



Meeting of Rampton & Woodbeck Parish Council

Minutes of **Rampton & Woodbeck Parish Council** held on the 8th Jun 2020 virtually via Zoom, as per the regulations enacted under the Coronavirus Act 2020, the meeting commenced at 7:00pm.

Members Virtually Present

Cllr Sue Kyle

Chairman

Via Remote Attendance

Cllr Gary Dinsdale

Vice-Chair

Cllr Felicity Ferriter

Cllr David Eddy (from 495)

Also, Virtually Present

Ed Knox Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Via Remote Attendance

1 Members of the Public (joined during item 494)

Dist Cllr Ant Coultate

- 491 Chairman to Introduce Everyone
The Chairman opened the meeting.

➤ Adjournment – 15 Minute Public Forum

Cllr Kyle adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak. There were no members of the public present, therefore, Cllr Kyle reconvened the meeting.

492 To Receive Reports from District and County Councillors

Dist Cllr Coultate have a report on the Covid19 response and thanked the volunteers and helpers for their efforts.

493 To Approve Apologies for Absence

None.

494 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 part of the following agenda item shall be closed to members of the public due so that the Council can discuss the merits of the applicant and their personal attributes.

495 To receive a written application for the office of Parish councillor and to potentially Co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy

Cllr Kyle adjourned the meeting to welcome and allow the candidate to speak. The candidate was given up to 5 minutes to address the Council explaining their background, experience and why they wish to become a member of the parish council.

Cllr Kyle reconvened the meeting and the Council **resolved** to exclude the members of the public and press to leave the virtual Zoom room so that the Council could discuss the merits of the applicant and their personal attributes. After discussion, Cllr Kyle **Proposed** a vote on the acceptability of the candidate per the 'person specification' criteria set out in Appendix C of the Co-option Policy as a guide, together with the personal statement of the candidate. All members of the Council voted in favour and it was **resolved** that David Eddy be co-opted. Cllr Kyle allowed Mr Eddy to re-enter the Zoom meeting to offer to co-opt the candidate to the Council. Mr Eddy accepted and Cllr Kyle allowed the public to re-enter the Zoom room, declaring that Mr Eddy was duly elected. Mr Eddy signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. The Clerk then asked Cllr Eddy to complete the 'registration of interests' form within the next 28 days. **Action**, the Clerk to inform Bassetlaw District Council.

496 To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

497 Finance:

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
R&R Motors Ltd	Parish Mower Fuel Mar & Apr	£14.80
Village Warden	Wilco Fence Paint for Pinder Park Fence	£15.00

Village Warden	Business Cover for Car Insurance	£25.17
Home Bargains	Lilly Bulbs for Village Hall Bedding area	£5.97
Home Bargains	Disinfectant Spray for Parish Equipment	£5.51
Wilko	Punch Pockets for Clerks Administration	£6.50
Cllr Ferriter	Orchard Nurseries Plants & Compost	£66.00
Village Hall Warden	Paint for Village Hall Toilets & Entrance	£41.79
Zoro Ltd	Bulk Pack of 18 Blue Rolls for Village Warden	£38.39
Total Payments		<u>£219.13</u>

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Notts County Council	Lengthsman Scheme Grant 2020/21	£1000.00
Total Receipts		<u>£1000.00</u>

Bank Balances

The Current Account Balance	<u>£18,356.00*</u>
The Deposit Account Balance	<u>£17,592.22</u>

*£419.57 ring-fenced for Flowers for Planters. All these items are grant funded. **Total Funds Ring-Fenced £419.57**

498 To Approve an Oil Tank gauge and alarm System for the Village Hall

After discussion, the Council unanimously **resolved** that Cllr Bullimore shall either install the Watchman, Cloud Dialler, silent alarm system with digital gauge system which was discussed at the January meeting or a similar system up to the same value quoted in January if an alternative system is available which offers the same outcome. **Action**, Cllr Bullimore to obtain the parts and arrange installation.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 part of the following item be closed to members of the public due so that the Council can discuss **Tenders or Contracts** (including, but not limited to, terms of tenders & contracts, proposals and counter proposals, consultations and negotiations of contracts, **including tenancies** and hire agreements and or negotiations relating to Contractor labour or financial/business affairs of a person.)

499 To Review rental charges of parish land and building tenancies

The Council discussed the market research undertaken into arable land rent, and post office building rent in the local area for the Outreach Service. After Discussion, the **Council** unanimously **resolved** that

- Forest Garden Field pre-1986 tenancy
- South Inge Yard post-1986 tenancy

Both the arable land rents on the above tenancies to remain the same for 2020. The Council understands that Brexit/uncertainty of subsidies, poor weather and Covid19 are problems for farmers and therefore there will be no rise to either tenancy in 2020. However, the Council also needs to maximise its income where possible and negate the effects of inflation. **Action**, the Clerk to inform the tenants that there is no rise in 2020 and Council will review the situation again in July 2021.

- Rampton Wharf Fishing tenancy

The Council is very happy with the efforts of the tenant to maintain Rampton Wharf and also understands that Covid19 will have prevented fishing for a period this year. Therefore, the Council **resolved** that rent will remain the same in 2020 and shall be increased by £48.63 a year with effect from 1st Oct 2021 in-line with the stipulations of RPI increases in the tenancy agreement. **Action**, the clerk to inform the tenant that there is no rise in 2020 and the RPI increase will only come into effect from 1st Oct 2021.

- Rampton Post Office Building

The Council values the excellent service that the Post Office Outreach service provides to the local community. The Council does have overheads for the building of insurance, electricity, PAT testing, 5 year hardwire testing, fire safety equipment servicing, the village warden cleans the windows, empties the gutters and the Council redecorates the building when necessary. Had the Outreach service been based within the village hall, as in many other parishes, the hourly rate would be £8. The current hourly rate was £3.96. At several other parishes the Outreach Service is charged on average between £6 and £8 per hour. The Council wishes to retain the post office service, whilst covering its costs for the building. Therefore, the Council resolved that rent shall increase from 1st Jul 2020 to £6 per hour. **Action**, the clerk to inform the tenant.

500 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8:43pm. Unless there is any urgent business which cannot wait, the Council agreed to next meet in September 2020.