

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Rampton at 7.30pm on Monday 10th November 2014.

Members Present: Cllr Rebecca Sheppard
Cllr Muriel Arden
Cllr Pam Hawkins
Cllr Ted Morris
Cllr Jeff Rickells
Cllr Barrie Doyle

Also Present Catherine Brines
3 Members of the Public
PC Bill Bailey
Clerk of the Council
Cllr John Ogle

Apologies: None

Absent: Cllr Serena Baines

1. Members Present/Apologies

As above.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Rickells – Bowls Club
Cllr E Morris – Bowls Club

3. Matters Arising/Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved.

4. Police Report

PC Bailey gave an update on the recent problem of theft of stone garden items, such as troughs and saddle stones, he was happy to say that 3 people had been arrested in connection with this and these types of thefts had ceased.

There had also been 2 people arrested in connection with burglaries in Laneham Street and Church Laneham with some of the stolen items being recovered.

He explained that Neighbourhood Policing was very stretched to breaking point at the moment with only himself and one other officer covering a large rural area. He said that he remembered Paddy Tipping giving a speech about 100 new Police Officers and they would all go through Neighbourhood Policing but to PC Bailey's knowledge and frustration not one had materialised.

The Parish Council asked if it could help by writing to Mr Tipping about this, PC Bailey thought that it would not hurt.

Only crime reported recently was a domestic related matter

10/10/14 Assault Tresswell Road, Rampton

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5. Highways

The Clerk had written to Highways about the state of the Roads in Rampton Village. There had been a reply from highways to say that their “ initial inspection showed that the issue identified does not meet with our criteria for intervention or repair” so the enquiry had been closed. The Parish Council felt this was not a satisfactory answer and asked the Clerk to write to Highways and ask for clarification on what their criteria was.

The Clerk had written to Laura Summers about the hedges along the ginnel from Main Street to Torksey Ferry Road but had not had a reply as yet. The Clerk had also written to the owners of The Haven about the hedge.

Notts County had asked a maintenance contractor to provide them with an estimate of cost for the work required for the Bus shelter. Cllr Hawkins had seen someone taking photos of the Bus Shelter and spoken to them about the issues. He had suggested taking the seat out and painting the interior a sand colour.

Cllr Sheppard reported that the slowdown signs had now been put back up at the junction.

However there seems to have been no progress with the 30 mph limit coming into the Village.

6. Planning

a) Correspondence
None

b) Applications:
14/01401/FUL – Removal of Lantern Lights at Ashby Day Centre
Offices & Replacement of Existing Roof Slates with Fibre Cement Roof
Slates
Rampton Hospital, Retford Road, Woodbeck

No objections raised.

7. Grass Cutting/ Rents

The Chair had still not been able to speak to Mr Greenhalgh but continue to try. There was a discussion about rents, however nothing can be done as Mr Greenhalgh had the tenancy until October 2015. The land needs to be measured and the information brought back to the next meeting so an informed discussion and decision can be made on the future of the land.

The Parish Councillors felt there needed to a current log of land owned by the Parish Council, which includes dates of leases and what rents are paid. The Clerk is to compile this and bring it to the next meeting.

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Grass Cutting:

Cllr Doyle felt that the Village and Highways had been generally better this year.

He had talked with a number of people about quotes for the grass cutting on the field for next year and felt that it may be hard to get a better price than Ulyett. However looking forward to next year the Car Park and bowling green will reduce the area to be cut so this may bring the price down. He felt that things should be left as there are at the moment and once he has some quotes in it can be discussed again.

8. Sports Field

Chair and Vice Chair had been to see and measure the bowling green and they felt it needed to be moved out further to allow access past the bowling green to the far side of the field. Cllr Doyle being new to the Parish Council had asked to go out with the other Cllr's so he could bring himself up to speed with the project and cross reference what was in the plans. This he fed back to the meeting however after further discussion it was decided that the Chair and Cllrs Morris go up to the field on Wednesday morning to mutually agree on the position of the Bowling Green.

