

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 14 November 2011 in Rampton Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Willkinson, Chairman
Cllrs Baines, Hamilton, Morris, Rickells, Sheppard, S Wilkinson

Also present: D Landon, Clerk to the Council
PC Bailey
5 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence

None.

2 Declarations of interest

Cllr Morris and Rickells declared 'level 1 interests' in item 5a).

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October

Approved

4 Police Report

PC Bailey advised that there had been one incident (not yet confirmed as a crime) when a van disappeared from Main Street. He also advised that the Police have set up a special team to investigate the thefts of wire from power lines which are taking place almost every night somewhere in the area and some arrests have been made.

5 Sports & Leisure Facilities

a) Proposed bowling green

The Council noted a letter from the Secretary of Rampton Bowls Club enclosing most of the information it had requested: the Club's Constitution; a list of members and how many of them live within the Parish; the names of members of the committee and officers; and a business plan. The Council agreed to arrange to meet the Bowls Club Committee on 7 December if the Village Hall is available.

6 Other matters arising from the meeting held on 10 October

a) Post Office Lease

The Chairman reported that the owners of the Eyre Arms are happy to renew the Post Office lease for a further ten years. The Clerk will ask Dean Thomas & Co to formalise the arrangement and to advise on the further renewal in ten years time. The Council decided to add the lease to its risk assessment so that it does not lose sight of the expiry date. Members commented that the Post Office is doing more business since the closure of Dunham Post Office and the Clerk was asked to write to the Post Office to request another opening session.

b) Post box

The Clerk was asked to remind the MP that the Council is awaiting a reply.

c) Highways issues

Despite further reminders the Council has heard nothing from the County Council about the missing speed warning sign at Rampton crossroads, the 30 mph sign on Laneham Street and its requests to move the playground warning sign and for Retford Road to be included on the gritting routes. Members commented that the speed survey in Woodbeck is underway.

d) Emergency Plan

Cllr S Wilkinson reported that the plan is now finished. The Council decided to have three copies, one in the shop one in the Village Hall and one for the coordinator. The Clerk was asked to include a notice in *Roundabout* asking for coordinator(s). The Chairman reported that the Village Warden has agreed to be the Snow Warden

e) Cutting of grass verges

The Council deferred until the next meeting a decision on whether to invite tenders or to let the County Council cut the verges (4 cuts in 2012).

f) Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service Consultation

The Clerk reported that he had replied to the consultation as requested.

g) Rent Review, Forest Garden Field

The Council decided to increase the rent to £65 per acre with immediate effect so that the first payment at the new rent will be due on 1 April 2012. On the 4.81 acres let to Messrs Quickfall the increase amounts to £24 a year.

h) Damaged Swing

The Chairman reported that Sovereign Playgrounds have been promising to repair the broken swing for the last two months. The Clerk was asked to write to the company to say that if it is not repaired by the end of November the Council will expect a full refund of its cost.

7 **Planning**

a) Correspondence

None.

b) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

- Demolish porch & erect front extension, 19 Fleming Drive, Woodbeck – no objections
- New entrance gates, Kingsbury House, Main Street – no objections
- Variation of house types, plots 2 & 3, rear of the Old Post Office – no objections

c) Decisions by Bassetlaw District Council

- Construct temporary boiler facility, Rampton Hospital – permission granted

8 **Village Warden**

Nothing to report.

9 Village Hall

Cllr S Wilkinson reported that two members of the Village Hall Committee are willing to remove the branches from the tree in the car park and to reduce its height to a few metres. The Council agreed to pay the £50 charge. The tree trunk is not suitable for logs and the Council decided to put it on the sports field next to the children's playground, along with some old tyres from R&R Motors. The Village Hall Committee has used the Council's grant of £500 to make grants of £150 to the Table Tennis Group, £100 each to the Evergreen and Bowls Club and £50 to the Charity Whist Drives leaving £100 to support new users. Cllr S Wilkinson advised that he has resigned as the Council's representative on the Committee.

10 Accounts & Audit

a) Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	Cheque #	£
Ulyett Landscapes – grass cutting	339	96.00

d) Bank balances

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

	£
NatWest Bank	7152.07
Nottingham Building Society	<u>14991.47</u>
	<u>22143.54</u>

12 Correspondence

a) Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service – Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons

The Chairman will pass this information to the Woodbeck Residents Association. The Council agreed to include the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the agenda for the next meeting.

b) Other Correspondence

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Developing a Nottinghamshire Approach to Localism
- Trent Vale Landscape Partnership

12 Any Other Business

a) Strimming round play equipment

The Council noted that the Village Warden has been cutting the grass around the play equipment and agreed to discuss payment when it discusses the cutting of grass verges.

13 Date of next meeting

Monday 12 December at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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Date.....12/12/11.....