

# Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Rampton at 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

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

**Also Present** Catherine Brines  
Ivor Lewin  
7 Members of the Public  
Clerk of the Council  
Village Warden

**Apologies:** None received

**Absent:** Cllr Serena Baines

## 1. Members Present/Apologies

As above.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Rickells – Bowls Club

Cllr M Arden – Village Hall

Cllr E Morris - Bowls Club

## 3. Matters Arising/Approval of Previous Minutes

Martin Lazenby had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council thereby creating a casual vacancy. Notice of the Casual Vacancy to be put on the Boards around the Parish.

There was a discussion about sustained absence from meetings and the lack of communication when Councillors could not attend. It was agreed that if Councillors could not attend they should send formal apologies with a reason for absenteeism to the Clerk or the Chair. The Clerk was asked to write to Councillor Baines regarding the above.

## 4. Police Report

E-mail received from Lucy Campion which the Chair read out as follows:

The crimes reported in the last month are as follows

14-03-14	Burglary other - Eyre Arms where the fruit machine was broken into and charity box from the bar taken
15-03-14	Burglary other with intent - Headen Camp where entry was gained but nothing taken
17-03-14	Theft from vehicle - Woodbeck Garage where 4x4 had all 4 wheels plus the spare removed and taken

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## 5. Highways

The light was out in the ginnell from The Pastures to Torksey Street. Councillor Hawkins said it had been reported by the Parish Council and a Member of the Public.

The slowdown signs at the cross roads on Retford Road going toward Woodbeck had now gone completely. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways about this.

Councillor Morris had been asked by Mr Weaver to bring up an e-mail sent a while ago concerning the speed signs at Woodbeck and to remind the Parish Council that Woodbeck was part of the Parish of Rampton, it was agreed that the wording of the e-mail could have been better. However it was recognised that the Parish Council can only send appropriate responses out if they have feedback from relevant meetings.

## 6. Planning

- a) . Correspondence  
None received.
- b) Applications: none received

## 7. Sustained Absence from meetings

Discussed above

## 8. Sports Field

### *Operating Committee for Sports Field*

A meeting had taken place before the Parish Council meeting to discuss this and get people involved. It was decided to hold a Coffee morning on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and invite as many people as possible who would be interested in sitting on the Committee. Will bring that information back to the next meeting.

## 9. Open Session

The bus shelter was brought up as the litter bin inside it was being used as a toilet. There was a discussion about the issue as the Parish Council was at a loss of what to do. Various suggestions were put forward: Councillor Rickells offered to get another bin, which was accepted but not necessarily for the Bus shelter.

It was felt that if the inside was painted a brighter colour that may help.

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The Chair closed the open session.

The Chair asked if the Parish Council were happy to pay for the paint to repaint the bus shelter. Everyone agreed.

## 10. Accounts

Cheques presented for signature

Cheque no. 1507	HMRC Clerks TAX	£ 105.00
Cheque no. 1508	Clerks Salary 4 <sup>th</sup> Q	£ 420.00
Cheque no. 1509	E On Post Office Electric	£ 49.15
Cheque no. 1510	Village Warden Salary Q4	£ 227.16
Cheque no. 1511	Clerks Expenses Q4	£ 141.24
Cheque no. 1512	K Allwood (Village Hall work)	£ 863.00
Cheque no. 1513	SH Plastering (Village Hall)	£1455.00
Cheque no. 1514	K R Hewitt (grass cutting)	£ 43.20
Cheque no. 1515	I Lewin Maintenance Village seats	£ 293.98
Cheque no. 1516	B Doyle materials for work done VH	£ 17.40

The amount in the current account as at 31 March 2014 is £7,967.59

A letter to confirm the Precept and Grants 2014/15 had been received the Chair read it out.

Concurrent Grant	£1,029.00
Street Cleaning Grant	£ 935.00
Council Tax Benefit Grant	£ 0.00
Precept	£5,571.00
Total	£7,535.00

The amounts to be paid into the bank account in two instalments, the first of £3,767.50 on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and the second of £3,767.50 on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

## 11. Any Other Business

Parish Award Book had been located, Councillor Rickells when speaking to Mr Morton from Dean & Co Solicitors had asked him to check and he came back and confirmed they had it. The Clerk was asked to write to them to confirm in writing as there had been no mention of it previously in a letter when they asked what documents they held of the Parish Councils'.

Play equipment on the sports field needed checking annually, it was the Village Wardens responsibility to do a visual check of the equipment. Councillor Hawkins would put together a 10 item check list for this purpose and the visual inspection to be done on a monthly basis, anything that did not pass the inspection would be reported back to the Parish Council.

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Barrie Doyle had raised the issue of the grass cutting not starting on the field early enough thereby creating a mess when it was finally cut. It was discussed that they would need to start earlier next year to avoid the same problems.

Barrie had offered to help out around the village if the Parish Council would pay for any materials he used. This was agreed.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 8.15pm