbeck Residents Association thanking the Council for its generous grant. Cllr Dixon thanked the Council for the donation towards the charity whist drives.

4 Planning

Nothing to report.

5 Village Hall

Cllr Arden reported a potential problem with damp. The Council decided to ask John Waite to investigate and take whatever remedial action is necessary. Cllr Jackson reported that one youth is causing a nuisance at most events held in the Village Hall. The Council decided to refer this matter to the Police.

6 Reports of Meetings attended by Members of the Council

The Chairman reported on a meeting of the Notts ALC (Northern Area Committee) on 1 October. This had been a largely unsatisfactory meeting; however, one item discussed was the street cleaning grant from Bassetlaw District Council. The Council has written to all Parish Councils, but targeted at those which do not currently claim the grant. This item will be on the agenda for the Liaison meeting in November because the general view of the Councils represented at the meeting was that the level of grant is inadequate. In addition, the District Council will be asked to clarify Parish Councils responsibilities.

7 Accounts

a) Internal Audit

Cllrs Arden and Smith reported that they had satisfactorily concluded the internal audit. The Chairman thanked them for doing this job.

b) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipts:

	£
Customs & Excise	172.54
Bassetlaw District Council	3376.00
A E Quickfall	144.30
East Midlands Electricity	5.05
Village Hall Committee	60.04

c) Accounts for payment

The Council approved payment of the following accounts:

	Chq	£
A Lloyd Jones	827	60.00
D Redmile	828	225.00
Lincolnshire Publishing Co Ltd	829	63.45
H J Mellors	831	39.00
Trent Plant Hire	832	44.71
Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch	833	200.00

d) Transfer

The Council agreed a transfer of £3200 to the Nottingham Building Society.

e) Bank Balances

The balances of the accounts after all of the above transactions will be:

	£
Current Account	1074.13
Nottingham Building Society	<u>93000.00</u>
	<u>94074.13</u>

8 Correspondence

a) NALC – Allowances for Members of Local Councils – Consultation Paper

The Council noted the proposal to make it legal for Parish Councils to pay a 'participation allowance' to members and considered this to be a retrograde step.

b) Bassetlaw District Council – Asking Questions at Council

The District Council had advised on a new initiative by which members of the public will be allowed to ask questions at meetings of the full Council. The Council decided to publicise this initiative in Roundabout and on the notice boards.

c) Bassetlaw District Council – Goodwin Charity

The District Council reminded Parish Councils that this charity has funds available for needy pensioners. The Council decided to publicise this in Roundabout.

d) Rampton Hospital Community Form – 17 October

Cllrs Rickells and Smith will try to attend this meeting.

e) Notts ALC Seminar – Managing a Project

No councillor is available to attend this seminar on 24 October at Southwell.

f) Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council Seminar – Transport & Social Exclusion

No councillor is available to attend this seminar on 11 October at Southwell.

9 Items to be referred to Notts ALC (Northern Area Committee)

None.

10 Any Other Business

The Council decided to fit locks to the notice boards.

11 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12 November at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

