

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 9 February 2004

Present: Cllr G E Morris, Chairman
Cllrs Arden, Jackson, Leaton, Mellors, Rickells, Smith
Also present: D Landon, Clerk of the Council
C Moxon (for item 4a)

1 Apologies for Absence

None.

2 Declarations of Interest

None.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January

Approved.

4 Matters Arising

a) Provision of sports facilities

The Chairman welcomed Chris Moxon. The Council discussed the latest version of the plan and agreed some modifications to it and decided not to include a building for the storage of mowing equipment in this application. The Council asked Chris to finalise the planning application as soon as possible but to let the Chairman see the plans before submission.

b) Street names

The Clerk was asked to remind the District Council that they had promised in November to review this matter in three months.

c) RADAR

Nothing to report.

d) Standards Board – the Code of Conduct in practice video

All members have now seen this video.

e) Rampton Quarry

The Council decided to find out more details of what is happening at the quarry and then contact Wardell Armstrong again. The Chairman reported that Lafarge have agreed to provide a replacement seat with a plaque. Cllr Mellors asked the Clerk to write to Lafarge about the state of Torksey Ferry Road.

f) Bus Shelter

The Chairman reported that B Doyle is trying to arrange a meeting with a group of teenagers to discuss a mural for the inside of the bus shelter. The Council considered that this was commendable but decided to ask him to paint the shelter to cover up the offensive material.

5 Planning

a) Correspondence

None.

b) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

- Alterations to roof, Hall Farm, Main Street – no objections

c) Decisions

None.

6 Village Hall

Cllr Arden reported that estimates are awaited from B Doyle for some decorative work. She also reported that the Village Hall Committee has arranged the Village Fete for 19th June.

7 Accounts

a) National Minimum Wage – increase from 1 October 2003

The Council agreed to increase the handyman's wages to £4.50 per hour backdated to 1 October. The approximate cost of backdating the increase is £20.00. The Council noted that the National Minimum Wage will rise to £4.85 per hour with effect from 1 October 2004.

b) Receipts

None.

c) Severn Trent charges to Village Hall

Severn Trent had granted an allowance of £526.46 for charges resulting from the leak.

d) Accounts for payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	cheque	£
Hacker Young	982	293.75
Severn Trent	983	17.73
Trent Plant Hire	984	23.50
PowerGen	985	89.25
PowerGen	986	71.09
Notts ALC	987	108.58
Bassetlaw District Council	988	550.00

e) Bank balances

After the above transactions the account balances will be:

	£
Current Account	2579.06
Nottingham Building Society	<u>62264.01</u>
	<u>64843.07</u>

8 Correspondence

a) Bassetlaw District Council – Code of Conduct and the Freemasons

The District Council had advised that membership of the Freemasons is declarable on the Register of Members' Interests form.

b) Bassetlaw District Council – Spring Clean

The District Council is organising this between 19 April and 1 May. Schools, community groups and individuals can take part and the District Council will supply gloves and bags.

c) Documents for Inspection

The following documents were available for inspection by members:

- Rampton Hospital Community Forum – minutes of meeting held on 8 December
- Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council – Rural Voice
- Countryside Agency – Vital Villages Update
- Countryside Agency – Parish Transport Grants

9 Any Other Business

a) Rampton Primary School

- Cllr Leaton drew the Council's attention to two vacancies for governors.
- Cllr Leaton asked whether the Council could make representations to the County Council to improve warning signs for the school – Cllr Rickells has already raised this matter with the Highways Department.

b) Footpath

The Clerk was asked to write to Nottinghamshire County Council, yet again, about the state of the footpath between the village and the school.


10 Date of April meeting of the Council

The Council noted that the scheduled date for the April meeting coincides with Easter Monday but deferred a decision until the next meeting.

11 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8 March at 7.30 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.


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