

# Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Rampton at 7.30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

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

**Also Present** Catherine Brines  
3 Members of the Public  
Cllr John Ogle  
Clerk of the Council

**Apologies:** Cllr Barrie Doyle 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 was not able to attend the meeting but he advised the Parish Council of the following crimes:

Rampton:

10/10/14 Assault Tresswell Road, Rampton

He also advised that there was a problem recently of theft of stone garden items, such as troughs and saddle stones in the area but at Rampton this month.

Councillor Sheppard had heard that wheelie bins were going missing so would advise people to mark theirs with their house number. There was a brief discussion about the bin men leaving wheelie bins in the middle of the pavement which caused an obstruction especially for people who use walking frames. Suggested that we speak to Environmental Health about this

## 5. Highways

The Clerk was asked to write to Highways about the disgusting state of the Roads in Rampton Village. Especially since Sturton had their roads repaired recently.

The hedges along the ginnel from Main Street to Torksey Ferry Road are overgrown again and the Councillors once again voiced their concern about the Public Footpath not being fit for purpose and considered dangerous. They thought it was so bad that with winter coming on it would be even more treacherous and felt that maybe it should be closed off until something could

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be done about it to avoid someone getting injured. The Clerk was asked to contact Laura Summers again.

The Clerk was also asked to write to the owners of The Haven about the hedge.

## 6. Planning

- a) Correspondence  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
Proposed Development: The operation of an ash processing plant and associated infrastructure  
Cottam Power Station Outgang Lane, Cottam, Retford  
Applicant EDF Energy (Cottam Power) Limited

Granted on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014

- b) Applications:  
None

## 7. Grass Cutting/ Rents

Grass cutting to be discussed at the next meeting as Cllr Doyle unable to attend tonight's meeting.

The Chair had not been able to speak to Mr Greenhalgh as yet but would do so before the next meeting.

## 8. Sports Field

Cllr Doyle will progress with the signage and sort this before the next meeting. Dog mess had been cleaned up from directly below infants swings which highlights the need to get dog signs as soon as possible. There was a discussion about this, Cllr Hawkins felt that there should be a "strictly no dogs allowed" sign up high so it can be clearly seen. The position of the sign needed to be decided upon.

The other point was 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 had tried to contact Jim Fieldhouse at A1 Housing but he had left and a Nicola Perkins had taken over but she was on holiday at the moment. Cllr Sheppard will try again to see if there were any grants available.

Cllr Morris said the 5 meter tarmac on the sports field had been done now and the footpath was done today.

John Foster had recommended Adam Wickesley and the meeting arranged with him had gone well. He had done a lot of work for us and provided a scale map of where things can go. He had broken everything down with prices and timescales and a comprehensive report which Cllr Hawkins will circulate to the other Councillors. He has suggested that the children's play park could be fenced off which would mean that the car park would not need to be fenced off now as previously suggested. Now had three quotes which would be taken to

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the Pinder Park Committee to discuss and they felt they were now in a position to start looking for funding.

Mr Wickersley had recommended that a questionnaire be done to establish a need for this facility and had suggested that it include the surrounding villages as well. He was quite happy to come along to a meeting and a talk on the proposals. Cllrs Arden and Hawkins thought it was a very positive meeting.

Cllr Morris said the Bowls green had been lined out now and there 15 metal post and a gateway to go in.

Jordans had put a wooden fence up which was higher than the hedges so just need to be cut down in line with the hedges before the Planner came back.

The two gates down at the end of the field used to have a lock on them, these needed to be replaced and several sets of keys to go with them so they could go to the relevant people and 1 set to go in the safe.

## 9. Open Session

A member of the public suggested that there be a dog area on the field, the Parish Councillor felt that it was not a good idea to mix children and dogs. There was also the consideration of the Insurance for the play area, so it was felt that the sports field should be a dog free area.

## 10. Accounts

### Grants

Grants to Village Hall, Woodbecks Residents Association and the Church was briefly discussed and agreed that they remain the same.

### Precept

Copies of the precept form submitted this year and a projected budget was given to the Councillors it was agreed to take these away to look at properly and bring back to the next meeting for discussion.

Cheques presented for signature

Cheque no. 1534	Broker Network Ltd (Insurance)	£ 964.59
Cheque no. 1535	Bridleway & Gauntly (items for sports field)	£ 20.40
Cheque no. 1536	E-on Electricity Bill Post Office	£ 25.42
Cheque no. 1537	Ulyett Landscapes Aug & Sep Invoices	£ 206.88
Cheque no. 1538	HMRC (Tax on Clerks Salary)	£ 105.00
Cheque no. 1539	Clerks second quarter salary	£ 420.00
Cheque no. 1540	Grant Thornton fee for audit	£ 120.00
Cheque no. 1541	Clerks expenses (2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter)	£ 143.28
Cheque no. 1542	GE Morris (Barrier & fencing for Sports field)	£ 94.00

Balance in the Bank as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 is £16,244.06.

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

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## 11. Any Other Business

E-mail from Cllr Doyle read out about the water leak at the Village Hall.

Water leak under the car park repaired, excavation left opened up for observation until Cllr Doyle back. Now the pipe is known to be old and corroded he felt the Parish Council should consider completely renewing the pipework from the meter to a new entry point in the Village Hall. Cllr Morris had suggested re-routing the pipe to run and enter the Village Hall kitchen however Cllr Doyle thought the cheapest way would be to follow the existing pipe run but enter the Village Hall via the store room wall near the oil tank, which was the shortest and most direct route. He suggested that providing the water meter continues to show no loss, the current excavation be temporarily filled in the water meter monitored over the winter and quotations be obtained for a new pipe to be laid next year. The Parish Council thought this was the best option.

Painting of the external wall to Village Hall completed, two coats of masonry paint applied.

Bus shelter – Notts County had still not been out to look at this, the Clerk was asked to phone Notts County about this.

Cllr Rickells brought up about the filing cabinet stored in the Village Hall and the fact the keys were on top of it. The Clerk will sort this and put the keys somewhere safe.

Cllr Hawkins told the meeting that a new Village Warden had been engaged, Christopher McCarthy and young man who seemed very enthusiastic. Cllr Doyle was mentoring him.

The Chair opened up the meeting to the Public again as Cllr Ogle had joined us.

He told the meeting about the Electoral Review currently taking place and said that the countryside was under represented and urged people to look at Notts County Council website to demand fair representation for the number of votes in the rural area.

He also encouraged people to go to the Notts County Council website and look on the link for fibre and said people would need to check their own addresses to see if they were included in the next tranche.

The Chair thanked Councillor Ogle for the update.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 8.20pm