

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 10 February 2003

Present: Cllr G E Morris, Chairman
Cllrs Arden, Dixon, Jackson, Mellors, Rickells

Also present: D Landon, Clerk of the Council

1 Apologies for Absence

None.

2 Declarations of Interest

None.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January

Approved.

4 Matters Arising

a) Keeping of Deeds and Enclosure Award

The Clerk reported that he had asked Dean Thomas & Co to collect the deeds of the Village Hall and the Enclosure Award from Tracey Barlow Furniss.

b) Provision of sports facilities in the village

The Council discussed the four sets of drawings produced by the architect. During extensive discussions, persuasive arguments were advanced in favour of options A and C in particular. The Council decided to arrange a meeting with Chris Moxon on Wednesday 26 February at 10.00 am. The Clerk was asked to chase up the outstanding rent from Shuldham Calverley.

c) Defibrillator

The Chairman reported that posters seeking volunteers are displayed in various locations in the village and that Jane Mumby has agreed to collect a list of potential volunteers. Reportedly, there are 9 volunteers so far. Laneham Parish Council and Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council have advised that there are 6 volunteers in Laneham and 4 volunteers in Headon-cum-Upton. Posters have been sent to the other Parish Councils who were invited to the public meeting on 6 January.

The Council asked the Clerk to contact Carl Keeble to arrange training sessions and then to notify the volunteers and the other Parish Councils.

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Carl Keeble who had advised that he had already spoken to the British Heart Foundation. As a result, the Clerk had written for application forms for a grant.

d) Pavement repairs

Nottinghamshire County Council had advised that the repairs carried out to the pavement near to the shop were for safety reasons only and that any resurfacing work will have to wait until the next financial year. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to request that all pavements in the village are inspected, especially the one from the village to the school.

e) Post Office – Business Rates

The Clerk reported that he had written to Bassetlaw District Council applying for exemption from business rates but had not yet received a reply. Cllr Rickells tabled a letter from the District Council indicating that Parish Councils are not eligible for rate relief. The Clerk will make further enquiries.

5 Planning

a) Bassetlaw District Council – Local Plan – Issues Report

This document is being circulated will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

b) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

None.

c) Decisions

None.

6 Village Hall

The Council agreed that the handyman be asked to do some minor renovation work and that the Village Hall Committee should acquire an additional bowling mat. It was also agreed that the handyman should be asked to submit quarterly bills.

7 Accounts

a) Grant acknowledgement

Woodbeck Residents Association had written to thank the Council for its grant of £300 and for the garden. It is intended to hold an official opening of the garden in the summer.

b) Internal Auditor

The Clerk reported that he had written to Gordon Peters thanking him for his offer to act as the Council's internal auditor and had spoken to him on the telephone to answer his queries about the scope of his duties and the timetable for completing the audit.

c) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipts:

	£
Customs & Excise – VAT refund	157.15
Cornhill Insurance – claim for village sign	57.50

d) Accounts for payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	cheque	£
Hedley Fuel Oils	930	478.30
Notts ALC	931	104.73
PowerGen	932	65.91
City Electrical Factors	933	16.89

e) Bank balances

After the above transactions the account balances will be:

	£
Current Account	2387.74
Nottingham Building Society	<u>65000.00</u>
	<u>67387.74</u>

f) Bassetlaw District Council – Contribution

The Chairman reported on the meeting between Bassetlaw District Council and Parish Councils at Worksop at which Parish Council representatives protested strongly against the District Council's decision to cut the contribution to Parish Councils by half in 2003/04 and eliminate it altogether in 2004/05. The outcome of the meeting was that the District Council members present agreed to reconsider. Although there has been no official confirmation of a change of heart, the Council noted that the District Council's decision is likely to be to phase out the contribution over 5 years since an announcement to this effect has already appeared in the Retford Times! In addition, the Clerk reported that he had received a request for the precept required based on a 5-year phasing out of the contribution.

g) Budget 2003/04

In view of the above, the Council decided to raise a precept of £2,749 for 2003/04, equivalent to £10 per Band D property. A copy of the agreed budget is attached to these minutes and forms an integral part of them.

h) Tenders for grass cutting

This item should read 'specification for grass cutting contract'. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

8 Correspondence

a) Nottinghamshire County Council – Representation on School Governing Bodies

The Council noted that the 2002 Education Act requires School Governing Bodies to be reconstituted over the four years beginning September 2003. When this reconstitution has taken place Parish Councils will no longer have an automatic right to nominate a Governor. However, there will be two ways in which Parish Councils can continue to contribute to school governance: either by individuals being co-opted onto the Governing Body or as the LEA representative.

b) Nottinghamshire County Council Conservative group – Electoral Boundaries

The Council noted that the County Council has agreed that there should be an increase from 63 to 67 electoral divisions and that the Conservative group has proposed a reduction to 55

c) Bassetlaw Voice for the Over 50s

The Council noted that this is a new organisation aiming to develop links with Parish Councils. Cllr Arden will complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

d) Bassetlaw District Council – Travel Passes for men over 60

The Council noted that men over 60 now qualify for travel concessions. Members commented on the expensive way this had been advertised.

e) CPRE – Rural Traffic Schemes

The Council noted the letter from CPRE updating parishes on progress made by Nottinghamshire County Council in implementing schemes to reduce traffic problems in villages and rural communities.

f) Documents for Inspection

The following documents were available for inspection by councillors:

- Rampton Hospital – minutes of Community Forum meeting
- Nottinghamshire County Council – By the Way
- Nottinghamshire County Council - Countylink

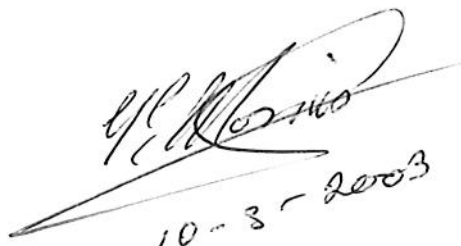
9 Any Other Business

None.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10 March at 7.30 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.



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Rampton Parish Council

Budget 2003/04

Receipts

Precept	2749
BDC Contribution	2635
Street Cleaning Grant	831
NCC Grant	238
Rents receivable	1906
Other income	521
Interest received	<u>2400</u>
Total Receipts	<u>11280</u>

Payments

Clerk's salary	1916
Handyman's wages	1024
Grass cutting	1800
Village Hall - running costs	1026
Village Hall - refurbishment	3000
Post Office, less grant	300
Land purchase/sports facilities	
Grants to village organisations	1500
Section 137 Payments	300
Professional fees	2000
Administrative costs	1266
Miscellaneous	<u>1000</u>
Total payments	<u>15132</u>

Balance at 1 April 2003	68847
Add receipts	11280
Less payments	<u>-15132</u>
Balance at 31 March 2004	<u>64995</u>