The Parish Council felt they were in a position to get Planning to come out and sign off on this now. The Clerk to write to Planning.

Signage

The Chair had a "strictly no dogs allowed" sign made up which she brought to the meeting. Cllr Doyle had been looked at ROSPA to see what needed to be done to comply and he had found that a pictorial sign for no dogs allowed was needed as well. He passed a draft copy of this around. He had also put together a sign for the play area which he passed around Cllr Hawkins felt with the added wording "under adult supervision" concerning the use of the play equipment by young children, that the sign was adequate. Cllr Doyle would get these signs made up then all three could be put on the field in prominent positions.

Cllr Doyle asked who would be the contact for Dog fouling/signage? Traditionally it would be the Clerk but as she did not live in the Village that would need to be decided on. The Chair suggested this be put on the Annual Parish Council Meeting Agenda in May.

Egress from the footpath on the sports field to the road, there needed to be an offset barrier there to stop children running out into the road. The Chair would try again to contact A1 Housing. Cllr Arden had spoken to John Foster about this and it was thought that if the metal could be purchased now then the barriers could be made relatively inexpensively. There was a brief discussion about this and the Chair was happy for the Parish Council to pay for this as long as the rest of the Parish Council agreed. Cllr Hawkins proposed this and Cllr Sheppard seconded it, so long as the offset barriers are DDA compliant the Parish Council agreed for it to be progressed.

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9. Open Session

A member of the public felt that the plans for the sports field had not been well publicised as someone had asked her why there was a need for a car park for the children's play area. The Parish Council said they were doing as much as they can to publicise what the plans were for the sports field. The minutes of the Parish Council meetings were published in The Roundabout, there had been articles in the Retford Times as well as a number of public meetings in the Village Hall for this purpose.

Cllr Ogle said he was going to a meeting at County Hall next week to find out where the cuts were going to be. He said the budget for the Buses had been cut again, but despite that the feedback being received about the change to the bus timetable seemed to be working well.

10. Accounts

Precept

Cllr asked what the concurrent grant was Cllr Ogle explained that it was given to the Parish Councils to compensate them so they could provide services to the rural areas which the District Council provided direct to the Towns.

Copies of the precept form submitted this year and a projected budget highlighted the decrease in the precept over the last three years. There was a discussion about this and it was agreed that the precept needed to go up in principle. It was agreed that further information was needed for example how much was it put up last time, how many properties was this based on and what is the normal average %.

Further information to be brought back to the next meeting for a decision to be made.

Cheques presented for signature

Cheque no. 1543	Village Warden Sal Sept & Oct	£ 115.86
Cheque no. 1544	Dean Thomas Solicitors (BC Lease)	£ 360.00
Cheque no. 1545	Cllr Doyle (invoices supplied)	£ 143.50
Cheque no. 1546	Ulyett Landscapes Oct Invoice	£ 103.44
Cheque no. 1547	K R Hewitt Grass cutting	£ 90.00

Balance in the Bank as at 1st November 2014 is £18,295.66.

The Accounts had been come back from the Auditors as completed.

11. Any Other Business

Chair read out a letter from the Diane Eyres Education Foundation reference Land Swap on Torksey Street, proposing that the total of the three areas be let as one with the letting costs and rental income to be apportioned on an area basis. As there had been no further correspondence from Wardell Armstrong

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about the proposed Land swap to was agreed to write to Wardell to see what progress there had been on this.

The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter from Diane Eyres Education Foundation and say we would advise in due course once the Parish Council had received an answer from Wardell.

Cllr Doyle told the meeting that PC Bailey had been successful in speaking to a resident about parking and this had now ceased to be an issue.

Cllr Doyle on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Cllr Hawkins for her efforts in making the Halloween party a success. Cllr Hawkins responded by saying it was a team effort.

Cllr Doyle as the mentor of the Village Warden had spoken to him to see how he thought things were going and Cllr Doyle was quite happy that he would fulfil his obligations.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 9.07pm