

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 13 December 2004

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

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

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Rickells

2 Declarations of Interest

None.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November

Approved.

4 Matters Arising

a) 30 mph speed limit/streetlights

The Chairman reported that a number of councillors had met A Hood and K Biggs of Nottinghamshire County Council who had agreed that when the two additional street lighting columns are lit, the start of the 30mph limit will be moved. The Council noted that, despite the fact that the lighting columns are not yet connected the speed limit has been moved about 150m away from the village.

b) Provision of sports facilities

The Chairman reported that at the meeting referred to above, the County Council had agreed that, once the speed limit signs have been relocated, if the entrance to the field is moved 9m away from the village, the County Council will withdraw its objections to the planning application. The Clerk had written to the architect following this meeting asking him to submit drawings showing the entrance and 70m splays to the County Council. The Chairman reported that this had been done and C Moxon is intending to submit all the documents to Bassetlaw District Council this week. Cllr Mellors reported that the approximate cost of three 6m lengths of 2ft diameter piping is £640. The Council agreed that there is no need for any work to be carried out until the planning application has been determined.

c) Letting of field on Retford Road

Shiulldham Calverley had advised that, because of changes to agricultural funding, N Greenhalgh is not interested in renting the field in 2005. He is, however, prepared to sow a crop rent-free. Shiulldham Calverley had further advised that, this is likely to apply to all farmers. The Council decided to defer a decision until the spring.

d) Health & Safety

The Chairman reported that he had met Les Dodds who is halfway through preparing a Health & Safety policy for Parish Councils. Cllr Arden referred to a member of the Village Hall Management Committee who is currently taking a course on Health & Safety at North Notts College. The Council agreed that there is no harm in him passing on advice to the caretaker.

e) Street names

Bassetlaw District Council had advised that it will carry out an initial survey after Christmas.

f) Torksey Ferry Road

The Clerk reported that he had received letters from Lafarge, Nottinghamshire County Council and Cottam Power Station each assuring the Council that it was someone else's responsibility to ensure that the road is repaired. The Council decided to ask Laura Summers of the County Council to come to a site meeting with members, preferably accompanied by someone from Lafarge.

g) Footpath alongside Retford Road

The Council noted that the footpath is now being re-surfaced. The Chairman reported that, through Cllr Rickells, he is trying to get the pavement at the entrance to the sports field lowered as part of this work.

h) Police

The Council noted a letter from Inspector France and decided to take no action at this stage.

i) Parish Councils Liaison Meeting

The Clerk reported that there had been no response from the District Council to the Council's query about its contribution. However, the Mr Roebuck, Contracts Manager at Bassetlaw District Council, had advised that the policy of fortnightly collections of rubbish from both green and blue bins had been adopted only after a great deal of research and some trials. Reducing the frequency at which blue bins are emptied would almost certainly lead to a reduction in the amount of rubbish recycled.

j) Parking at Rampton Primary School

Cllr Leaton reported that the school is still looking into the possibility of acquiring land for a car park. He also reported that John Mann MP had visited the school recently and advised that he is trying to give legislation passed which will make a 20 mph speed limit outside every school in the country mandatory.

5 Planning

a) Correspondence

- Planning Guidance on Planning Obligations – the Council noted that the District Council's publication is available in Council Offices and Libraries.

b) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

- Erect extension and double garage, Peacehaven, Retford Road – no objections

c) Decisions

- Erect dwelling(s) and alter access, land at White Lodge – permission refused
- Change of use for temporary access road, land adjacent Rampton Hospital – approved
- Erect high security units for women patients, Rampton Hospital – approved

6 Village Hall

Cllr Arden reported that she had received a quote of £160 for re-hanging the fire exit doors. The Council decided to accept this quote. The Council also decided to fit a light outside the kitchen door. There is a fund-raising quiz on Saturday 5 March in the Village Hall.

7 Accounts

a) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipt:

	£
Bassetlaw District Council – recycling	44.90

b) Accounts for payment

The Council agreed the following account for payment:

	cheque	£
D Landon	021	692.40

c) Bank balances

After the above transactions the account balances will be:

	£
Current Account	3511.07
Nottingham Building Society	<u>60000.00</u>
	<u>63511.07</u>

d) Budget 2005/06

The Council discussed the draft previously circulated and decide that, as Bassetlaw District Council had not yet communicated the level of contribution, it could not set a precept. The Clerk advised that the District Council normally advises of its contribution, and grants for street cleaning, just before Christmas and he was asked to circulate a revised budget, to take account of these figures, for discussion at the next meeting.

8 Correspondence

a) DCllr H Burton – Clearing Rubbish from Village Roadsides, Dykes and Hedges

The Council noted that Bassetlaw District Council had awarded a grant of £1000 for cleaning up ditches etc between villages. However, the Council decided not to become a pilot scheme.

b) Countryside Agency – Quality Parish Councils

The Council decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

c) Standards Board – Lobby Groups, Dual-Hatted Members and the Code of Conduct

The Council noted this guidance from the Standards Board.

d) Standards Board – Local Investigations

The Council noted the formalisation of the role of Monitoring Officers.

e) Nottinghamshire County Council Roadworks – Natural Gas Supply to Rampton Hospital

The Council noted that roadworks from Bole to Rampton Hospital will take approximately six months to complete. There is some doubt about whether local residents will be able to connect to this high-pressure supply. At the Community Forum meeting on 8 December Dr Harris had agreed to find out whether this will be possible and to write to all Parish Councils affected.

f) Nottinghamshire Police Authority – Draft Policing Strategy 2005-2008

The Council decided not to respond to this consultation draft.

g) Documents for Inspection

The following documents were available for inspection by members:

- East Midlands Development Agency – News
- Bassetlaw Sports Forum – Ready Steady Go!
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Property Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Travel and Transport Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Salting Routes

9 Any Other Business

a) Land at Treswell

Cllr Smith reported concern about the possible use of this land by travellers. The Council noted that a planning application for change of use to a gypsy caravan site has been submitted.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10 January at 7.30 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

