Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 8 September 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 and Cllr Rickells and Leaton all declared personal interests in item 7b).

3  Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July
Approved.

4  Matters Arising
   a) Provision of sports facilities in the village
The Council welcomed Chris Moxon who had previously circulated sketch plans. The Council agreed a number of amendments to the plans, to accommodate a larger, re-positioned kitchen, relocation of toilets and an increase in the size of the meeting room. The Clerk will supply supporting information – demand for sports facilities, details of operational management etc, to C Moxon for inclusion with the planning application.
The Council decided that it would again to lease the land to N Greenhalgh, with the proviso that the Council could obtain access to the field as soon as the crop has been harvested.

   b) Street names
The Chairman reported on the meeting held with Mrs U Green, Bassetlaw District Council earlier that day, when it was agreed that the main source of confusion was the inclusion of ‘Greenside’ in addresses and that this would be discontinued forthwith.

   c) Defibrillator
The Council noted that the scheme is now live, using a defibrillator loaned by the Ambulance Service and that the co-ordinator had sent a press release to neighbouring villages asking for volunteers to be responders and seeking funds. The Clerk reported that the application to the British Heart Foundation for a grant had not yet been determined. RADAR has the opportunity to purchase a new defibrillator from the Southwell Group for £1500. The Council agreed to pay for this provided that it has no responsibility in the event that the British Heart Foundation ask for repayment of any grant made to the Southwell Group.
d) Standards Board – the Code of Conduct in practice video
Members noted that the video is still circulating.

e) Lafarge – transport to Cottam Power Station
The Clerk reported that Nottinghamshire County Council had not replied to his letter about lorries using the village.

f) Overhanging trees
No progress.

g) Bus Shelter
The County Council advised that it hopes to be able to give a detailed reply by 12 September.

h) Wheelie Bins
The Council noted a reply from Bassetlaw District Council, supplying guidelines about the use of green wheelie bins, particularly in hot weather.

5 Planning
a) Correspondence
None.

b) Applications considered by the Planning Committee
- Erect extension to Rampton Primary School – no objections
- Erect two storey extension, Peace Haven, Retford Road – no objections
- Change of use to provide extension offices, Northfield Farm, Woodbeck – no objections

c) Decisions
- Erect extensions and boundary wall, Malton House, Treswell Road – approved

6 Village Hall
Members commented that the new oil tank has been well-installed. Members agreed that the Village Hall Committee should pursue the idea of a village fete in 2004.

7 Accounts
a) Audit of accounts for 2002/03
The Clerk reported that the accounts have not yet been audited.

b) Requests for grants
The Chairman proposed that grants be made as follows:
- to pay for the costs of printing and luminous signs for RADAR and to allow the group to use the Village Hall free of charge for meetings and training.
- £400 for maintenance of the Churchyard
- £400 to Rampton Primary School to be paid when the building work begins
- Village Hall rent subsidies:

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The Council agreed unanimously.

c) Receipts
None.

d) Accounts for payment
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e) Transfer
The Council agreed a transfer of £5000.00 from the Nottingham Building Society.

f) Bank balances
After the above transactions the account balances will be:

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g) Grass cutting contract
Deferred to the next meeting.

8 Correspondence
a) Letter from parishioner – Buses turning at Orchard Drive
The Council noted a letter from two parishioners on Laneham Road drawing the council’s attention to the dangers posed by the new turning point for buses, especially to cyclists and pedestrians. The Council decided to pass the letter to Nottinghamshire County Council.
b) Cllr Hugh Burton (Independent member for Sturton Ward) – Rubbish
The Council noted a letter from Cllr Burton asking for the support of all Parish Councils in trying to obtain funding for regular clean-ups of roadside verges etc. The Council decided to support this application.

c) Bassetlaw District Council – Street Cleaning/Environmental Standards
The questionnaire issued by the District Council was passed to Cllr Jackson for completion.

d) NALC – Councillors’ Allowances
The Council noted that legislation has been passed enabling Parish Councillors to be paid an allowance and setting out the procedures to be followed for those Parish Councils which wish to do so. The Council decided that it would not make an application for members to receive an allowance.

e) NALC – Code of Practice for Handling Complaints
The Council noted this publication explaining the Local Determination Regulations and complaints about the Clerk can be treated as an employment matter and that complaints about individual councillors should be referred to the Standards Board. This Code sets out a procedure to be followed if there are complaints about the administration of the Council itself. The Council noted the contents of the Code and agreed to follow it if complaints are made.

f) Standards Board – Standards Committee Determinations
The Council noted this publication explaining the Local Determination Regulations and providing practical information for Monitoring Officers and Standards Committees.

g) Bassetlaw District Council – Draft Licensing Policy
No member wishes to attend any of the meetings across the District arranged to discuss this matter further.

h) Nottinghamshire Training Partnership – Certificate in Local Council Administration
The Council noted that those Councils who wish to apply for Quality Parish Council status will have to prove, inter alia, that they have a ‘competent’ Clerk. This new certificate is one way of so doing. The Clerk advised the Council that, at this stage, he is not interested in pursuing this qualification.

i) Defra – Rural Service Standards
The Council noted the publication of this standard which covers standards for a wide range of public services, including transport, healthcare, education and emergency services.

j) Bassetlaw Voice for the Over 50s
No councillor wishes to attend this meeting on 15 September at Worksop.
k) Rampton Hospital – Community Forum
The Chairman and Cllrs Rickells and Leaton will to attend this meeting on 16 September.

l) Bassetlaw District Council – Civic Service
No councillor wishes to attend this service on 21 September at Harworth

m) Notts ALC Seminar – Budgeting – 14 October at Ollerton
No councillor wishes to attend this seminar on 14 October at Southwell.

n) Notts ALC – Annual General Meeting
No councillor wishes to attend this meeting on 12 November at Southwell.

o) Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council – AGM
No councillor wishes to attend this meeting on 22 October at Kinoulton.

p) Documents for Inspection
The following documents were available for inspection by members:
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Travel and Transport Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Countywide
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Property Briefing
- Environment Agency – Local Environment Focus
- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust – Brainwaves

9 Any Other Business
a) Cottam Power Station
Cllr Rickells reported on problems with noise from the power station which had been satisfactorily resolved following his telephone call to the station manager.

b) Accident on Skateboard Ramp
The Chairman reported that a young girl had apparently cut her leg on glass on the skateboard ramp on the weekend of 23/24 August. There has been no official correspondence with the Council on this matter.

10 Date of Next Meeting
Monday 13 October at 7.30 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.