

RAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 8 May 2006

Present: Cllr D Jackson, Chairman of the Parish Council
Cllrs Arden, Leaton, Mellors, Rickells, Smith
D Landon, Clerk of the Parish Council
8 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Morris

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2005

Approved.

3 Matters Arising not elsewhere on the agenda

The Council noted that the planning application for Orchard Drive had been modified twice before submission for consideration by Bassetlaw District Council's Planning Committee. The applicant has appealed against the District Council's decision not to grant planning permission.

4 Sports Facilities

In response to a question from a village resident the Clerk advised that the Parish Council has so far spent in the order of £30,000 on the provision of sports facilities and has committed to a further £5,000. In response to a supplementary comment that this is a lot of council taxpayers' money given that very few village residents are interested in the facilities, Cllr Arden commented that two football teams, a rounders team and the bowls club are waiting to get onto the field.

There was general agreement that, with the benefit of hindsight, the existing playing field is in the wrong location and Cllr Rickells confirmed that the play equipment had been removed because of health & safety considerations.

In response to a question about how the Council is going to be able to afford the costs of at least £100 per week of running a building on the site, Cllr Arden confirmed that the project is in three stages: Stage 1 is getting the field into a suitable condition; Stage 2 is the provision of a pavilion; and Stage 3 may be the building of a large hall. The Council will not proceed beyond stage 1 until there is a clear commitment from users to maintain a building(s).

Members of the Council agreed that it would be wrong for the costs of maintaining the field itself to be a charge on the Council Tax and Cllr Mellors explained that it is intended to provide a mower and then let volunteers maintain the field. He also commented that one reason there is not a cricket team is that there is no pitch available.

Cllr Rickells stated that there is no intention to burden the village with large costs.

b) Public Footpaths

It was noted that problems with the stile between numbers 42 and 44 Orchard Drive have been reported to Nottinghamshire County Council.

c) Rampton crossroads

In response to a question from a member of the public about improvements to safety at the crossroads, Cllr Morris advised that members of the Parish Council had meet officers from Nottinghamshire County Council on site. Two streetlights considered to be obscuring drivers' views have been moved and the County Council agreed to apply to the Department of Transport for approval for 'Stop' signs on both approaches to the crossroads. Apparently, approval is likely to be given to such a sign on the road from Rampton but not on the road from Woodbeck.

d) Troy Collins

Following comments by a village resident about support for Troy, the Chairman commented that the Council has done some things to show its support for Troy but that it is his choice to compete at the Olympics. Others present commented that this matter has been raised before almost every Parish Council meeting since October and it is now time to draw a line under it.

e) Parking at Rampton Primary School

No-one present had any information about the development of off-road parking.

f) Publicity for future Annual Parish Meetings

A village resident commented on the poor attendance at this meeting and suggested that the Council includes a full-page notice in Roundabout to advertise next year's meeting. It was also suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on a different night from the Parish Council meeting and that refreshments be provided in an attempt to increase the attendance. Another resident commented that the reason that more people did not attend this meeting is that they are not sufficiently interested.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....11/05/09.....