

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 26 July 2004

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

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

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Leaton.

2 Declarations of Interest

None.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June

Approved.

4 Matters Arising

a) Provision of sports facilities

The Council noted that, despite the Clerk's letter to C Moxon, there was no progress report available.

Cllr Mellors suggested that the new owner of the neighbouring may be more amenable to sports facilities than was his predecessor.. He and Cllr Rickells will speak to him with a view to getting the hedge cut back. In addition the Clerk will write to ask him to send a letter of support to Bassetlaw District Council.

Cllr Rickells reported that he is awaiting a progress report from CCllr Hempsall both in relation to this land and also plans by Rampton Hospital to create a new entrance for construction traffic near Stokeham.

The Clerk advised that at the meeting on 6 July Highways seemed more agreeable to putting the vehicular entrance further away from the village.

b) Street lights

The Council noted that three lights had now been erected. The Chairman reported that at the Rampton Hospital Community Forum that afternoon he had been successful in persuading the Hospital to pay for another two lights.

c) Health & Safety

The Council noted that the grass cutting contractor's safe system of working is still outstanding. The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Arden will be meeting Les Dodds following which there will be a meeting with all the contractors and employees.

d) Street names

Bassetlaw District Council has still not got the resources to carry out this exercise.

e) Rampton Quarry & Torksey Ferry Road

Wardell Armstrong had advised that Lafarge have not done any more work on the road until after the completion of their operations and suggested that the Council contacts Nottinghamshire County Council. Wardells had also advised that there is little to be gained from pursuing a claim for payment from Lafarge in respect of ash removal from the quarry.

f) Footpath alongside Retford Road

The Clerk reported that he had written to Nottinghamshire County Council following the resurfacing of Retford Road but not the pavement. To date only an acknowledgement had been received.

g) Signs – Rampton Primary School

The Council noted that the signs had now been erected.

h) Rampton Village Information Leaflet

The Council agreed to pay the costs of printing this information leaflet. Cllr Arden will do the printing on the Council's photocopier. The Council noted that the owner of the shop had offered to distribute the leaflets to every home in the parish.

5 Planning

a) Correspondence

None.

b) Applications

- Erect two-storey side extension, Straun House, Laneham Street – no objections
- Change of use to offices & storage, Hall Farm – no objections
- Erect two properties, land to rear of Cleveland Farm – no objections

c) Decisions

- Erect two-storey extension, Peacehaven, Retford Road – permission refused
- Extension to permission, concrete batching plant, Cottam Power Station – approved

6 Village Hall

The Council agreed that B Doyle should be asked to submit prices to the Village Hall committee for plastering and other internal work and for various jobs outside, which have a higher priority.

7 Accounts

a) Receipts

None.

b) Annual Return

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return had been returned by Hacker Young because of a clerical error. The Chairman and Clerk initialled the alteration. Unfortunately there is a charge of £25 for this mistake.

c) Accounts for payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	cheque	£
Hacker Young	005	29.38
JB Rickells	006	570.00

d) Bank balances

After the above transactions the account balances will be:

	£
Current Account	1700.04
Nottingham Building Society	<u>63168.09</u>
	<u>64868.13</u>

8 Correspondence

a) Bassetlaw District Council – Open Space Assessment

The Clerk will reply to this letter, which requested details of play areas in villages, pointing out that the amount of playing space could be substantially increased if the District Council approved the planning application for new sports facilities.

b) Retford Lions – ‘Message in a Bottle’

The Council noted that this scheme will be launched in the autumn. Members commented that a similar scheme is already in operation.

c) Countryside Agency – Provisional Map of Registered Common Land

The Clerk was asked to put a notice on the notice boards stating that Rampton Wharf is still owned by the Parish.

d) Documents for Inspection

The following documents were available for inspection by members:

- Bassetlaw District Council – Best Value Performance Plan
- NALC – Disability Discrimination Act
- NALC – Employment Equality Regulations
- Notts ALC – Countywise
- Bassetlaw District Council – Using Rural Community Consultation
- Bassetlaw District Council – Best Value Performance Plan
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Countylink
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Travel and Transport Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning and Property Briefing
- Nottinghamshire County Council – ‘Participate’
- EDF Energy – Annual Report

9 Any Other Business

a) Grants

The Chairman reminded members that the Council has traditionally decided the level of grants to village organisations at its September meeting. Members agreed that the total amount to be distributed should be the same as last year ie £1,500. The Clerk was asked to post notices in the shop, Post Office and on the notice boards.

b) Rampton Hospital Community Forum

The Chairman reported the following points which were raised at the meeting of the Forum that afternoon:

- The Hospital is in the process of changing its heating system from coal to gas which may mean that village residents will have the option of converting to gas;
- Contracts for the building of a woman’s unit will be let later this year, with a 70 week construction. There is also to be a 12-bed unit for the deaf and a 40-bed learning unit.
- The annual cost of running the hospital, for about 400 patients, is £85m.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13 September at 7.30 pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.


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