

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting, held in the Village Hall, Rampton at 7.30pm on Monday 8th June 2015.

Members Present: Cllr Rebecca Sheppard
Cllr Muriel Arden
Cllr Ivor Lewin

Cllr Edward Morris
Cllr Barrie Doyle
Cllr Pam Hawkins

Also Present Catherine Brines
6 Members of the Public
County Cllr Ogle

Clerk of the Council

Apologies: None

1. Members Present/Apologies

As above

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lewin – Village Hall
Cllr B Doyle - Village Hall/Pinder Park

Cllr Morris – Bowls Club
Cllr Hawkins – Pinder Park

The Chair apologised for the mix up over the Agenda and said it would not happen again.

3. Approval and signing of minutes of meeting held on 11th May 2015

Approved

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

Highways: the new signs outside the school have been reported to highways and the Clerk has a reference number for this.

The meeting with Karen Tarburton did not go ahead as she was poorly but she is coming next week to meet with Cllr Arden and Doyle.

Bus Service – A meeting is being arranged for a Wednesday afternoon, Dunham on Trent's Clerk has been in touch but was waiting for dates from Notts. Rampton Clerk asked to follow this up.

Transparency code – The Clerk has heard from Bassetlaw District Council and they are going to develop a page for all Parish Councils that do not have a website of their own. Some information has been forwarded to Steve Brown at Bassetlaw District Council.

5. Routine Matters

Police Report

No police report received and none of the Councillors knew of any crime within the Parish.

Highways

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The bus timetable has come off the wall by the bus shelter so needs refixing, the Clerk would report this.

Planning

There was one application received to do with lopping trees at Woodbeck, but not all the Councillors had seen the application. Cllr Hawkins had it currently and would pass it on.

Village Hall

Cllr Doyle identified the need to renew some of the battery packs in the emergency lighting, I will source the replacement packs and get them fitted. Also the store sheds and facias were in need of repair.

Cllr Doyle told the meeting that he had two quotes back for the water pipe and there was a big difference between the two, he said that it seemed like no one wanted the job.

Quote 1 was for £1680

Quote 2 was for £4500

Cllr was trying to get a third quote so they could try and get a grant for the work which is why the meeting with Karen Tarburton had been arranged.

Cllr Doyle had discussed with each contractor about re-routing the pipe but both had said that the most cost effective way would be to go along the same route as it was now.

Village Warden: We have a permanent Village Warden who started with us on 1st June 2015.

Health & Safety

The village Warden will be bringing Health & Safety issues back to Cllr Doyle who will in turn bring them back to the Parish Council, this was an agreed part of his job. We have a Pinder Park book on the table at the entrance of the Village Hall which contains the weekly play equipment check sheets. This is accessible to anyone, and already the Village Warden has identified an issue which Cllr Doyle is looking into.

6. Grass Cutting/Rents/Landswop

Grass Cutting: -The grass verges are now done by Highways and with the cut backs the intervals between cuts are quite far apart. So Cllr Doyle has been looking for sponsorship for this. He has spoken to two businesses in the Village already and received positive feedback. He has also spoken to Ulyett Landscapes to get some information and they would want £20 per cut per corner, they have said they do it for other Villages and have not had a problem with it being Council land. Cllr Doyle is still exploring the idea to make the Village look better with no cost to the Parish Council. The new Village Warden has some ideas of his own and has suggested flower tubs.

The field is looking quite good and Cllr Sheppard has agreed to get the hedges cut after the nesting season is over.

Rents: - Letters have been sent out to the tenants, it should be a routine review for Mr Quickfall. Cllr Arden has spoken to Mr Greenhalgh and he

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understands that the Parish Council need to look for a more realistic rent after several years of a holding rent of £30 per acre. Rents now range from £100-£200 an acre with village land somewhere in the middle. Mr Greenhalgh was told that the Parish Council would be looking for at least £700 per annum and this happened he would want a formal contract for 3 years, but Cllr Arden agreed to talk nearer the time.

