

# Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Rampton at 7.30pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

**Members Present:** Cllr Rebecca Sheppard  
Cllr Muriel Arden  
Cllr Pam Hawkins

Cllr Edward Morris  
Cllr Jeff Rickells  
Cllr Serena Baines

**Also Present** Catherine Brines  
Ivor Lewin  
Barrie Doyle  
4 Members of the Public

Clerk of the Council  
Village Warden  
Candidate for Casual Vacancy

**Apologies:** None

## 1. Members Present/Apologies

As above

## 2. Casual Vacancy/Co-option

Bassetlaw District Council had confirmed that there had been no requests received from Electors to hold an Election to fill the above vacancy. In accordance with the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986 it was now for the Parish Council to co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

One application had been received from Barrie Doyle. Mr Doyle addressed the Parish Council before the start of the meeting to say why he wanted to put himself forward for the position.

Councillor Rickells proposed Mr Doyle be accepted onto the Parish Council Councillor Morris seconded the proposal, the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7.31pm for the new Councillor to execute the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a Councillor.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.33pm.

## 3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Rickells – Bowls Club  
Cllr E Morris - Bowls Club

Cllr M Arden – Village Hall  
Cllr B Doyle - Village Hall

It was brought up that anyone who could not attend meetings should send apologies to the Clerk or Chair but did not see why they needed to give a reason, some clarification was wanted on this point. It was pointed out that

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this was the case in NALC's agreement which is what the parish Council had signed up to. Cllr Rickells did not agree with this point. Cllr Baines felt this was to do with her absence from the last meeting and felt offended by this as Parish Councillors gave up their time to do this job on a voluntary basis.

## 4. Approval and signing of minutes of meeting held on 14th April 2014

Approved

## 5. Nominations/Voting for posts

Chairman – R Sheppard                      proposed: M Arden    Seconded: P Hawkins  
Vice Chairman – P Hawkins                proposed: R Sheppard    Seconded: J Rickells

The Council agreed the following election of officers

- Planning Committee                      All Councillors
- Village Hall Committee Representative    Cllr Doyle
- Sports & Leisure Committee              All Councillors
- Diana Eyre Trust                            Cllr Arden
- Trustees of Moorpool and Pinder Charities    Cllrs Morris, Cllr Rickells
- Sports Field Liaison                        Cllr Arden

## 6. Police Report

PC Bailey was pleased to advise that no crimes for Rampton Parish had been reported since the last meeting.

Cllr Hawkins told the meeting there had been a break in in North Leverton

## 7. Highways

The light outside the bus shelter was not working again.

There were a couple of lights not working as you drive on The Pastures.

The footpath off Main Street beside the new house was really overgrown and considered dangerous underfoot, it was all uneven. The Clerk was asked to write to Laura Summers again.

The tree on Tresswell Road past the sign has two big branches overhanging the road which look dangerous. The original tree which was reported to Highways has still not been dealt with.

The grates on the corner going into Greenside has dropped down and is dangerous.

Cllr Doyle put himself forward to be the liaison with County for the grass cutting. Grass cutting was requested to go on the agenda for the next

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meeting. Need to have a look at what the cost of this was before County took it on.

Pets Corner was being maintained by Colin Watkins it was felt that his efforts should be recognised and a letter of thanks sent from the Parish Council.

## 8. Planning

Planning Applications it was felt needed to be circulated to Councillor as soon as possible so they had a chance to have a look. Being presented with them at the meeting they felt did not give them a proper chance to comment.

a) Correspondence  
None received.

b) Applications: as follows:

Erect Replacement Front Boundary Wall – Royal Oak House, Laneham Street, Rampton. Councillor said they had already seen this.

Retrospective Consent to Remove Four Willow Trees – Land at Haig Plantation Cottam Road, South Leverton.

Fell one Horse Chestnut in Front Garden – 2 Retford Road, Woodbeck  
Brief discussion about this – no objections raised.

Erect Single Storey Extension – Well Cottage, Tresswell Road, Rampton  
App No. 14/00524/HSE

Brief discussion about this, Comments due back by 28 May 2014 which gave an opportunity for the Councillor to go and have a look and get their comments back to the Clerk before this date.

## 9. Progress with development of Sports Field

A meeting was held on Saturday morning (10<sup>th</sup> May) which was well attended with 26 people and 8 children turning up. There was a lot of positive feedback. There is another meeting to held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June for people to come back with ideas. Ideally looking for 2 - 4 people to organise an a money raising event over the summer.

On Saturday morning Cllr Arden, Phil Hayward, Barrie Doyle and Cllr Morris were discussing the car park for the sports field. Cllr Morris said he would see what he could do about getting another quote, which he was able to do. The quote was from Jordan's at Manor Farm and was for £9800 plus VAT.

Cllr Aden said the quote was to the same specifications as the ones received from Lawsons and Pressleys earlier in the year and she had checked the specifications against the Planning Conditions.

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When Cllr Arden was applying to the Power Stations for grants for the car park on the sports field, the Trustees of the Charities had offered £3,000 match funding, that offer was still available which would leave the Parish Council nearly £7,000 to find. Cllr Aden felt that Cllr Morris had done very well in getting this quotation which everyone agreed it was, and that it was an offer too good to miss. Cllr Arden felt that if the Parish Council matched what the Charities were willing to put in then it would leave only £3,800 to raise.

The Chair said this sounded very good but asked for a chance to read the quotation before making a decision on it as she had no prior knowledge of this before now. There was quite a heated discussion about this as some of the Councillors wanted a decision straight away and did not see the need to wait any longer. This was despite the fact that all the Councillors had previously stated that being presented with "Planning Applications" at the meeting did not give them a proper chance to comment and they should be circulated to them beforehand. The Chair felt this was the same thing.

Cllr Morris proposed that an extra meeting to agree this quotation and discuss funds be held in 7 days' time on Monday 19 May 2014 at 8pm. The motion was carried.

## 10. Accounts

Cheques presented for signature		
Cheque no. 1517	Trent Valley Drainage Board	£ 36.59
Cheque no. 1518	AJDR Electrical Services	£4,419.00

The amount in the current account as at 30 April 2014 is £11,719.21

It was proposed that Councillor Hawkins be added to the Bank and Building Society Mandate to allow her to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council as it had not been done yet. This was agreed by the meeting.

## 11. Open Session

A member of the public raised an issue about the Coles Charity as she felt it was the Parish Council's business. The Trustees and the Parish Council felt it was not. It was explained that the Coles Charity Trustees had not always been Councillors, it just happen that the present Trustees were also Parish Councillors.

Cllr Rickells read out a passage from the Roundabout which he felt referred to himself after having his attention drawn to it. There was a very brief discussion as the Roundabout was not an issue for the Parish Council as it was not a Council matter. It is something that should be taken up with the Editor of the magazine rather than at a Parish Council meeting.

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## **12. Any Other Business**

The Chair had received a letter from Mrs Mclwaine regarding the Coles Charity, although it was acknowledged this was not Parish Council business as the letter was addressed to the Parish Council the Chair read it out to the meeting. The letter mainly thanked the Trustees for the correspondence and tidying up the field, it went on to say that litter was now a problem. There was a brief discussion about the litter problem as it was felt that was an issue for the Parish Council as well.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 19 May 2014 at 8.00pm

Meeting ended at 9.00pm