

# Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30 pm on 9 November 2009 in Rampton Village Hall

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

**Also present:** D Landon, Clerk of the Council  
5 members of the public

## **1 Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Ingamells, Russell.

## **2 Declarations of interest**

All members present declared a personal interest in item 5.

## **3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October**

Approved.

## **4 Police Report**

PC Bailey had advised of three crimes in the last month: an assault, criminal damage and the theft of BT covers from Torksey Street. BT will now fit lockable covers.

## **5 Sports & Leisure Facilities**

The Chairman referred to a draft letter prepared by Chris Moxon, arguing that levelling the field is not an engineering operation. Members agreed with the Chairman that there is no need for the Parish Council to do anything until it hears further from Bassetlaw District Council. The Clerk reported that the fee for a planning application for change of use is £335, regardless of area (Parish Councils receive 50% discount). The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Moxon to ask him to include change of use for the whole field, as well as the children's playground, bowling green and pedestrian access, in the planning application he is preparing.

## **6 Matters arising from the meeting held on 5 October**

### a) Torksey Ferry Road/ Rampton Quarry

The Chairman reported that there is a lifebelt about 50m from the pond which is visible now that the gypsum has been moved. The Clerk reported that he has now heard from Laura Summers about footpath maintenance. In view of the discussions about the role of village handyman this item was held over until the next meeting.

### b) Pavements

The Clerk was asked to notify the County Council about the very poor condition of the footpath outside Cleveland Farm, Laneham Street

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

The Clerk reported that he had submitted the grant application.

d) Hedge alongside Pinfold Lane

The Clerk reported that the owner of the adjacent field had agreed to cut the hedge when his contractor is next in the village. The Clerk was asked to send him a letter of thanks.

e) Post Office

The Council noted a letter explaining that if the online system is unavailable the branch is unable to make payments and apologising for any inconvenience this had caused.

## 7 **Planning**

a) Correspondence

- Change of house name - Paramali, Goldenholme Lane will be known as The Old Orchard.

b) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

- Erect single storey extension, Eyres Arms - no objections
- Change of use to provide new temporary access road, Rampton Hospital (extension of planning application ref: 38/04/00018) - no objections
- Erect extension to secure treatment ward, Rampton Hospital - no objections

The Council decided not to circulate routine planning applications from Rampton Hospital.

c) Decisions by Bassetlaw District Council

- Refurbishment of 45 patient bedrooms etc, Rampton Hospital - permission granted
- Erect single storey extension, Eyres Arms - permission granted

## 8 **Handyman's Report**

The Chairman reported that Mr Doyle will reconsider his position provided that the Council provides a detailed job description - members were asked to give this some thought. The contract of employment of the handyman for a neighbouring Parish Council was circulated and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

## 9 **Village Hall**

a) Committee membership

The Chairman reported that following Cllrs Morris and Russell's resignation the Committee was down to three members but two other people are interested in joining. The Chairman added that she is willing to attend the next Committee meeting on 16 November.

b) Operating agreement

The Council agreed to adopt the proposed operating agreement and review after six months.

## 10 **Accounts & Audit**

a) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipt:

Tuxford Post Office

£  
360.00

b) Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

|                          | Cheque # | £      |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|
| B Doyle                  | 253      | 360.78 |
| Gauntleys                | 254      | 12.00  |
| Anglian Water            | 255      | 62.84  |
| Lindum Fire Services Ltd | 256      | 88.41  |

The Council cancelled cheque# 234 (Post Office ground rent) which has not been cashed.

d) Transfer

The Council agreed to transfer £8,000 from the Nottingham Building Society account.

e) Bank balances

The balances of the Council's accounts are:

|                             | £               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| NatWest Bank                | 12165.12        |
| Nottingham Building Society | <u>29912.26</u> |
|                             | <u>42077.38</u> |

## 11 Correspondence

a) Letter from Rampton resident - Seat on Torksey Street

The Chairman read out a letter from two residents of Laneham Street thanking the Council for the lovely rustic seat on Torksey Street. Members commented that it is nice for the Council to get some recognition.

b) East Drayton Parish Council - Parish Council Clustering

The Council noted an email from the Chairman of East Drayton Parish Council (also sent to Dunham on Trent, East Markham and Normanton-on-Trent Parish Councils), referring to the lack of information from the District Council and suggesting that Parish Councils should consider working closer together to help protect the villages for the future. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification.

c) Bassetlaw District Council - Street nameplate survey

The Clerk reported that the District Council had asked for the Parish Council's help in carrying out a survey on the presence and condition of street nameplates. They had asked for the Clerk or a councillor to visit every location in the village and surrounding countryside, mark the position and condition of street nameplates on a map and then to accompany a District Council officer so that he can take photographs. Although the Chairman offered to carry out the survey members considered that it was far too onerous to expect her to then accompany the man from Bassetlaw District Council.

d) Bassetlaw District Council - Code of Conduct Training

No member wishes to attend the courses on 13/14 January at Retford Town Hall.

e) Nottinghamshire County Council - Mobile Contact Point Survey

Members suggested that the best times for the mobile contact point to visit the village would be Tuesday or Friday afternoon when the Post Office is open. Members also suggested that it would be better if the police officer walked round the village

f) Notts ALC - Training seminar on Planning

No member wishes to attend this seminar on 4 February at Sutton-cum-Lound.

g) Notts ALC - working with Nottinghamshire County Council

The Council noted that Notts ALC has been asked by Nottinghamshire County Council to invite its members to put forward ideas for improvements in working relationships with the County Council for consideration at the Parish Council Event on 10 December.

h) Nottinghamshire County Council - Town & Parish Council Event

No member wishes to attend this event on 10 December at County Hall.

i) Correspondence for Circulation

The following documents were available for inspections by members:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Landscape Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Countylink

## 12 Any Other Business

a) Six-weekly bulk refuse collections

Cllr Rickells reported that Bassetlaw District Council's Cabinet was due to discuss a paper proposing the discontinuation of this service but, as a result of representations which he and other District Councillors had made, the paper was withdrawn to allow further discussions to take place with Parish Councils.

*The Clerk left the meeting*

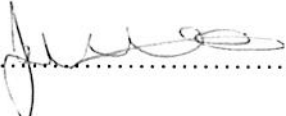
## 13 Clerk's salary

The Council discussed a paper previously circulated, setting out details of an agreement between the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks. The Council agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to the SPC26 rate of £ 11.549 per hour giving an annual salary of £2772 per year, effective from 1 April 2009. The Chairman will ask the Clerk to send a copy of his service agreement to each member.

## 14 Date of next meeting

Monday 14 December 2009

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed..........

Date.....14/12/09.....