

# Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 9 April 2001

Present: Cllr E Morris, Chairman  
Cllrs Arden, Dixon, Jackson, Mellors, Rickells.  
Also present: 2 members of the public  
D Landon, Clerk

## 1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Smith.

## 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March

Approved.

## 3 Matters arising

### a) Post Office

#### i) Contract

The Clerk reported that he had received a tender from C Simpson the day after the last meeting. Firbeck Construction had declined to re-tender and G G Middleton & Sons had not replied. M V Construction had also submitted a tender. The tenders received are as follows:

	£
G G Middleton & Sons	9833.00
M V Construction	9843.00
CS Building Contractors	9985.00
Firbeck Construction	12598.00

The quote from Middletons includes £510 for surface water drainage, ironmongery to doors and windows and decoration. These items are excluded from the other quotes. CS Building Contractors had advised that work could begin immediately and would be completed in four weeks. GG Middleton & Sons will be able to start work with one week's notice and have confirmed that they will be able to complete the work included in the specification within four weeks. The Council decided to let the contract to G G Middleton & Sons.

#### ii) Lease

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr Burnell's solicitor, Jones & Co, asking for confirmation that the Council will pay Mr Burnell's costs whether or not the proposals proceed to completion. The Clerk had confirmed this and had asked Jones & Co to submit draft proposals to the Council's solicitors, Tracey Barlow and Furness.

#### iii) Road Signs

The Chairman reported that he, Cllr Rickells and the Clerk had met Mr P Riley from Nottinghamshire County Council's Highways Department and agreed locations for the signs

warning of pedestrians crossing. Mr Riley could not understand why there was a requirement to erect warning signs on such a quiet road. There was a discussion about the responsibility for the cost of the signs. Mr Riley felt that the Parish Council should pay and this is supported by the inspector's report which notes 'the willingness of the appellant to install signs warning traffic of pedestrians crossing and consider this would be helpful'. In fact, Mr Redmile's submission to the Inspector, on behalf of the Council, simply stated that 'signs warning of pedestrians crossing could be sited both ways prior to the bend'. The Council asked the Clerk to contact Mr Riley to enquire about progress.

iv) Other

Cllr Arden reported on her research into the grants available to protect and develop rural Post Offices. The DTI had advised that the Government fund is primarily intended to support initiatives by volunteers or community groups and as such Rampton falls within their criteria.

b) Provision of sports facilities in the village

The Clerk reported that he had written to Paul Rossington asking for dates when he and Neil Jenkinson would be available to attend a meeting in the village but had not received a reply. In view of Mr Rossington's imminent departure from Bassetlaw, the Clerk was asked to write direct to Mr Jenkinson. Cllr Arden expressed her concern that the Parish Council's ideas have been taken over and magnified by the District Council.

c) Appointment of additional handyman

The Council decided to employ an additional handyman to sweep the streets as well as collecting litter. Cllr Jackson offered to draft a job description, following which the Chairman will meet Mr Tindall.

d) Notice Boards

The Clerk reported that, to his considerable embarrassment, the notice boards had still not been completed. He will endeavour to have them erected before the next meeting.

e) Illumination of Church

The Vicar hopes to have some firm proposals by the next meeting.

#### **4 Planning Decisions**

- Utility room and two-storey extension, The Barn, Greenside Avenue – approved
- Erect ground floor extension for disabled person, 19 Greenside Avenue - refused

#### **5 Village Hall**

Cllr Arden is somewhat dismayed by the damage caused to the walls and tables. She also reported that the vicar had drawn the attention of the Village Hall Committee to the fact that the hall is often not locked and that there is inadequate storage. The Council decided to investigate the possibility of buying a metal or concrete container for the storage of chairs and tables.

## 6 Reports of Meetings attended by members of the Council

CVllr Rickells had attended the Civic Reception at Bassetlaw District Council..

## 7 Accounts

### a) Insurance

The Clerk reported that the indoor sports equipment had been added to the Council's schedule of insurance at a cost of approximately £14 per year. There will not be any additional charge until renewal.

### b) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipts:

	£
Nottinghamshire County Council – grass cutting grant	252.29
Lafarge Redland – interest on late payment of royalties	646.46
Customs & Excise – VAT refund	482.37
Nottingham Building Society – interest	2588.39
A E Quickfall – rent from 1 April	144.30

### c) Request for Donation

The Council decided not to make a donation to Winged Fellowship.

### d) Account paid

The Council noted the following cheque which had been signed by the Chairman and Cllr Rickells:

	Chq	£
Bassetlaw District Council	791	95.00

### e) Accounts for payment

The Council approved payment of the following accounts:

	Chq	£
A Lloyd Jones	792	32.90

### f) Bank balances

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

	£
Current Account	452.99
Nottingham Building Society	<u>91920.40</u>
	<u>92373.39</u>

## 8 Correspondence

### a) Notts ALC Seminar – ‘The Councillor, the Clerk and the Community’

No councillor wishes to attend this seminar at Southwell on 26 April.

b) Nottinghamshire Police Authority Meeting

The Chairman will attend this meeting on 12 April at Retford.

c) Bassetlaw Development Agency – Trentside Leader+ Project

The Council noted that it will be contacted in the near future by the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council in order to get the consultation process started.

d) Bassetlaw District Council – 24 hour Message Service

The Council noted that the District Council now has a 24-hour answering machine service at its Retford office. The Council decided to publicise the telephone number in Roundabout.

e) Bassetlaw District Council – Housing Association Development Programme

The Council has been asked to identify small plots of land which may be suitable for the construction of small social housing schemes.

f) Other Correspondence

The following documents were available for inspection by councillors:

- Bassetlaw District Council – Best Value Performance Plan 2001/02
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Property Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Countylink
- Nottinghamshire Police Authority – Policing Plan 2001/02
- Notts ALC – Countywise
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Travel and Transport Briefing

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

None.

**10 Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr Rickells referred to a notice, at the Laneham end, advising of the closure of a by-way between Laneham and Rampton. The Council decided that this was a matter for Laneham Parish Council.
- b) The Clerk was asked to find out the latest position from Bassetlaw District Council's Enforcement Officer regarding the fence at the corner of Greenside Avenue.

**11 Date and time of Annual Parish Meeting**

Monday 14 May at 8.00pm.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 14 May at 7.00pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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