



**Minutes of the meeting of Rampton & Woodbeck Parish Council
held on the 11 October 2021 at 7pm
at the Mike Harris Centre, Woodbeck**

Present:

Councillors: J Lancaster, D Eddy, G Dinsdale, L Dinsdale and S Kyle

Officer: S Pyke (locum Clerk)

Public: 2

Other Representatives: Bassetlaw District Councillor A Coultate (part); Nottinghamshire County Councillor J Ogle (part) and Nottinghamshire County Council's Digital Engagement Officer, Callum Jones

593. **Welcome**

The Chairman apologised for opening the meeting late (7.10pm) following difficulties accessing the centre and welcomed everyone.

594. **Apologies**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies of Councillor Ferriter and Councillor Cobb due to illness. The Clerk was asked to pass on the Council's best wishes to Councillor Ferriter as a period of absence from Council meetings was to be expected.

595. **Declarations of Interest**

None received

596. **Public Session**

Neither member of the public wished to raise anything. Interest in the update from Nottinghamshire County Council's Digital Engagement Officer meant that this item was brought forward.

The minutes are recorded in agenda order.

597. **Minutes**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

598. **Nottinghamshire Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme**



The Digital Engagement Officer provided a reminder that this was a fully subsidised voucher scheme topped up by Nottinghamshire County Council to upgrade houses and businesses to 30mbps download speed. Internet speed and reliability is increasingly viewed as a utility therefore collectively upgrading would be for the overall benefit of the community. It requires strong take-up at household and businesses level to meet the commercial viability threshold for Open Reach (the contractor and civil engineers upgrading the cables from copper and aluminium). Therefore, a successful campaign of awareness is needed so that residents sign up on the pledging website.

It was noted that 2 members of the community had already made their interest known in helping to promote sign up to the scheme. The Council and a member of the community discussed potential ideas on how to promote.

At next month's meeting a representative from Open Reach will attend to provide an update on whether the scheme for Rampton and Woodbeck has been accepted as a viable funding scheme.

599. **Councillor Reports**

- a) Cottam and West Burton Solar Power Scheme meeting report was **NOTED**.

600. **District and Borough Councillor Reports**

District Councillor A Coultate advised that he would be late arriving. His update has been provided in agenda order

- There had been anti-social behaviour reported in Woodbeck which the Police attended. It was reiterated that residents must report incidences to the Police otherwise there is not an accurate record of what is going on in rural communities.
- The anticipated meeting regarding Cottam and West Burton sites didn't take place in September.
- EDF has not sold the Cottam site.

County Councillor J Ogle

- There is also another potential solar power planning project taking shape in Lincoln and Gringley which could involve the West Burton and Cottam sites.
- Reminded Council that the closing date for comment on the Bassetlaw draft Local Plan consultation was fast approaching. The Chairman said the Council's response would be discussed this evening.

601. **Planning**

- a) No planning applications had been received
- b) It was **NOTED** that there would be a public consultation on the solar power projects at Cottam and West Burton
- c) Councillors put forward their considerations in relation to the Cottam site which they wished to be included in the Council's response to the Bassetlaw draft Local Plan 2020-2037 consultation. They included:



- Isolated location
- Contamination and public safety
- Wildlife protection
- Lack of infrastructure
- Pressure on surrounding villages services such as schools, roads
- Changing the character of the area
- Not suitable as residential location

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk draft and submit a response

602. **Committees**

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft Terms of Reference for an HR Committee be accepted and that Councillors Cobb, L Dinsdale and Kyle were elected as the HR Committee members with Councillor G Dinsdale acting as a substitute

603. **Audit**

The Conclusion of Audit for the year ending 31 March 2021 was **NOTED**

604. **Insurance**

An exercise had been undertaken last year to confirm the Council had sufficient cover. Therefore, it was **RESOLVED** to continue coverage with the current service provider and to enter into a 3-year contract term.

The Council were informed that the Mike Harris Centre would be closing at 9pm. There were no remaining members of public in attendance. The Parish Council moved to Rampton Village Hall to continue the meeting.

605. **Finance**

a) Bank Details Update

The Clerk prioritised access to the Council's bank account so payments can be made. This is now operational although it is not yet set up with dual signatory approval which will happen in due course. There remains no access to the bank account to pay the lottery winners. The Clerk will progress this next.

b) Payment Approval

Councillors Eddy and G Dinsdale checked and signed the payment list. It was **RESOLVED** that the payment pack be approved.

606. **Wreaths**

It was **RESOLVED** that Remembrance poppy wreaths be placed at Rampton and Woodbeck on behalf of the community. Veterans or current armed service personnel would be asked to lay the wreaths.



607. **Christmas Trees**

It was **RESOLVED** to order 2 x 10 to 12 foot Christmas trees. Councillor L Dinsdale will research suitable lights for the trees so that they can be ordered and look into the disposal of both trees. The Clerk to place the orders and to co-ordinate the arrangements with staff and Councillors.

608. **Bulbs**

A donation of new bulbs has been received. It was agreed to clear the planters of existing bulbs and plant them at Pinder Park and at a site in Woodbeck subject to the necessary approval. The new bulbs would be put in the planters. The remaining donation would be used to purchase winter plants.

It was **RESOLVED** that going forward the Clerk would place orders in relation to the planters, make the arrangements and to co-ordinate the arrangements with staff and Councillors.

609. **Woodland and Hedge Planting**

a) Sherwood Forest Trust Initiative

The initiative was **NOTED** but no suitable sites were identified

b) Bassetlaw District Council's Community Tree funding

The funding was **NOTED** as no suitable sites were identified

c) Queen's Green Canopy

If the Council's request for the pack of 'wildlife' hedges and trees had not been submitted to make that request or a similar type of pack if the 'wildlife' pack was no longer available

610. **Armed Forces Covenant**

It was **RESOLVED** to sign the covenant

611. **Assets**

It was **RESOLVED** to write-off the ATCO Quattro lawn mower - £579.00 and Hyundai cordless rotary lawn mower - £423.99 from the asset register

612. **Community Governance Review**

It was **RESOLVED** that Council had nothing further to add to the narrative previously submitted

613. **Meeting Requests**

a) South East Bassetlaw Forum – 25 November 2021 at 7pm

It was **RESOLVED** to accept Councillor Ferriter's offer to virtually attend

614. **Staffing**



- a) New Village Hall Warden

It was **NOTED** that the new Village Hall Warden was in post

615. **Confidential Business**

- a) Confidential notes from 13 September 2021 meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the notes

- b) Locum Clerk's working arrangements and employment terms

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the working arrangement and employment terms

- c) To progress the recruitment of a new Clerk

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the draft pack and to advertise the position with the Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Associations of Local Councils. The spinal column point range was set between 24 to 28 for 12 hours per week which would be subject to review.

The meeting closed at: 11:10pm