

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 14 October 2002

Present: Cllr G E Morris, Chairman
Cllrs Arden, Dixon, Jackson, Mellors,
Also present: D Landon, Clerk

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Rickells, Smith.

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Arden and Mellors declared an interest in item 4b) and left the meeting for this item.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September

Approved.

4 Matters Arising

a) Post Office

The Chairman reported that the official opening went well and that Post Office Counters are pleased by the amount of business during the first full week of operation. The Council noted that the net cost of constructing the Post Office had been around £4,000. The Chairman had received a number of thanks from residents for the initiative of the Parish Council in replacing the Post Office. The Clerk reported that he had completed the forms for Discretionary Business Rates Relief and sorted out the electricity and telephone bills.

b) Purchase of Land

Cllrs Arden and Mellors left the meeting.

Dean Thomas & Co had sent the transfer document for signature. The Council resolved that the document should be signed on its behalf by the Chairman and Cllr Jackson and that any two councillors had the authority to sign a cheque for the deposit or, indeed, the full purchase price. Dean Thomas & Co will provide information on the agricultural tenancy agreement.

c) Provision of sports facilities in the village

The Clerk reported that Bassetlaw District Council Planning department is unable to supply details of consultants, either in general or those who advised successful applicants. The Clerk reported that Gringley Parish Council had not needed planning permission and that he had been unable to make contact with the Clerk of Cuckney Parish Council. He had identified 4 consultants from the Internet and the Council asked him to make further enquiries with a view to discussing the matter further at the next meeting.

d) Defibrillator

The Chairman welcomed Mr C Keble and colleagues from the East Midlands Ambulance Service and the St John's Ambulance Brigade. Mr Keble explained that the Ambulance Service has a target of responding to 75% of emergency calls within 8 minutes. There are some areas of the county which would fall outside this response time and community schemes can be very important in filling this gap.

Mr Keble then explained the steps required to set up a community defibrillator scheme:

- Recruit volunteers to provide on-call service. It is recommended that volunteers work in pairs, each holding one of the equipment bags. Clearly the more volunteers there are, the more coverage can be provided and/or the less onerous the demands on the individuals:
- Raise the money to pay for the purchase cost of the equipment and initial training. The cost of a defibrillator is in the order of £5,000, although 50% grants are available from the British Heart Foundation. The annual running costs are minimal as the Ambulance Service pays for the cost of consumables and servicing and all the community needs to pay for is refresher training (about £100 per year).
- Organise training – the initial training is 16 hours, normally spread over two Saturdays.

The Council decided that it had a useful role in getting such a scheme off the ground but that it would not wish to be responsible for its operation. The Council decided to hold an open meeting and to invite representatives of neighbouring Parish Councils and village residents to meet Mr Keble and his colleagues.

5 Planning

a) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

- Erect extension, The Gables, Treswell Road – no objections
- Extension, loft conversion etc, The Croft, The Green – no objections

b) Decisions

- Erect conservatory, Ivy Nook Cottage, Laneham Street – approved
- Convert workshop to goods reception/despatch area, Rampton Hospital – approved

6 Village Hall

Cllr Arden reported that Jacksons had advised that the door fitting meets the requirements regarding public buildings. Cllr Dixon was still concerned about the sill and Cllr Arden was asked to get Jacksons out on site to see if any improvements could be made.

7 Accounts

a) Vacancy for Internal Auditor

The Clerk reported that he had not received a reply to his letter to the NatWest Bank asking if the manager would be prepared to act as the Council's internal auditor. There has been no response to the advertisement in Roundabout. The Council decided to await a response from the NatWest Bank and to write to the Nottingham Building Society.

b) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipts:

	£
Customs & Excise	1129.02
Village Hall Committee	4749.00
Bassetlaw District Council	3425.00
A E Quickfall	144.30
Post Office Grant	16238.00
East Midlands Electricity	5.10

d) Request for donation – Rampton Primary School

The Council decided that, in accordance with its agreed policy, grants for the year had been agreed in September. The correspondence was passed to one of the village charities.

e) Request for donation – Rampton Village Hall

The Council decided to make a donation of £200 to the Village Hall.

f) Grant to Woodbeck Residents Association

The Council resolved to use its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make a donation of £300 to the Woodbeck Residents Association. The Council noted that the cost of constructing the garden at Woodbeck was £1,337 compared to the £1,500 agreed as part of the Millennium celebrations and agreed that this project should now be wound up.

g) Accounts for payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	cheque	£
P Wilkinson	900	367.50
Cornhill Insurance	901	31.00
N C Goulding	902	768.00
Nottingham Sleeper Co Ltd	904	399.50
BT	905	165.25
GE Morris	906	69.53
B Doyle	907	346.45
Rampton Village Hall	908	200.00
Woodbeck Residents Association	909	300.00

The Council noted that the National Minimum Wage had increased from £4.10 to £4.20 per hour from 1 October.

h) Transfer

The Council agreed to transfer £20,000 to the Nottingham Building Society.

i) Bank balances

After the above transactions the account balances will be:

	£
Current Account	24589.59
Nottingham Building Society	<u>65000.00</u>
	<u>89589.59</u>

8 Correspondence

a) Nottinghamshire County Council – Proposed changes to electoral boundaries

The council had no suggestions to make regarding possible changes to electoral boundaries.

b) Information Commissioner – Freedom of Information Act

The Clerk reported that Parish Councils are required to ‘adopt a scheme’ before 31 December to comply with this Act. However, despite the volume of information he was still not in a position to advise the Council on what to do. The Council will await advice from NALC.

c) East Midlands Ambulance Service – Estates Strategic Review Board

The Council noted that the Ambulance Service is carrying out a review of its services and that Parish Councils are likely to be consulted early in the New Year.

d) Nottinghamshire County Council – ‘RENEW’ Project

The Council noted the County Council has appointed a project manager one of whose tasks is to identify gaps in current provision of bus services which could be covered by the introduction of ‘Flexline’, a demand responsive service.

e) East Midlands Development Agency – Invitation to Conference

No councillor wishes to attend this conference on 30 October at Lincoln.

9 Any Other Business

a) Christmas Lights

The Council confirmed its decision to replace the lights and will ask P Wilkinson to put this in hand.

b) Rampton Sign

The Council noted the disappearance of the ‘Rampton’ sign near Pinfold Corner and decided to replace it at an estimated cost of £82. The excess on the insurance policy is £75.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11 November at 7.30 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

