

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 14 June 2004

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

Also present: D Landon, Clerk of the Council
Mr L Dodds, Health & Safety Advisor
2 members of the public

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Rickells

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Mellors and Arden declared prejudicial interests in the first part of item 5b)

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May

Approved.

4 Matters Arising

a) Provision of sports facilities

Nottinghamshire County Council had confirmed that should the Parish Council fund additional street lighting then the 30 mph speed limit would be extended. In this case the splays required are 70m to the north and 120m to the south. The County Council had asked that the Council's architect plot these on a plan to see whether they are achievable using land owned by either the Parish Council or the Highways Authority. Without these visibility splays the County Council would not be able to support the planning application.

The Clerk reported that he had written to C Moxon asking him to plot the splays on a plan and send this to the County Council. However, C Moxon had advised that he had already done this and that the splay to the north does require land currently not owned by either the Parish Council or the Highways Authority. The Clerk was asked to contact the architect to ask him to plot the land required for the splay to the north if the entrance to the site is moved to the south.

b) Street lights

The Clerk reported that Nottinghamshire County Council had confirmed that street lights would be installed in the near future. The Chairman added that he had received a telephone call from D Jarvis at the Retford office of the County Council – all three lighting columns will be erected on the left hand side of the road leaving the village.

c) Nottinghamshire County Council – Health & Safety Questionnaire

The Chairman reported that on the meeting with K Tonks, Nottinghamshire County Council on 27 May, following which the questionnaire was re-submitted. The Clerk reported that there are now only two outstanding issues: firstly a copy of the renewal of the Council's insurance renewal will be sent to the County Council; and secondly, the County Council wants to see the contractor's risk assessment and/or his safe system of work. To meet the second requirement the Clerk reported that he had asked the County Council for a copy of its Health & Safety policy on cutting grass verges.

The Chairman introduced Mr L Dodds, Health & Safety officer at Cottam power station, who has agreed to advise the Council on Health & Safety. The Council decided to arrange a meeting with all its employees/contractors; before this, however, the Chairman and Cllr Arden will meet him to discuss the matters on which the Council requires advice.

d) Street names

No further progress despite a reminder to Bassetlaw District Council.

e) Rampton Quarry & Torksey Ferry Road

Wardell Armstrong advised that they had spoken to Lafarge about the state of the road and will do so again at a meeting with the company on 22 June. If the road is still in an unsatisfactory condition after that meeting the matter would be best taken up with Nottinghamshire County Council as the Minerals Planning Authority. They have offered to raise this with the County Council or suggest that the Parish Council may wish to do this itself. Cllr Mellors stated that the road is still in an unsatisfactory condition but the Council decided to await a report from Wardells about the meeting. Wardell's will also raise with Lafarge the issue of power station ash.

The Chairman reported that Lafarge have paid for the seat for Torksey Ferry Road and for an inscribed plaque.

f) Footpath alongside Retford Road

No progress.

g) Rampton Village Information Leaflet

The Council discussed a draft of the village leaflet and asked that notices be displayed to give all Rampton businesses the opportunity to advertise in it. The Council will consider the final draft at its next meeting. Cllr Leaton commented that the leaflet is an excellent idea.

h) Land at Treswell

The Clerk reported that he had written to Treswell with Cottam Parish Council, expressing the Council's support for whatever action it is proposing.

5 Planning

a) Correspondence

- Nottinghamshire County Council – planning application re Rampton quarry – noted

b) Applications

- Demolish redundant farm buildings, convert barn to dwelling , erect 4 dwellings and alter access, land at West Croft Farm, Treswell Road – no objections although the committee did make comments about part of the application site being outside the Village Envelope and about the impact of part of the development on neighbours.
- Retain change of use to offices and storage, Hall Farm, Laneham Street – no objections to the change of use although the committee did raise concerns about lorry movements
- Erect two-storey extension, Woodbeck House, Retford Road, Woodbeck – no objections

c) Decisions

None.

6 Village Hall

Nothing to report.

7 Accounts

a) Annual Return

The Clerk reported that the audit, and summary of electors' rights, had been advertised as required by statute. The Council agreed the Annual Return which was signed by the Chairman and by the Clerk and will be sent to Hacker Young. The Clerk will write to Gordon Peters to thank him for once again carrying out the audit free of charge.

b) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipts:

	£
Bassetlaw District Council – recycling	67.98

c) Accounts for payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	cheque	£
Laneham IDB	003	5.18
D Landon	004	575.92

d) Bank balances

After the above transactions the account balances will be:

	£
Current Account	2299.42
Nottingham Building Society	<u>63168.09</u>
	<u>65467.51</u>

8 Correspondence

a) Nottinghamshire County Council – Invitation to Civic Service

No councillor wishes to attend this service on 11 July at Southwell. Cllr Rickells may be attending in an official capacity.

b) Rampton Hospital Community Forum

The Chairman and Cllr Rickells will attend this meeting on 28 June.

c) Documents for Inspection

The following documents were available for inspection by members:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Property Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Travel and Transport Briefing

9 Any Other Business

a) Signage, Rampton Primary School

The Clerk was asked to remind Nottinghamshire County Council about its commitment to erect replacement warning signs outside the school.

b) Rampton Hospital

Cllr Smith reported that the hospital has recently let a 5-year contract for building work. The hospital management are considering building a new road, purely for construction traffic, to join the main road south of Rampton crossroads.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 26 July at 7.30 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

