

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 11 April 2011 in Rampton Village Hall

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

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

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Ingamells.

2 Declarations of interest

All members present declared a personal interest in item 5.

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March

Approved.

4 Police Report

PC Bailey had advised that no crimes have been reported in the village since the last meeting.

5 Sports & Leisure Facilities

a) Tenders for playground equipment – update

Cllr Sheppard reported that although she and the Chairman had met another company, they recommend Sovereign Playgrounds who had supplied the lowest tender during the tendering exercise last year. Some equipment has been removed from the specification and the revised cost is around £20,000. The Council agreed with the recommendation to order equipment from Sovereign.

b) Request from the Playground Action Group for funding for playground equipment

The Chairman reported that applications for grants had been unsuccessful and that the Playground Action Group is keen to have some play equipment on the field this summer. Some members suggested that it would be appropriate for the Council to pay half of the cost and apply for grants for the balance but accepted that this would mean a delay, perhaps lengthy, and the Council agreed unanimously to fund the cost of the playground in full.

c) Any other matters relating to Sports & Leisure facilities

The Clerk reported that the S278 agreement referred to in the planning permission is a means by which applicants can employ their own contractor if this would be cheaper than using the County Council. However, the County Council requires professionally-prepared drawings and applicants have to meet the County Council's legal and other costs, meaning that S278 agreements are suitable only for major schemes. The Clerk also reported that the reference in the C Moxon's invoice to doing a small amount of work since January refers to 2010. The Council agreed that the grass cutting contractor need no longer cut the old playing field.

6 Other matters arising from the meeting held on 14 March

a) Post box

Royal Mail had agreed to put the new postbox on Torksey Street but this may take some time because they will have to carry out some box counts to check the need for a larger box.

b) Speeding traffic in Woodbeck

Nottinghamshire County Council has agreed to carry out surveys of traffic volume and speed to see if the site meets the criteria for interactive speed signs.

c) Torksey Ferry Road

Laura Summers of Nottinghamshire County Council had advised that she will contact Lafarge as soon as they begin restoration work at the quarry to ensure that they carry out the agreed repairs to the surface of Torksey Ferry Road.

d) Parish Council Elections

The Council noted that there were not sufficient nominations to need a poll and that ~~nine~~ ^{five} people had been elected, leaving 2 vacancies which the Council can be fill as 'vacancies arising from insufficient nominations at an election'. The Clerk was asked to include a notice in *Roundabout* asking anyone interested in joining the Council to write to him or contact a member of the Council.

e) Pinder Trust and Moorpool and Coles Charities

At the last meeting the Trustees were asked to put a written statement, including information about where the money comes from and who is entitled to receive benefits, on the notice board. Cllr Rickells advised that none of the charities are registered with the Charity Commission and that the records are sketchy. The Council was advised that more information may be available in the Vestry Book, which is held by the Clerk, and the Enclosure Award, which is kept by the solicitor. Cllr Rickells will bring details of the balance of the charities' accounts to the next meeting.

7 Matters referred from Annual Parish Meeting

a) Condition of roads

The Clerk advised that he had reported the poor condition of the roads, particularly Retford Road, to the County Council. Also on highways, the Council noted that there had been another accident at Rampton Crossroads when a vehicle turning right towards Rampton was hit by an overtaking vehicle. Members commented that there is nothing that can be done to prevent accidents caused by such bad driving. The Clerk was asked to inform the County Council that the speed warning sign approaching the crossroads from the north is missing. Cllr Morris reported that the finger post on Torksey Ferry Road is also missing.

8 Planning

Nothing to report.

9 Village Warden

Cllr Sheppard reported that the only problem identified by the Village Warden is the continuing poor state of the bus shelter.

10 Village Hall

The Council noted details supplied by the Village Hall Committee of the costs incurred in dealing with the burst pipes in December (£551.18) and work to the kitchen (£346.18), a total of £897.36 which includes £127.15 reclaimable VAT. Cllr Morris commented that it would have been better had the Village Hall Committee approached the Council prior to carrying out work to the kitchen but nevertheless suggested paying the bills in full. Other members agreed and the Council decided to make a payment of £900 to the Village Hall Committee.

10 Accounts & Audit

a) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipts:	£
Tuxford Post Office – rent	300.00
Nottingham Building Society – interest for year	180.75
MA Quickfall – rent	144.30
Bassetlaw District Council – grant from District Councillor	100.00

b) Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	Cheque #	£
E.On – Post Office electricity bill	306	45.59
Mr & Mrs Eves – ground rent for Post Office	307	25.00
Frith Moxon – final account for work on planning application	308	198.00
Rampton Village Hall Committee – as above	309	900.00

c) Bank balances

After the above transactions the balances of the Council's accounts will be:

	£
NatWest Bank	4639.89
Nottingham Building Society	<u>30305.75</u>
	<u>34945.64</u>

11 Correspondence

a) Clement Keys – notification of date of external audit

The Council noted that the date set for the external audit is 18 July.

b) Nottinghamshire County Council – Mobile Library

The Council noted that the mobile library will continue to visit the village but with a reduced frequency. Details of stopping points and times will be included in Roundabout.

c) Letter from a resident of Dunham-on-Trent

The writer who says he visits the village regularly, had commented on overgrown shrubs and trees at the junction of Laneham Street and Orchard Drive. The Clerk was asked to write to the occupier of the property and ask him to cut them back.

11 Any Other Business

a) Bassetlaw District Council – Request to use the sports field

The Council agreed to let the District Council use the field for three hours on 18 April.

b) Thanks

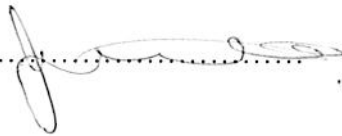
Cllr McIlwaine thanked the Chairman for all her hard work during the last year. During the public session a member of the public had thanked the Council for getting something done about the playground.

13 Date of annual meeting

Monday 23 May at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed.....



Date.....

23 May 2011