

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 10 January 2005

Present: Cllr G E Morris BEM, Chairman
Cllrs Arden, Leaton, Mellors, Smith, Rickells

Also present: D Landon, Clerk of the Council
3 members of the public

Open Session with Members of the Public

During the open session the Chairman referred to the public exhibition which had been held at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall on 6/7 January setting out proposals for a 10-turbine wind farm between Headon and Grove.

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Jackson

2 Declarations of Interest

None.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2004

Approved.

4 Matters Arising

a) Provision of sports facilities

The Chairman reported that he had met Mr D Lightfoot, Nottinghamshire County Council, and asked for the kerb at the entrance to the field to be lowered at the same time as the County Council is re-surfacing the pavement. Unfortunately this had not been possible. The architect advised that the County Council had approved his drawings of the entrance and had withdrawn their objection to the planning application. He had sent all the information to the Planning Department, who are now waiting only for the County Council formally to withdraw its objections.

b) 30 mph speed limit/streetlights

The Clerk was asked to contact Dr Harris at Rampton Hospital to enquire whether there is any further information about the availability of funds for the erection of the street lighting columns.

c) Letting of field on Retford Road

The Clerk reported that he had advised Shuldham Calverley that the Council has decided not to let the field at this time but will review the position in the spring.

d) Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

e) Street names

The Clerk was asked to remind Bassetlaw District Council of its commitment to commence an initial survey after Christmas.

f) Torksey Ferry Road

Cllr Mellors had met Laura Summers, Rights of Way Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council along with representatives of the Laneham Internal Drainage Board, and explained that the problems on the road had quite clearly been caused by Lafarge. A further meeting, this time with Mr Atkinson of Lafarge also present, has been arranged for 17 January.

g) Quality Parish Councils

The Council decided that it has no interest at this stage in becoming a Quality Parish Council.

5 Matters Referred by Members of the Public

a) Salt Box

The Clerk reported that he had written to Nottinghamshire County Council but had not yet received a reply.

b) Seat outside Rectory

Awaiting a price from the Village Handyman. The Council decided to install the seat on Torksey Ferry Road as soon as possible.

6 Planning

Nothing to report.

7 Village Hall

Cllr Arden reported that Severn Trent had issued a Court Order for the non-payment of a bill dating from April 2004. The summons was addresses personally to the previous Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee. The Clerk reported that the Council had last paid a bill from Severn Trent in February 2004 and had not received any further bills. The Council was very concerned that a named individual could have a Court Judgement against them through no fault of their own. The Council decided to pay the bill and then ask Severn Trent for details of the outstanding account. Cllr Mellors suggested that the Council should try to establish whether any surface water drains into Severn Trent pipes. The Council agreed.

8 Accounts

a) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipt:

	£
Lafarge – surface rent	909.08

b) Accounts for payment

The Council agreed the following account for payment:

	cheque	£
Anglian Water	022	32.90
Hedley Fuel Oils Ltd	023	274.70
JB Rickells	024	285.00
Pinder Trust	025	170.00
Moorpool Charity Trustees	026	40.80
Wardell Armstrong	027	103.80
Severn Trent	028	103.30

c) Bank balances

After the above transactions the account balances will be:

	£
Current Account	3409.65
Nottingham Building Society	<u>60000.00</u>
	<u>63409.65</u>

c) Budget 2005/06

The Council discussed the draft previously circulated and resolved to set a precept of £4058, equivalent to £14.75 per 'Band D' property. A copy of the agreed budget is attached to these minutes and forms an integral part of them.

9 Correspondence

a) Chairman, North & South Wheatley Parish Council – Northern Area Committee

Cllr Hugh Burton indicated his willingness, provided there is a good response from Parish Councils, to chair a reconvened Northern Area/North Eastern Area Committee for the first year. Cllr J Rickards has agreed to be the Vice-Chairman. The intention would be to hold 4 meetings a year at Retford Town Hall, the room to be provided free of charge by Bassetlaw District Council who would also supply a Clerk for the Committee. The Council decided to send a letter wishing the initiative well but advising that it is unlikely to take an active part.

b) BCVS – Funder Fair

Passed to Cllr Arden.

c) Bassetlaw District Council – naming of building at Greenside Farm

The Council had no objections to the proposal to name the new dwelling at Greenside Farm 'Widget Barn'.

d) Bassetlaw District Council – Dates of Saturday Collections of Bulky Domestic Refuse

The Council noted these dates which will be included in the next issue of *Roundabout*.

e) Notts ALC Seminar – ‘Councillors Behaving Badly’

No councillor wishes to attend this seminar on 23 February at Cotgrave.

f) NALC – Freedom of Information Act

The Council noted that the final phase of the Freedom of Information Act came into force on 1 January. This Legal Update will be held on file for assistance in considering requests for information.

g) NALC – Environmental Information Regulations

The Council noted that certain environmental information is outside the scope of the Freedom of Information Act but is covered by the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. This Legal Update will be held on file for assistance in considering requests for information.

h) Documents for Inspection

The following documents were available for inspection by members:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Countylink
- Notts ALC – Countywise
- Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council – Rural Voice
- Clerks & Councils Direct
- Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service – Update

10 Any Other Business

a) Planning application at Treswell

The Chairman referred to the leaflet ‘Rampton Against Gypsies’ which had been circulated, anonymously, in the village. It appeared that this leaflet had been based on a similar document issued by Treswell with Cottam Parish Council with the inclusion of some additional reasons for opposing the application. Members commented that this is not the first time that anonymous leaflets have been circulated in the village.

The leaflet stated that the Parish Council has objected to a planning application for ‘gypsy site’. The Council made it clear that it had not been asked to comment on this planning application because the District Council does not consult Parish Councils on planning application outside their parish. In addition the Council would not wish to be associated with some of the sentiments included in the accompanying letter.

Cllr Arden was asked to ensure that the Council’s strong objection to the misrepresentation of its position is included in the next issue of *Roundabout*.

11 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14 February 2005 at 7.30 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.



Rampton Parish Council

Budget 2005/06

Receipts	£
Precept	4058
BDC Contribution	1318
Street Cleaning Grant	870
NCC Grant	238
Rents receivable	989
Other income	
Interest received	<u>2200</u>
Total Receipts	<u>9673</u>
Payments	
Clerk's salary	2180
Handyman's wages	1024
Grass cutting	1330
Village Hall – running costs	1200
Village Hall – refurbishment	3000
Post Office	160
Grants to village organisations	1500
Section 137 Payments	300
Sports Facilities	
Professional fees	4000
Administrative costs	1740
Miscellaneous	1000
Total payments	<u>17434</u>
Balance at 1 April	65741
Add receipts	9673
Less payments	<u>-17434</u>
Balance at 31 March	<u>63443</u>
Precept per 'Band D' property	14.75