

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Rampton at 7.30pm on Monday 8th February 2016.

Members Present Cllr Edward Morris
Cllr Muriel Arden
Cllr Ivor Lewin
Cllr Rebecca Sheppard
Cllr Libby Hauton
Cllr Barrie Doyle

Also Present Catherine Brines
5 Members of the Public
Clerk of the Council

Apologies: Cllr Pam Hawkins

The Chair opened the meeting by telling everyone that the Clerk had decided to step down at the end of March and they would be sad to see her go.

1. Members Present/Apologies

As above

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Approval & signing of minutes of 15th December 2015 and Matters Arising from the minutes

Minutes approved.

The Bus shelter roofing and guttering repairs have been reported to Highways and we now have a job number. Cllr Sheppard saw the workmen and showed them where the leak was, we now have to wait to see what is done about it.

Item 7 The Parish Council now know that planning consent is needed for the MUGA. Cllr Doyle has negotiated with one of the two contractors being considered for the works for them to produce the drawings for this application for us. However there is a Planning application fee of £95 payable to Bassetlaw District Council. A vote was taken to agree a cheque being raised for this amount. Carried unanimously.

Item 11 Landswop: The Clerk had chased the Solicitors for an update on this and was told that we were holding it up. They now needed further information to prove ownership. The Chair had looked back over the old minutes and had found reference to the fact that Steetley had taken the Inclosure Award Book as proof of ownership back then. We also asked for an estimated cost which had come back as approximately £500 with the Land Registry fees in the region of £40-£80. We now had a contact of Joanne Robinson as Mr Morton worked part time now.

4. Routine Matters

Police Report

No police report received.

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Highways

Street lights in The Pastures and Orchard Drive had been replaced by LED's and any old ones that fail will now be replaced by LED's as well.

The sign for the Playing field had been reported but Highways had replied that on initial inspection/investigation they had determined that no action was required.

The sign at the school flashing 24 hours a day had been completed.

The street lighting had now been turned on at night.

Cllr Doyle said that the light outside the bungalows was out which had been reported.

A pot hole down on Greenside had been reported and repaired. Adjacent to the pot hole was an Open Reach pole with a cover hanging loose this had been reported as well and they had come out fairly quickly to repair that.

There had been several comments about the condition of the verge on the bend on Tresswell Road going out of the village. It was thought this might be because of flooding however Cllr Hauton said that it was because it had been churned up by horses. There was a discussion about when it did flood at that particular area John Quickfall had cleared the dyke and it was his opinion that the drain at the other end was blocked. It was felt that Stuart be approached to clean out the drain on his side to prevent the flooding again. Cllr Morris to speak to him.

Planning

We had received pictures of an application for planning at Alison Dene's but had not received anything formal from Bassetlaw Council yet. It was felt that this should be discussed at the next meeting when we should have received the relevant paperwork.

There was disc containing details of an application for a Ash Processing Plant by the Power station. The Chair looked at the disc and felt the whole of the application was within the boundaries of the power station and there did not really concern the Parish.

Village Hall

Cllr Lewin reported that the carpets had been cleaned this weekend. The drains from the store had been diverted to the proper drain. He was still looking at grants for decorations, Wilkinson's would not consider any applications until May.

Cllr Lewin said that 2 days before Christmas a lady had a fall on the path and needed to go and see her GP from some treatment. The path was a problem and he asked who was responsible for it. Cllr Morris said that the Hospital was responsible for the maintenance of the path and we were just waiting for them to ok the works. Cllr Morris will contact the Hospital again and tell them

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about the accident in the hopes it will get the works done sooner rather than later.

Health & Safety

The PACT testing was nearly upon us again.

Village Warden report: All duties carried out as per job description. There is a pot hole forming outside of Cllr Doyle's property (see above this has been dealt with).

Several Villagers have commented on the condition of the grass verge around the seat and bin on the bend on Tresswell Road. (See above).

There is a small amount of lichen growth on one of the swing's posts. Did the suppliers suggest any care/treatment for the wooden play equipment on Pinder Park. There was a brief discussion about this.

A recent incident where emergency services were delayed because they were unable to find the property. Some residents have asked about the possibility of a street map identifying house names could be arranged and placed on the Village notice board. Laneham have a map of this type. There was a discussion about this, the Clerk was asked to write to Laneham to see what they had done.

5. Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk had been in touch with Bassetlaw and found that there was no time limit for registering our interest. We had been sent a few plans done by other Villages and the Tresswell and Cottam plan looked the simplest and closest to what Rampton would need. The Chair asked if anyone was interested in taking this on, there were no takers so the Chair asked for it to be put on the March agenda.

6. Pinder Park

The Chair explained that the Pinder Park Group had set aside £62K for the development and they had £2-3K over and above that for any incidentals which may occur. They had received two quotes for the development Streetscape and Jupiter, Cllr Doyle had been through both quotes thoroughly and it seemed that Jupiter offered more for our money and both had offered to do the repairs which Sovereign wanted to charge us for, as a gesture of goodwill.

We had not placed an order yet because of the hold up with planning which gave Cllr Doyle more time to look at a MUGA done by Jupiter as he had already seen one done by Streetscape.

Jupiter had also agreed to provide the plans and necessary drawings for the planning application which could take up to two months before an order can be placed.

There was still a lot to be checked out but it all looked promising. Cllr Sheppard thought it would be nice to do some landscaping if possible. Cllr Doyle said that the spoil would stay on site, some of it going to the dyke area and he asked if anyone had any thoughts about what to do with the rest of it.

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The Chair said that we had received a further £1,000 from Cllr Ogle and will write to him to thank him for that.

Cllr Hauton has some contacts to form a sports club for children and they have some things to do for when we're ready.

Telecommunications Mast: - Cllr Doyle gave a brief background to where this proposal had come from, he stressed that it was only a proposal at the moment until a site survey had been done which was due to happen tomorrow morning. The Client is O2 and the preferred option/location is Pinder Park. Once the meeting/survey has taken place they will come back with detailed drawings and a more formal proposal.

Cllr Doyle was aware that there would be a lot of questions about this and so had asked Harlequin if they provide technical expertise to answer questions at a public meeting and they have said yes.

Cllr Doyle asked if there were any specific questions anyone wanted him to ask at the meeting, the consensus was that everyone would prefer it at the other end of the field away from the play equipment. Cllr Doyle to take this to the meeting tomorrow. He said that the footprint would be fairly small and possibly be about 20 meters high. He explained that if it was viable then it would be a guaranteed lease of 25 years with a possible £3500 rent per year. They would need a power supply which could be negotiated that they provide that. All private landlords were contacted but the preferred option was Pinder Park.

7. Open Session

A member of the public said there had been some requests about whether we were going to do anything to mark the Queen's 90th birthday? The Chair had received a flyer from Bassetlaw Council about a clean-up for the Queen, but asked for any suggestions. The consensus that something along the lines of a street party but on Pinder Park would be better. Cllr Arden offered to do a little note to pass on to the other organisations in the Village to see they wanted to participate. It was felt that it may be possible to organise something for the Queen's official birthday on June, as April was too near.

Another member of the public said that the new street lights on Orchard Drive were wonderful.

8. Emergency Plan

Cllr Sheppard had had a couple of meetings with Mrs Van Nieuwenhuyzen and they were trying to collate contacts. They had contacted the School, Hospital, Power Station etc and were in the process of creating a database and getting a network of people in place. They want to use this as a basis for creating a Neighbour Watch plan to keep it going. It will take time to get it up and running but it was going well. Cllr Sheppard would continue to give updates at the Parish Council meetings.

9. Accounts

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Cheques presented for signature

Cheque no. 1615	NALC annual subscription	£	143.34
Cheque no. 1616	Wardell Armstrong Invoice Mgmt fee	£	93.36
Cheque no. 1617	E-on Electricity for Post Office	£	65.71
Cheque no. 1618	Clerks 3 Q Expenses	£	98.60
Cheque no. 1619	BDC Planning App fee (MUGA)	£	95.00

The amount in the current account as at 29 January 2016 is £12,143.01

Precept:

The Clerk had circulated a revised up to date projected budget to all councillor before the meeting. The Chair said that we as a Parish Council needed to make sure we have enough money to meet our expenses and have a little left over. Cllr Sheppard proposed that a 5% increase is realistic but reduce grants to the Village Organisations by £300. There was a brief discussion about this and then a vote was taken on the proposal to raise the precept by 5% and reduce the grants to Village Organisations. It was carried unanimously.

Cllr Doyle explained the background to the precept and had prepared a fact sheet for anyone who wanted to take one away with them.

10. Any Other Business

The Clerk asked if anyone objected to the March meeting being on the 7th March which it would normally be except for the fact that this year there was a 29th February. There were no objections

11. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting Monday 7th March 2016

Meeting ended at 8.50 pm