

# Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 8 November 2004

**Present:** Cllr G E Morris BEM, Chairman  
Cllrs Arden, Jackson, Leaton, Mellors, Rickells  
**Also present:** D Landon, Clerk of the Council  
2 members of the public

## 1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Smith, CCllr Hemsall

## 2 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Arden and Mellors declared prejudicial interests in item 5b).

## 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October

Approved.

## 4 Matters Arising

### a) Provision of sports facilities

The Chairman reported that, thanks to Cllr Rickells, he had arranged to meet Mr Hood and Ms Briggs on site at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 10 November. Cllrs Arden and Mellors and the Clerk will join the meeting. Cllr Mellors reported that the culvert can be piped if necessary and he had obtained the agreement of the Drainage Board to do the work if the Council would pay for the pipes. This would then allow the entrance to the field to be moved further away from the village. The Council agreed that it is essential to pin down the representatives of the County Council to specify where the entrance can be to comply with road safety requirements. The Council also agreed to authorise the Chairman to place an order for the pipes, if this proves to be necessary to secure the agreement of the County Council.

### b) Letting of field on Retford Road

There has been no further progress and the Clerk was asked to contact Shuldham Calverly to find out Mr Greenhalgh's intentions.

### c) Health & Safety

Although there has been no progress with L Dodds holding a meeting with employees of the Council and of the Village Hall, a new member of the Village Hall committee has offered to train the caretaker in all aspects of Health & Safety.

### d) Street names

The Clerk reported that he had written to Bassetlaw District Council without reply. The Council asked Cllr Rickells to follow up.

e) Torksey Ferry Road

The Clerk reported that Wardell Armstrong had spoken to Lafarge and had advised that, in their view, Lafarge would see their responsibilities as tidying up the road and ditches rather than resurfacing it. Wardells had also pointed out that Lafarge's use of the road had been fairly light and had suggested a letter to EDF Energy at Cottam Power Station.

f) Footpath alongside Retford Road

Nottinghamshire County Council had advised that they intend to carry out repairs to the footpath although no timescale was mentioned.

g) Rampton Village leaflet

The Council noted that this leaflet had been distributed in Rampton and is awaiting distribution in Woodbeck. On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman thanked Linda and Rebecca Shepherd for preparing it and Cllr Arden for printing it.

h) Disturbance

Cllr Jackson referred to the lack of response by the Police to the disturbance in the village on 8 October and recorded in the minutes of the last meeting. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of complaint to the Police and was also asked to suggest that when the community bus comes and parks in the village it would be no bad thing for the officer to get out of the bus and walk round the village.

## **5 Planning**

a) Correspondence

None.

b) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

*Cllrs Arden and Mellors left the meeting*

- Demolish farm buildings, etc, land at West Croft Farm Treswell Road – the Council had no objections to this application but did note, and will point out in its response, that the garage of one of the properties is outside the village envelope.

*Cllrs Arden and Mellors rejoined the meeting*

c) Decisions

- Retain conservatory, The Chase, Retford – approved
- Erect detached dwelling etc, land adjacent to Rose Cottage – permission refused
- Erect two-storey side extension, Peacehaven, Retford Road – permission refused

## **6 Village Hall**

Cllr Arden reported that progress is expected in the next two weeks with regard to the emergency exits. She will arrange the annual safety check of the boiler.

## 7 Accounts

### a) Receipts

None

### b) Accounts for payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	cheque	£
PowerGen – Village Hall	019	52.25
PowerGen – Post Office	020	45.06

### c) Bank balances

After the above transactions the account balances will be:

	£
Current Account	4158.57
Nottingham Building Society	<u>60000.00</u>
	<u>64158.57</u>

## 8 Correspondence

### a) Notts ALC Seminar on Risk Assessment

No councillor wishes to attend this seminar on Saturday 27 November at Farnsfield.

### b) Bassetlaw District Council – Parish Councils Liaison Meeting

The Chairman will attend this meeting on 29 November at Worksop if possible. The Council agreed that the following issues should be raised at the meeting:

- Wheelie bins – there is a widespread view in the village that emptying the green bins once a fortnight is a retrograde step. The Council would suggest that emptying of these bins reverts to weekly with the blue bins being emptied every four weeks.
- Grant to Parish Councils – the Council would ask that, now the control of the Council has changed, the grants to Parish Councils be restored to their former levels.

### c) NALC – Employment Update

The Council noted this circular for future reference.

### d) Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service

The Council agreed to the request from the Fire & Rescue Service to attend a Parish Council meeting and asked the Clerk to arrange a mutually convenient time.

### e) Bassetlaw District Council – Heritage Lottery Fund

The Council noted this new initiative aimed at young people.

### f) CPRE – Invitation to become a member

The Council declined to join the CPRE.

g) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – New Ethical Framework Regulations

The Council noted that these regulations give certain investigative powers to Monitoring Officers of District Councils.

h) Nottinghamshire County Council – Local transport Plan., Rural Schemes

The Council decided to request that the footpath from the village to Rampton Primary School alongside Retford Road be designated as a cycle track, which could also be used by pedestrians.

i) Bassetlaw District Council – Training on the Code of Conduct

The Council agreed that there was no need for any member or the Clerk to attend a training course on the Code of Conduct.

j) Documents for Inspection

The following documents were available for inspection by members:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Travel and Transport Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Property Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Countylink
- Nottinghamshire County Council – *Participate*
- Notts ALC – Countywise
- Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust – Annual Report
- East Midlands Development Agency – Annual Report
- Clerks and Councils Direct

**9 Any Other Business**

a) Churchyard

Cllr Leaton advised the Council that he is close to reaching an agreement with Rampton Hospital that the Hospital's part of the churchyard can be used for ordinary burials, the rest of the churchyard having almost reached capacity.

b) Cottam Power station

Cllr Rickells reported that he had received a complaint about noise from the power station. He had reported this and had been promised a reply in writing.

**10 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 13 December at 7.30 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

