

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 11 February 2002

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

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Jackson.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January

Approved.

3 Matters Arising

a) Post Office

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Mellors had now signed the lease. He also reported that he had notified the Post Office that the lease is now signed – the Post Office have ordered the equipment, which has a delivery time of at least 8 weeks, and have put in hand the advertising of the vacancy for a sub-postmaster.

The Clerk reported that he had written to M&V Builders and CS Construction asking them if they wished to re-quote and received no response. The Council decided to let the contract to Middletons. The Clerk will contact PowerGen to ask for a supply of power and to ask them to liaise with Middletons. The Clerk will also notify the County Council that the lease has been signed and ask that they erect signs warning of pedestrians crossing. City Electrical Factors has agreed to open a temporary account in the name of the Parish Council to allow it to reclaim VAT on purchases of electrical equipment for the Post Office.

Cllr Arden is completing the application for Government – the Clerk was asked to write to the Countryside Agency to see if there are any grants available for Post Offices.

b) Provision of sports facilities in the village

Nothing to report.

c) DETR – Quality Parish Councils/NALC – National Training Strategy

The Council decided to circulate the letter from the Notts ALC (Northern Area Committee) with a view to responding to this document.

d) Bus shelter at Woodbeck

Cllr Smith passed photographs of the proposed bus shelter and of its proposed site to the Clerk, who will forward them to the County Council.

e) Bassetlaw District Council – Standards Committee

The Council decided that it is not necessary to have a separate Sub-Committee to deal with Parish Council matters and that the Parish Councils' representative should be chosen via Notts ALC. Cllr Mellors commented that it was difficult to make a considered response to this document without sight of the Code of Conduct.

f) Illumination of Church

The PCC had not replied to the Council's letter asking it to reconsider the illumination of the Church. (see also item 5 below).

g) Christmas tree lights

The Chairman reported that there is a need for a new timing clock and new fuse on the wall of the Church and also for the purchase of two additional strings of lights.

h) Saturday Collections of Bulky Domestic Refuse

The Clerk reported that he had notified Bassetlaw District Council of the Council's objection to the withdrawal of this service. Cllr Rickells said that it is almost certain to be re-instated.

4 Planning Decisions

- Erect new perimeter fence, Rampton Hospital – approved
- Erect new dangerous and severe personality unit, Rampton Hospital – approved

5 Village Hall

Cllr Arden referred to the decision of the Village Hall Committee to conduct a survey throughout the village to obtain residents views on whether the Church should be illuminated. The vicar, speaking with the approval of the Council, said that the PCC is still concerned about light pollution and that the illumination of the Church has a lower priority than, for example, the provision of a toilet with facilities for the disabled. Nevertheless he assured the Council that the PCC would look sympathetically at the results of the survey. Cllr Arden reported that the Village Hall Committee had decided to form an expanded Committee to look at commemorations for the Jubilee.

Cllr Jackson had met Inspector Ffoulkes-Jones because of the difficulty in getting the Police to deal with the problem of nuisance and intimidation outside the Village Hall. This problem is continuing and the Council decided to install an additional external light, manually controlled, which could be switched on whenever the Hall is in use.

6 Reports of Meetings attended by Members of the Council

a) Notts ALC (Northern Area Committee)

The Chairman reported that he had attended this meeting on 5 February. The main item on the agenda had been the consultation on Quality Parish Councils. The Clerk reported that he had been asked to seek clarification from Notts ALC on the role of Area Committees.

7 Accounts

a) Insurance – village signs

Cornhill had advised that the increased annual premium to include the signs on the Council's schedule of insurance is £14.96. There will be no charge until renewal. The Council decided to include the signs on the insurance schedule.

b) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipt:

	£
Lafarge Redland – surface rent	854.54

c) Accounts for payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	cheque	£
Rampton PCC	841	20.00
M Whate & Son	842	34.66
Hedley Fuel Oils Ltd	843	304.47
PowerGen	844	85.14
Pinder Trust	845	155.00
Moorpool Charity Trustees	846	37.20
Notts ALC	847	20.00
Notts ALC	848	101.74
D Landon	849	400.17

d) Transfer

The Council agreed a transfer of £300 from the Nottingham Building Society.

e) Bank balances

After the above transactions the account balances will be:

	£
Current Account	8.75
Nottingham Building Society	<u>92000.00</u>
	<u>92008.75</u>

8 Correspondence

a) Notts ALC Seminar – Model Code of Conduct

The Chairman and the Clerk will attend this seminar on 13 March at Southwell.

b) NALC – Ethical Framework

Circulated to members and included on the agenda for the next meeting. The agenda for the next meeting will also include consideration as to whether a separate meeting is required to discuss the Code of Conduct and, if so, to set a date.

c) Rampton Hospital Community Forum

Cllr Rickells will attend this meeting on 4 March.

d) Paddy Tipping MP – Invitation to Funding Day

The Chairman may attend this meeting on 22 February at Edwinstowe.

e) Queen's Golden Jubilee – Celebrations Toolkit

Passed to Village Hall Committee.

f) Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals – Hospital Radio

Noted.

g) Nottinghamshire County Council- Grass Cutting

The County Council had asked for confirmation that the Parish Council intends to undertake grass cutting within the village boundaries in 2002. The Council confirmed that this is the case. The Clerk reported that he had sent a invoice for £279.88 for grass cutting in 2001.

h) Other Correspondence

The Council noted receipt of the following:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Strategic Plan 2001-2005
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Property Briefing
- Nottinghamshire Fire Service – Burning Issues
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Countylink
- East Midlands Development Agency - Email

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

None.

10 Any Other Business

a) Rampton Bus Shelter

Nottinghamshire County Council had advised that it had placed orders for the repair of the seat and the replacement of the guttering. The Council noted that the light is now working.

b) Handyman

The Clerk was asked to contact the handyman and seek an explanation as to why he is not doing his job. Failing a satisfactory response, he will terminate his contract.

c) Laneham Lay-by

Cllr Smith reported an accumulation of garden rubbish, window frames, oil drums etc at the lay-by. This will be reported to Litterbusters and the Clerk will let Cllr Arden have the telephone number of the Litterbusters team for inclusion in Roundabout.

d) Outstanding work at Woodbeck

Cllr Smith reported that the County Council had made no progress towards the erection of larger illuminated '30 mph' signs, red tarmac on the road, reflector posts or street lighting and yet other, less busy, roads had had some or all of these measures implemented. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council.

11 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11 March at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'G. Morris', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.