

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 10 July 2006

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

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

1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Leaton, Smith

2 Declarations of interest

Cllrs Arden, Jackson, Mellors and Morris, declared personal interests in item 4b)
Cllr Mellors declared a prejudicial interest in part of item 6c).

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June

Approved

4 Matters arising

a) Land on Retford Road

The Clerk reported that he had signed a form for submission to the Land Registry confirming that no money changed hands on the transfer of the land and that there is therefore no stamp duty is payable. The Council noted that this completes the legal formalities of the transfer of the land.

b) Sports & Leisure Committee

Cllr Arden reported that Mr S Lyall of Maber Associates has not notified the Committee of any further clarification of the tender prices for the levelling and drainage of the field. As a result no grant applications have yet been submitted. Cllr Arden thanked those who had organised and those who had participated in the Sponsored Walk on 9 July. The feedback from those present was very positive. She also reported that the Committee has a meeting on 13 July with some of the young people in the village and she thanked Mr B Doyle for all his hard work in trying to get the youngsters involved in the project.

Cllr Mellors commented that the sports field had increased in value and suggested that it would be helpful to incorporate this higher value in the community contribution which is included in grant applications. Other members agreed and Cllr Arden was asked to try to arrange this through Shuldham Calverly. Cllr Rickells suggested that Cllr Arden write to Bassetlaw District Council as there is a chance, albeit a small one, of receiving lottery money for the creation of play facilities. The Clerk was asked to provide details for the next meeting of how much money the Parish Council has so far spent on sports facilities.

c) Street names

Bassetlaw District Council had enquired whether there had been any progress in carrying out a survey of opinion amongst those affected by changing street names. The Council felt that such an exercise is fraught with difficulties and decided to ask the District Council to proceed in accordance with the agreement reached at the meeting in Worksop on 27 April.

d) Correspondent for Roundabout

The Clerk agreed to write the report of Council meetings for *Roundabout*.

e) Police Report

PC Bailey reported that during the last month there had been one recorded crime in Rampton and one in Woodbeck (excluding Rampton Hospital).

5 Handyman's Report

a) Skateboarding Ramp

The Council agreed to remove this ramp for Health & Safety reasons.

b) Willow Tree/Bus Shelter

This tree, which is on land belonging to the Eyre Arms, is damaging the bus shelter. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Burnell and to the County Council (as the owner of the shelter.)

6 Planning

a) Correspondence

- Notification of appeal – planning application to construct 10-turbine wind farm on land to the east of Grove. The Council noted that RES Developments Ltd had submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in view of Bassetlaw District Council' failure to determine the application within the appropriate period. The Council noted that the application will be determined by a Public Inquiry, the date and venue of which will be advised later. The Council decided not to add to its previous comments.

b) Decisions

- Erect conservatory, The Meadows, The Green – permission granted
- Erection of storage building for minibuses, Bramley Oak Lodge, Greenside – permission refused

c) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

- Extension over lounge to provide en-suite dressing and bathroom accommodation with balcony, Torksey Street – no objections

(Cllr Mellors had declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the Planning Committee's decision)

- Erect dwelling & garage, Plot 1, West Croft Farm – no objections

7 Village Hall

Cllr Arden reported that the Probation Service will decorate the hall during week commencing 24 July. The Parish Council agreed to pay for the cost of the materials.

8 Accounts & Audit

a) Internal Audit & Annual Return

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had no matters to bring to the Council's attention. Following the suggestion by Hacker Young that the Council takes advice from NALC on the correct accounting treatment of income from royalties, the internal auditor had advised that his view is that this income should be treated in the same way as any other income.

The Council agreed that the Annual Return which was signed by the Chairman and by the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer and will be sent to Hacker Young. The Clerk will write to Gordon Peters to thank him for once again carrying out the audit free of charge.

b) Parish Council Grants to Village Organisations

The Council decided to advertise on the notice boards and in Roundabout that applications for grants should be made to the Clerk of the Council by the end of August.

c) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipt:

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| | £ |
| Customs & Excise – VAT refund | 1464.94 |

d) Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

| | Cheque | £ |
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| Northern Energy | 107 | 511.88 |
| Dean Thomas & Co | 108 | 337.75 |
| Laneham Internal Drainage Board | 109 | 26.25 |

e) Bank balances

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

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| | £ |
| NatWest Bank | 6247.88 |
| Nottingham Building Society | <u>45000.00</u> |
| | <u>51247.88</u> |

9 Correspondence

a) Bassetlaw District Council – Parish Council representatives on the Standards Committee

The District Council had advised that there had been only one application to fill four vacancies for Parish Councillors on the Standards Committee. The information attached to the letter was circulated to members.

b) Nottinghamshire County Council – Statement of Community Involvement

The Council had no comments on this submission draft.

c) West Lindsey District Council – Statement of Community Involvement

The Council had no comments on this submission draft.

d) Nottinghamshire County Council – Future of Daneshill Recycling Site

The Council had no comments on the proposal to close this recycling site.

e) Letter from a village resident – Torksey Ferry Road

The Council noted a letter complaining that much of the road surface is covered with sharp stones making it difficult to walk and cycle on and almost impossible to push a pushchair or pram. The writer had suggested that hard surfacing as far as Shortleys Lane would enable walkers etc to complete a circuit. Members agreed that the road surfacing is poor and asked the Clerk to write to the Rights of Way Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council.

f) Other Correspondence

The following documents were available for inspections by members:

- Nottinghamshire Police – Open Letter from Divisional Commander
- Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service – Update
- Clerks & Councils Direct – Issue 46

10 Any Other Business

a) Dog Fouling

Cllr Morris reported that he had received complaints about dog fouling on The Green. Members agreed that this is also a problem in other areas of the village and the Clerk was asked to write to the Dog Warden at Bassetlaw District Council.

b) Post Office

Cllr Morris reported that there are no fire extinguishers in the Post Office. The Council decided to ask Lindum Fire Services to carry out an inspection of the premises and recommend the type and number of extinguishers required. The Company will be asked to include the Post Office premises on the annual inspection they carry out at the Village Hall.

11 Date of next meeting

Monday 11 September

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....11 September 2006