Landswop: Cllr Arden had suggested last month that the Moorpool and Pinder land which adjoin the Parish Council land be taken into the Parish Council fold. This seemed an opportune time to do this as Ted Morris & Jeff Rickells had resigned from being Trustees. She felt it would be a good idea to add the 2 acres of their land to the existing 8 making a decent sized area to plan for. There was a discussion about this as there seemed some confusion over what was being proposed. Cllr Arden clarified that it was the 2 acres of Moorpool & Pinder land adjacent to the Parish Council land on the landswop that she wanted to get under the umbrella of the Parish Council for administration purposes. Cllr Doyle proposed this be accepted, Cllr Morris seconded.

Lease has been found however the Solicitors have asked for the Deeds to the land. Cllr Arden had found an extract from a Parish Council meeting in July 1987 where the parish Inclosure Award was taken for proof of ownership. This has been conveyed to the Solicitors however they have asked If the deeds cannot be found the Solicitors acting for Lafarge have asked whether there is anybody within the Council who could provide an appropriate Statutory Declaration or Statement of Truth for lost deeds. Cllr Morris was asked if he would be willing to do this as he signed the original lease. He wanted to look at what was entailed first.

Cllr Arden said once the Landswop had been completed we needed to look ahead and felt the best way forward would be to form a subcommittee to look into all aspects of likely development and the best way to proceed with the land. Proposed a committee of Cllr Doyle, Cllr Lewin and Cllr Morris to form the committee and look at gathering information and ideas.

This raises the problem of Registration of assets at the Land Registry which needs to be looked into. The Clerk would e-mail David Landon to see what land had been registered.

7. Pinder Park

The Big Dig went well and thanks to all the people that helped. The parents showing interest and giving help seem to those with younger children. An application to Awards for All for the Sovereign Congo Multi play area went in last week it costs less than £10,000 and does not require match funding and goes a good way to completing that area.

8. Open Session

A member of the Public said that all Wardell Armstrong wanted to know was if it was ok to swop the land and LaFarge would pay the legal fees.

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A question was asked that at the February Parish Council meeting the Precept was put up by 29% but when they received their council tax bill it had gone up by 40%, could someone explain this. Cllr Doyle didn't have the paperwork with him but he explained there were a number of factors which influenced this, the precept had not been put up for 5 years and then had inadvertently been put down so they had to do something to redress the situation. He offered to go through the figures with the person anytime.

The Parish Council was asked if there was any availability for allotments in the Village. There was a brief discussion about this as there used to be allotments. It was suggested that the person speak to Mr Ingomells as it was thought they were thinking about allotments.

9. Accounts

Cheques presented for signature

Cheque no. 1576	Trent Valley Drainage Board	£	37.31
Cheque no. 1580	Ulyett Landscapes Ltd	£	108.00
Cheque no. 1581	Robertshaw Livestock Farmers Topsoil	£	350.00
Cheque no. 1582	B Doyle catering for Big Dig	£	20.00
Cheque no. 1583	C McCarthy V Wardens May Sal	£	78.00

The amount in the current account as at 30 April 2015 is £7,287.12

Last year's accounts were back from the Internal Auditor and are now complete. The Chair signed the forms to acknowledge this.

10. Casual Vacancy

The Clerk had been in touch with Bassetlaw District Council and taken advice about this and had the forms which needed to be displayed on the Notice Board. The Parish Council were happy for this to go ahead.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Ogle said that the Representative from Nottinghamshire County Council was happy to meet a couple of members of the Parish Council to discuss the Bus service. This was different to what the Chair said they had asked for as they wanted a public meeting so the service users could come and air their concerns. The Chair asked Cllr Ogle to leave it to us to organise the meeting.

Cllr Arden said that they had been asked about water on Pinder Park, Cllr Hawkins said that the Pinder Park Committee need to meet to discuss these things and bring it back to the Parish Council

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13 July 2015 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 8.55pm