

# Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 12 November 2001

Present: Cllr E Morris, Chairman  
Cllrs Arden, Dixon, Jackson, Mellors, Smith  
Also present: D Landon, Clerk  
3 members of the public

## 1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Rickells

## 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October

Approved.

## 3 Matters Arising

### a) Post Office

The Council noted the letter from Mr K Barlow, Senior Partner at Tracey Barlow Furness, apologising for the delay in finalising the lease, although considered that the reason given was somewhat inadequate. The Council decided to thank Mr Barlow for his letter and to express the hope that, in view of the considerable delays in this matter, the reduction in fees will be substantial. The Council considered that the draft lease safeguards its position.

### b) Provision of sports facilities in the village

Following the meeting on 6 November, Mr Redmile is preparing the Council's appeal to the Planning Inspector against the decision to refuse planning permission for change of use. The Council noted a letter from Woodbeck Residents Association offering support for this project.

### c) Appointment of handyman

Following the interviews on 15 October, Mr T Richardson of Retford, had been appointed to replace Mr E Tindall with effect from 1 November. He is a self-employed contractor and has confirmed that he holds £1m of public liability insurance. He will submit monthly invoices. The Council noted that a letter of appreciation had been sent to Mr Tindall. The Clerk will enquire of Tuxford Parish Council about the hire of a machine to collect leaves.

### d) Rampton Crossroads

Treswell-with-Cottam Parish Council had written to Nottinghamshire County Council asking that early action (eg by providing traffic lights) be taken to improve safety at this crossroads. Bassetlaw District Council had advised that highway safety is on the agenda for the meeting of the Council's Community Governance Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday 14 November. However, a full response will not be possible because Nottinghamshire County Council has declined to attend the meeting.

#### **4 Planning**

##### **a) Aquatic Control Engineering Ltd**

The owners of the above company had written to request a meeting to discuss their proposal for development of business premises at Hall Farm. The Council decided to thank the owners for their letter and to advise that they submit a planning application allowing the Parish Council to comment on it through the usual channels.

#### **5 Village Hall**

Cllr Arden reported that, since the heating has been on more often, the damp patch is drying out. She also reported on complaints from all the users of the Village Hall about children disrupting activities. The advice of PC George was for the Council to write to parents; the Council did not accept this advice, considering that it is a matter for the Police.

#### **6 Reports of Meetings attended by Members of the Council**

The Chairman reported on his visits to meetings of Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council and to Torksey Parish Council. The main item of interest at the latter meeting was the Parish Council's initiative in trying to open the railway bridge at the bottom of Torksey Ferry Road, a Grade II listed building, to walkers and cyclists. The Council decided to write to Railpath Ltd in support of this application.

#### **7 Accounts**

##### **a) Receipts**

The Council noted the following receipt:

	£
Bassetlaw District Council	58.14

##### **b) Accounts for payment**

The Council approved payment of the following accounts:

	Cheque	£
Swanacks	835	528.20
JB & ME Rickells	836	400.00
E Tindall	837	102.50

##### **c) Bank Balances**

The balances of the accounts after all of the above transactions will be:

	£
Current Account	101.57
Nottingham Building Society	<u>93000.00</u>
	<u>93101.57</u>

## **8 Correspondence**

### a) Letters from Mr A E Pitts

The Council discussed a letter from Mr A E Pitts regarding Rampton crossroads and decided to reply thanking him for his concern. The Council also discussed a letter from Mr Pitts regarding play equipment and will advise him that the play equipment, which was removed following an unfavourable safety inspection, is in safe keeping. The reply will also point out that the Council is doing its best to provide new play facilities and that it would appreciate his support.

### b) Nottinghamshire Police – Police attendance at Parish Council Meetings

Inspector Ffoulkes-Jones had advised Parish Councils that Beat Managers will attend Parish Council meetings whenever Councils wish, if necessary changing their shifts. With regard to the questionnaire attached, the Council decided that it would suffice for an officer to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and one other meeting a year. The Police Authority advised that problems with the mobile police service had been resolved and that a timetable of venues and times will be issued shortly. The Council welcomed the news that the mobile police service will be visiting the village.

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

These documents were circulated and will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

### d) Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council Funding Seminar

No councillor wishes to attend this seminar on 26 November at Ollerton.

### e) Bassetlaw District Council – Electoral Changes Order

The Council noted this order under which all councillors will retire in 2002. In addition, a number of councillors, including DCllr Rickells, will retire again in 2003.

### g) Other Correspondence

The Council noted receipt of the following:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – County Contact
- Nottinghamshire Fire Service – Burning Issues
- Notts ALC Annual Report
- Bassetlaw Development Agency – Grants from the National Lottery
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Routine Highways Inspection
- NALC – Corporate Plan
- East Midlands Development Agency – Email

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

None.

## 10 Any Other Business

- a) The footpath from the village to the school is in a poor state of repair.
- b) Despite previously reporting the matter to the County Council on more than one occasion, there are still problems with water on the road near Pinfold corner.
- c) Cllr Smith reported on a request from Woodbeck Residents Association to erect a bus shelter on Retford Road, Wodbeck. A suitable structure is available and the Clerk will enquire of the County Council whether the Residents Association would be in order to erect it.
- d) The Chairman will arrange to have the Christmas lights checked and remedial work carried out as appropriate.

## 11 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10 December at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.



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