

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 14 July 2003

Present: Cllr G E Morris, Chairman
Cllrs Arden, Jackson, Leaton, Rickells, Smith
Also present: D Landon, Clerk of the Council

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mellors

2 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in one part of item 5c) and Cllr Rickells declared a prejudicial interest in item 7g).

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June

Approved.

4 Matters Arising

a) Provision of sports facilities in the village

The Council discussed the letter from Bassetlaw District Council and members felt that the tone was encouraging. The Council decided to ask Chris Moxon to submit a planning application along the lines suggested in the District Council's letter, trying for the maximum size of pavilion, consistent with the need to keep any building as unobtrusive as possible.

b) Defibrillator

The Council noted that Caroline Dixon had replaced Sue Claypole as co-ordinator and that the scheme is ready to go live.

c) Street names

The Council decided to invite a representative of Bassetlaw District Council to the next meeting and to start the meeting at 7.00 pm.

d) Standards Board – the Code of Conduct in practice

The video was circulated and this item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

e) Lafarge – transport to Cottam Power Station

The Chairman reported a problem with lorries contravening the conditions of the planning permission and coming through the village. Amanda Hack, Nottinghamshire County Council, had advised the Chairman that she had approved this, temporarily, because of problems with the agreed route. Members understood the reasons for this but felt that the Council should have been informed. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council to make this point.

f) Rampton Crossroads

The Clerk reported that he had received a somewhat unhelpful reply to his letter asking for the hedge to be cut. However, both he and the Chairman had met the Highways Manager and supplied him with details of the landowners.

g) Meeting with John Mann MP

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting at Headon with the MP, representatives of Rampton Hospital and the County Council's Highways Manager. Management at the Hospital are considering plans to provide more than one way into and out of the Hospital and are looking at incentives for car-sharing. The Chairman reported on the experience in the village in moving gravel by barge in relation to similar proposals at Sturton.

h) Notts ALC Seminar for New Councillors

Cllr Leaton reported on the seminar held at Ollerton on 10 July, which had been attended by about 40 Parish Councillors and had been well worthwhile.

i) Register of Members' Interests

Bassetlaw District Council had advised that it is only necessary for a councillor to complete the Register of Members' Interests on taking office.

5 Planning

a) Correspondence

- Bassetlaw District Council Local Plan – the Clerk will complete the questionnaire.

b) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

- Erect extensions and boundary wall, Malton House, Treswell Road – no objections

c) Decisions

(The Chairman left the meeting which was suspended to allow the public to speak).

- Erect Steel Framed Building, Hall Farm – permission refused

(The meeting was re-opened and the Chairman rejoined the meeting)

- Erect nursery, Land at Denby Drive, Woodbeck – approved

6 Village Hall

Cllr Arden reported that two safety inspections have been completed. Members discussed the following tenders from Hedley Fuel Oils and B Doyle for the replacement of the oil tank:

	Price (inc VAT)
Hedley Fuel Oils	£1,220.80
B Doyle	£1,298.00

Although Mr Doyle's tender is higher, he has already carried out some £200 worth of work, by way of emergency repairs and the Council decided to let the contract to B Doyle.

7 Accounts

a) Audit of accounts for 2002/03

The Council noted that the audit has been called for 12 September – the Clerk reported that the audit has been advertised as required.

b) Fidelity Guarantee

The Clerk reported that he had asked Cornhill to quote for an increased limit. They can only do this if the Council completes a proposal form. Members felt that this was too intrusive and decided to retain the limit at £10,000.

c) B Doyle – Employment Status

The Council noted that the village handyman is now self-employed.

d) Receipts

None.

e) Accounts for payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	cheque	£
Trent Plant Hire	954	54.53
Lindum Fire Services Ltd	955	29.85

f) Bank balances

After the above transactions the account balances will be:

	£
Current Account	1925.52
Nottingham Building Society	<u>67264.01</u>
	<u>69189.53</u>

g) Specification for grass cutting contract

(Cllr Rickells left the meeting)

The Council discussed and amended a draft specification prepared by Cllr Jackson and decided to go out to tender to at least three firms in November. The Chairman thanked Cllr Jackson for his efforts in preparing this specification.

(Cllr Rickells rejoined the meeting)

8 Correspondence

a) Defra – Quality Parish Councils

The Council noted this document and decided to wait and see how the scheme operates in practice.

b) Notts ALC – Good Councillors Guide

The Council decided to order copies of this guide for each member.

c) Standards Board – Registration and Declaration of Interests

A copy of this booklet was issued to each member.

d) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Ethical Framework Regulations

The Council noted a revised framework for dealing with complaints against a Parish Councillor.

e) Bassetlaw District Council – Autumn Sweep

The Council noted that this is taking place from 15 to 26 September.

f) Nottinghamshire County Council – Action for Wildlife Grant Scheme

The Council noted that grants of up to £500 are available for certain costs associated with wildlife projects.

g) Bassetlaw District Council – Right to speak at Planning Committee meetings

The Council noted that, with effect from 23 July, Parish Council representatives will be allowed to speak at meetings of the Planning Committee.

h) Nottinghamshire County Council – Flexline

The Council noted receipt of leaflets relating to this scheme.

i) Nottinghamshire County Council – Snow Warden Scheme

The Council decided that, subject to her willingness to continue, Pat Hepworth be the snow warden.

j) Documents for Inspection

The following documents were available for inspection by members:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Travel and Transport Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Minerals Plan
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Countywise
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Property Briefing
- BCVS – Community News
- Nottinghamshire County Council – By the Way
- LE Group – Annual Report
- Bassetlaw District Council – Planning Seminar, January 2003
- Bassetlaw District Council – Best Value Performance Plan
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Framework Community Strategy

9 Any Other Business

a) Overhanging trees

The Council noted a letter from a parishioner complaining about hedges and trees overhanging pavements and paths. This, and a similar problem with boundary walls will be reported to the County Council.

b) Bus Shelter

The Clerk was asked to write to Nottinghamshire County Council to complain about the poor standard of repairs to the bus shelter.

c) Wheelie Bins

Residents of Woodbeck had commented that 2 weeks is too long an interval between the emptying of green wheelie bins in hot weather. The Clerk was asked to report this to Bassetlaw District Council.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8 September at 7.30 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

 8-9-2003