

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 October 2006 at Rampton Village Hall

Present: Cllr D B Jackson, Chairman
Cllrs Mellors, Morris BEM, Smith

Also present: PC Bailey
D Landon, Clerk of the Council
5 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Arden, Rickells

2 Declarations of interest

The Chairman and Cllrs Mellors & Morris declared personal interests in item 5b).
Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in item 10a).

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September

Approved

4 Police Report

The Chairman welcomed PC Bailey who reported that over the last two months there had been three crimes in Rampton village and the same number in Woodbeck. He has not received any complaints during this time about quad bikes/motor cycles. He added that a current problem in neighbouring villages is hare coursing/poaching, usually on freshly-sown fields. Finally, he advised that the most common theft from cars currently is satellite navigation systems and that the advice to drivers is to take the cradle with them when they leave the car. Cllr Mellors reported on a disturbing incident whereby people who had stolen a mobile telephone had called several of the numbers in the telephone's address book, presumably to check whether the occupant was at home.

5 Matters arising from the meeting held on 11 September

a) Casual vacancy, including vacancy for a member of the Planning Committee

The Clerk reported that the notices giving residents the right to demand an election had been posted on 21 September. The 14 days allowed for an election to be called expires later this week. The Clerk advised that, if there is no request for an election then the Council will be free to co-opt at its next meeting. Assuming that there is no request for an election, the Council decided to include in *Roundabout* a notice asking anyone interested in joining the Council to write to the Clerk.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Leaton's resignation leaves a vacancy on the Planning Committee and the Council elected Cllr Morris to replace him.

b) Sports & Leisure Facilities

The Chairman reported that Cllr Arden had advised that, together with Jonathan Dawson of the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, she has been making enquiries about the cost and the amount of work needed to level and drain the field. It is obvious that the cost is seen as a huge stumbling block for starting work soon but it is also obvious that the drainage must be done to those standards. The Playing Field Association will check the validity of the specifications but they charge for this service and Cllr Arden does not feel that it is appropriate to commit the Parish Council to more expense. The Sports & Leisure Committee's next task will be to obtain costs for the building so that it has a better idea of the cost for the whole project. Cllr Morris reported that, at the last meeting of the Sports & Leisure Committee, Cllr Arden had requested more assistance in filling in forms for grant applications. The response had been poor.

c) Street names

The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to all residents of Retford Road/The Green/Greenside. About a dozen replies have been received and indications are of support for the Council's proposals

d) Public footpaths and byways (including Torksey Ferry Road)

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Rights of Way Officer of Nottinghamshire County Council to find out what action she had taken in response to the letter from a resident of Orchard Drive complaining about the state of the footpaths after her experience of walking some of the paths with a wheelchair-using friend. However, he has not yet received a reply.

6 Rampton Emergency Plan

Cllr Morris reported that much of the detail included in the plan, which was prepared ten years ago, is now out of date. The Council decided to form a small sub-committee to update the plan but deferred a decision on the membership of the sub-committee until the next meeting.

7 Handyman's Report

Cllr Morris reported that the Handyman has cleared all the gutters around The Green.

8 Planning

a) Correspondence

None.

b) Decisions by Bassetlaw District Council

None.

c) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

- Erect first floor extension, Elland Grove, Laneham Street – no objections

9 Village Hall

Cllr Morris reported that, at the recent AGM, members expressed their appreciation of the work done by the Probation Service in re-decorating the Hall. He added that the Probation Service has agreed to clean all the seats in the Hall. The Council asked the Clerk to send a letter of appreciation on its behalf to Janet Lancaster for all that she does for the Village Hall.

10 Accounts & Audit

a) 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.

b) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipts:

	£
Customs & Excise – VAT refund	718.79
Bassetlaw District Council – precept etc	3133.00
MA Quickfall – rent for Forest Garden Field	144.30
EMEB – wayleave for pole	5.57

The Chairman, having received confirmation that Forest Garden Field was previously used as allotments, asked about the Council's position if any village resident were to request an allotment. Cllr Morris advised that, as far as he is aware, the lease to Mr Quickfall requires that he is given two years notice to quit. Cllr Mellors commented that there is room for one allotment at the edge of the field.

c) Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	Cheque #	£
Maber Associates	120	4112.50
B Doyle	121	454.44
JB Rickells	122	285.00
Woodbeck Residents Association	123	300.00

d) Transfer

The Council agreed to transfer £5,000 from the Nottingham Building Society.

e) Bank balances

After the above transactions the balances of the Council's accounts are:

	£
NatWest Bank	4977.79
Nottingham Building Society	40000.00
	<u>44977.79</u>

f) Acknowledgement of Grant

The Council noted a letter of thanks from the Evergreen Club for the Council's grant (to the Village Hall) of £200.

11 Correspondence

a) Bassetlaw District Council – Scrutiny Annual Report/Scrutiny Handbook

The Council noted these documents.

b) Heyday

The Council agreed to invite a representative from this offshoot of Age Concern to a Council meeting so that she can brief members on the aims of the organisation.

c) East Midlands Regional Assembly – Draft Regional Plan

This consultation document was passed to the Chairman.

d) Other Correspondence

The following documents were available for inspections by members:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Travel and Transport Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Property Briefing
- BCVS – Community News
- Nottinghamshire Police – Open Letter from Divisional Commander
- Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service – Update

12 Any Other Business

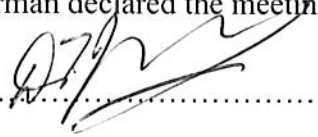
a) Laneham Parish Plan

Cllr Morris reported that he had been sent a copy of the Laneham Parish Plan questionnaire for the Council's comments. He commented that the questionnaire will be delivered to every home in Laneham and that the questions are directed at residents of the village. As such, he did not think it appropriate for this Council to respond. The Clerk was asked to write to the Clerk of Laneham Parish Council thanking the Parish Plan Steering Committee and wishing them every success.

13 Date of next meeting

Monday 13 November

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed..........

Date.....13th Nov 2006.....