

# RAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Rampton Parish Council held in the village hall Rampton at 7 30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012. (Due to absence of the clerk these minutes were taken by Muriel Arden)

## **Standard items.**

Members present – Rebecca Sheppard – Chairman, Edward Morris, Serena Baines, Jeff Rickells, Pam Hawkins and Muriel Arden.

Martin Lazenby did not attend the meeting.

There were no declarations of interest.

## **Minutes of previous meetings.**

The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were not available for consideration.

The minutes of the Extra meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were available for consideration. This meeting was called at short notice to discuss urgent items relating to the Sports field. Because of a breakdown in communication some members were unaware of the meeting. Serena Baines and Martin Lazenby being unaware. Therefore Edward Morris felt that these could not be called minutes. This was agreed and the account was amended by the chairman to this effect and then signed as a correct record.

## **Absence of the Clerk.**

The chairman explained that she had now heard that Helen had been in hospital following a road accident. There were two hospital sick notes but these expired on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

Since that time it had not been possible to contact her. Most parish council business details are stored at the home of the chairman but the cheque book and other financial documents were held by the clerk. No payments could be made. When it was possible to get in touch we should send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## **Business of the meeting.**

**Sports Field** - Edward Morris and Jeff Rickells have been successful in enlisting the help of Cottam Power Station in constructing the roadway and car park and other work connected with the entrance. It would have been in their interest to commence the work within days of the extra meeting. They were congratulated on this success.

John Lacey (Cottam Power Station) and Firbeck (contractors) met to discuss the planning requirements and agreed not only to delay the work but also to help with meeting those requirements.

Arrangements were made with Newark Drainage Board for their foreman to clear the ditch on the White Lodge boundary but this help was later withdrawn.

The chairman reported that it is necessary to meet all the conditions on the Planning Application of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011. As a beginning plans are in place to adjust the kerb and to lower the road side hedge to the required 900mm to give the necessary 70m sight line towards the bend. Barrie Doyle had offered to assist as needed.

### **10 Minute Public Session.**

Mrs Diane Sansom reported that there had not been a reply to her letter to the council. The chairman said that was due to the absence of the clerk.

There was a complaint about the over grown opposite the entrance to Pets Garden. Cars passing approaching traffic are likely to be scratched. Letters informing householders of the concern would be sent.

Car parking for the Post Office. Mrs Sansom reported that the owner of the Eyre Arms said he was willing to support an effort to have Post Office opening hours changed to the morning when his car park would be empty and give easy access to the post office.

Councillors said that attempts had been made to get morning sessions and to date it had not been possible.

The council agreed to approach Notts. County Council about standing water near the Manor Arch and Rampton crossroads and street light near the bus shelter,

The owners of Hall Farm brought plans for a new out building at Hall Farm and construct a new entrance / exit for lorries and work traffic on to Retford Road. They explained that they had consulted near neighbours and were ready to submit the plans to B.D.C. The feeling of the meeting was that the plan would ease traffic on Main Street where the present access to the Hall Farm business is situated.

### **Any other businrss.**

The chairman reported that she located a contractor to clear snow from the roads. He also cleared the roads in Sturton.

Pam Hawkins reported a dangerous wall adjacent to the footpath to the old chapel. The owners would be informed of the council's concern.

Edward Morris asked that thanks go to those who had decorated the village tree. Others expressed their appreciation, The meeting ended at 8 30pm.