

## Rampton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Rampton Parish Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 in the Village Hall, Rampton, Nottinghamshire.

**Present**                      Cllr Muriel Arden                      Chairperson  
   Cllr Barrie Doyle  
   Cllr Libby Hauton  
   Cllr Ivor Lewin  
   Cllr Edward Morris  
   Cllr Rebecca Sheppard

**Also present**                      County Cllr John Ogle (arrived during the meeting)  
   District Cllr T Critchley  
   9 Members of the Public

RPC/011/16      Clerk of the Meeting

The Chairperson introduced Mr Malcolm Plumb F. Inst. LCM, who had agreed to act as Clerk of the Council for this meeting. The matter concerning the appointment of a permanent Clerk of the Parish Council was under consideration by Parish Councillors

RPC/012/16      Apologies for absence

Cllr Pam Hawkins

RPC/013/16      Declarations of Interest

Following advice from the Acting Clerk, Cllrs Libby Hauton and Rebecca Shepherd declared none pecuniary interests in agenda item 10 – Proposed T/C Mast. They would abstain from voting on this issue.

RPC/014/16      Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016, were adopted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairperson. It was **noted** that the minute numbers would be amended from the simple numerical sequence to the new numbering system featured in these minutes.

RPC/015/16      Updating reports from the June Parish Council meeting

1. For information, Cllr Rebecca Shepherd updated Councillors upon the Neighbourhood Plan and mentioned that a training meeting (defibulator) is planned by the Heart Foundation on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016. She asked if a review by the Parish Council could be included on the agenda for the August meeting of the Council, for a review of this facility.
2. A brief report upon Police matters was received and noted by the meeting
3. A report of a drain blockage was given which will be passed onto County Highways.
4. No Planning matters were noted.

5. Village Hall. Cllr Ivor Lewin reported upon the forthcoming AGM. Grants to fund renovation and redecoration works were being sought. Events were being planned for the next few months
6. Health and Safety. Cllr Barrie Doyle reported upon checks being carried out on Pinder Park to test sub ground conditions.
7. Village Wardens report. Since the completion of the new play equipment, the litter problem had increased. A second bin was needed near the "Muga". Dog fouling problem is increasing and consideration is needed on this matter.

RPC/016/16 Order of Business.

The Chairperson proposed that in order to ensure that sufficient time was allowed to deal with agenda item 10 (telecommunications mast), including the open session for Members of the Public, this item be brought forward and dealt with at this earlier stage in the meeting. Councillors **agreed** to this change. Standing orders were accordingly suspended for a time to enable members of the public to speak before the Parish Council formally determines its policy in this case.

RPC/017/16 Proposed Telecommunications Mast

The Chairperson gave a brief report upon the current situation concerning the preliminary investigations into a proposal to site a telecommunications mast on public land within the Village. The Parish Council had been invited to give its initial reaction to the plans and that would be determined during this meeting. The meeting was accordingly opened for comments and statements by all present before a final decision was made. During the following open discussion, the following comments were made.

1. Serious concerns were expressed relating to the possible dangers to public health arising from radium emissions from a mast located in such a public place.
2. A number of Residents have signed a petition opposing the proposal.
3. A referendum mandate from all Parishioners should be taken
4. The added risks arising from acts of vandalism needs to be taken into account.
5. Other sites were available.

On the other hand:-

1. The expected maximum radium levels from this installation was well below the Governments recommended (allowable) limits
2. The Developers had indicated the level of lease payments to the Parish Council which would become annually payable for use in providing additional community facilities.
3. Other residents had expressed support for the proposal.
4. Any planning consent will almost certainly include public safeguarding conditions.
5. If the alternative site was used, no "lease income" to the Community would be receivable
6. There would be real improvements to signal clarity in the area for a variety of communication systems.

After a prolonged consultation, the Chairperson ended the "open session" to enable the Council to consider their current policy on this issue. Given that two Councillors had indicated that they would abstain from voting and that one Councillor was absent, the Chairperson asked the Acting Clerk of

the meeting to confirm the Council meetings ability to take a decision in this case. The Clerk confirmed that the legal minimum for a quorum was three Councillors in attendance and willing and able to vote. As four Councillors were available to vote, a statutory quorum was present.

It was then proposed and seconded that, taking into account all the views expressed by Residents and Councillors, the Parish Council would raise no objection to the proposals in principle, subject to later agreements upon public safety measures and leasing conditions. The proposal was put to the meeting and was carried by four votes for and two abstentions. Discussions would now continue in regard to public safety safeguards and leasing conditions.

RPC/018/16 Council Policy Matters.

The meeting **noted** the need for the new Clerk to the Council (when appointed) to review the current position concerning the Parish Councils standing orders, financial regulations, code of conduct, etc. and to make recommendations to the Parish Council upon any required changes.

RPC/019/16 Pinder Park

The meeting **noted** the following report

- Despite some difficulties, handover of equipment from Jupiter should take place shortly.
- The transfer of funds would be done shortly.
- VAT records need updating.
- More work needs to be done in relation to grants (Awards for all/WREN)
- Photographs are required for a press release.

RPC/020/16 Facebook – Review.

Cllr Libby Hauton raised a number of questions relating to the advantages and benefits of using this form of media communication. What would the Council wish to be included (eg. Agenda, minutes, news, accounts etc.)? How would this service be controlled and edited? The meeting agreed that the Council needs to develop a policy for such a project in the near future. **On going item.**

RPC/021/16 Accounts for approval. Financial report

After discussion, the meeting **approved** the following accounts

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Net cost</u>
1632	Post Office (E On)	Electricity supply	£46. 14p
1633	Loftus Printers	Second “flyer”	£55. 00p
1634	Play Safety Ltd	Pinder Park inspection	£79. 80p
1635	Ulllyette Landscapes	Two grass cuts. Pinder park	£111.60p
1636	Cllr Barrie Doyle	“Flyer” items (envelopes etc)	£24. 19p
1637	Alan Bland	Dog Poo bags (refund)	£ 5.00p

Cllr Barrie Doyle reported that the Nat West bank account balance was £19,318.41p and the Nottingham Building Society bank account balance was £15,287. Cllr Doyle reminded the meeting that bank mandates for authorised signatories needs reviewing in the near future

There being no further business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

## **Rampton Parish Council**

**Parish Council meeting  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

### **Meeting Notes.**

#### **Planning matter. Proposed communications mast**

1. Unlikely the Parish Council/community group have sufficiently strong grounds to succeed in at any later planning appeal hearing against a refusal of planning consent.
  2. However, it is possible that the District Council Planning Committee could be persuaded to give **conditional** consent which might include such conditions as :-
    - The **maximum** levels of Radon ?? emissions are to be specified by the appropriate Health Authority, and that monthly tests are taken by an independent professional Technician, with the results being made openly available to the District Council.
    - **Robust** fencing in relation to height, location, vandal proof, etc , as specified by the District Council, be provided and permanently maintained whilst ever the mast is in operation. (? Also screening by trees ?)
    - As the mast and surrounding area is to be sited on “public” land, with the consequential loss to the public, a community grant is levied, for use for community benefit. (Parish Council to be consulted upon the use)
    - The Developers comprehensively indemnify both the District Council and the Parish Council against any future claims for damages, injury, ill health etc. arising directly, or indirectly, from the installation and the subsequent use of the equipment.
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