

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 11 June 2007 in Rampton Village Hall

Present: Cllr GE Morris BEM, Chairman
Cllrs Ingamells, McIlwaine, Russell, Sheppard, Wilkinson

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

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Rickells who was attending an extraordinary District Council meeting.

2 Declarations of interest

The Chairman and Cllrs Ingamells, McIlwaine and Sheppard declared personal interests in item 9a).

3 Approval of the minutes of the annual meeting held on 14 May

Approved

4 Police Report

PC Bailey had advised that there have been two minor crimes in the village in the last month and that there are no other issues in the village that he is aware of at present.

5 Matters arising from the meeting held on 14 May

a) Committee membership

The Council decided to add Cllr Ingamells to its representatives on the Village Hall Committee.

b) Sports & Leisure Committee

The Chairman reported that the Sports & Leisure Committee had discussed the decision of the Parish Council to split the project into two and has been looking at how the end of the field nearest to Retford Road can accommodate bowls, a pavilion, car park, children's play area and junior football. Muriel Arden now has two plans for consideration by Bassetlaw District Council's Planning Officers (the main difference between the two plans is the position and orientation of the pavilion). Cllr Ruissell asked what had happened to the intention to seek advice from the planning officers about whether planning permission is required for a children's playground and a grassed area for ball games. The Chairman advised that the planning officers will want to see a plan of the whole site. Cllr McIlwaine suggested a survey of the whole village to find out what residents want to see happen with the field. The Chairman commented that this has been done before, most recently by Cllr Ingamells. He added that a survey of village opinion should be organised by the Sports & Leisure Committee.

(There was considerable discussion about the roles of the Parish Council and Sports & Leisure Committee in this project. The Chairman advised that there were three reasons for the seeing up of a Sports & Leisure Committee: to allow access to those funding bodies which do not accept grant applications from Parish Councils; to allow other members of the community to join the Committee; and to avoid Parish Councils meetings becoming bogged down in the details of the sports project. Cllr McIlwaine argued that the Parish Council is the arbiter of what happens to this project and should therefore be fully involved in the decisions about the field. This discussion was left unresolved except that it was agreed that councillors should receive the minutes of meetings of the Sports & Leisure Committee.)

c) Rampton Emergency Plan

Nothing to report.

d) Maintenance of Torksey Ferry Road

The Clerk was asked to remind the County Council that Torksey Ferry Road needs some attention even before Lafarge completes its operation at the quarry.

e) Allotments

The Council noted an article in the national press about allotment holders being required to have public liability insurance. Cllr McIlwaine commented that in most cases domestic insurance included public liability cover. The Clerk was asked to include the possible requirement in the advertisement in *Roundabout*.

6 Handyman's Report

Nothing to report.

7 Planning

a) Correspondence

None.

b) Decisions by Bassetlaw District Council

- Erect rear extension & retain garage, Greenside, Treswell Road – permission granted
- Replace security windows to patient bedrooms, Rampton Hospital – permission granted

c) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

None.

8 Village Hall

The Chairman reported that Cllr Ingamells was elected Chairman of the Village Hall Committee at the recent AGM. Cllr Ingamells commented that the Committee intends to publicise, via *Roundabout*, that although the hall is well-used during the week it is available for activities at the weekend.

9 Accounts & Audit

a) Accounts for 2006/07

The Council approved the accounts and agreed that they should be signed by the Chairman and by the Responsible Financial Officer. The agreed accounts are attached to these minutes and form an integral part of them. Cllr Wilkinson noted that there is no income from recycling and the Clerk advised that Bassetlaw District Council used to pay Parish Councils for waste paper collected from the recycling bin. This has ceased now that residents can put waste paper in their own blue bin. The Council noted that the bottle bank is still in use and asked the Clerk to write to Bassetlaw District Council asking if the Parish Council could be paid for recycled glass.

b) Internal audit & Annual Return

The Clerk reported that the accounts file is ready to be passed to the internal auditor and the completed Annual Return will be available for the Council's approval at the next meeting. A copy of the letter from Hacker Young and '2007 Annual Returns – Important Practical Points' were given to each member.

c) Bank Account signatories

Members signed the mandate and new members were asked to take the 'new member details' form to the NatWest Bank with two forms of identification.

d) Receipts

None.

e) Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	Cheque #	£
JB Rickells	149	380.00
D Landon	150	764.71

f) Bank balances

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

	£
NatWest Bank	3614.18
Nottingham Building Society	<u>41599.91</u>
	<u>45214.09</u>

10 Correspondence

a) Bassetlaw District Council – Street names

The Council noted that the District Council has now confirmed the names of Main Street, Laneham Street, Retford Road and Greenside, as previously agreed.

b) Nottinghamshire County Council – Mobile Library

The Council noted that the County Council is proposing that the library van makes an additional stop outside Rampton Primary School with a consequent delay to its arrival in the village.

c) Other Correspondence

The following documents were available for inspections by members:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Travel and Transport Briefing
- Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust – Newsletter
- Nottinghamshire Police Authority – ‘Policing for You’

11 Any Other Business

a) Overhanging tree

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr & Mrs van Nieuwenhuyzen to ask them to cut back the tree which is overhanging the carriageway and which has led to damaged wing mirrors on a number of vehicles and which, last week, smashed the windscreen of a coach.

b) Footpath Maintenance

In response to a question from Cllr Russell the Chairman advised that the maintenance of footpaths is the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council. The Clerk was asked to write to the Rights of Way Officer with a reminder about the condition of Torksey Ferry Road, Shortleys Lane and the footpath between The Pastures and Laneham Street.

c) Damaged Pavement

Cllr Sheppard reported that the pavement is breaking up opposite the bus shelter.

12 Date of next meeting

Monday 9 July at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed..........

Date..........

Rampton Parish Council

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2007

2005/06			2006/07	
£	£	Receipts	£	£
	4058	Precept		4058
		Other receipts		
1318		BDC – Contribution	1318	
870		BDC – Street cleaning grant	891	
0		BDC – Other		
652		NCC – Grass cutting grant	325	
2048		Rents received	1358	
70		Recycling & other income	6	
2097		Interest received	1600	
<u>443</u>		VAT refund	<u>2523</u>	
	<u>7498</u>	Total other receipts		<u>8021</u>
	<u>11556</u>	Total Receipts		<u>12079</u>
		Payments		
	3214	Staff costs		2724
		Other payments		
1425		Grass cutting	1520	
2200		Village Hall - running costs	1749	
295		Post Office	310	
3496		Sports facilities	14250	
1300		Grants to village organisations	1500	
700		Section 137 Payments	300	
114		Professional fees	64	
2586		Administrative costs	2196	
<u>538</u>		VAT paid	<u>2290</u>	
	<u>12654</u>	Total other payments		<u>24179</u>
	<u>15869</u>	Total payments		<u>26903</u>
	63852	Balance at start of year		59539
	11556	Receipts		12079
	<u>-15869</u>	Less payments		<u>-26903</u>
	<u>59539</u>	Balance at end of year		<u>44715</u>
		Bank balances		
	2441	NatWest Bank		3115
	<u>57098</u>	Nottingham Building Society		<u>41600</u>
	<u>59539</u>			<u>44715</u>