

Rampton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 10 October 2011 in Rampton Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Wilkinson, Chairman
Cllrs Hamilton, Rickells, S Wilkinson

Also present: D Landon, Clerk to the Council
PCSO Walker
4 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Baines, Morris, Sheppard. The Register of Members' Interests is now complete.

2 Declarations of interest

Cllr Rickells declared a prejudicial interest in items 5a).

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September

Approved

4 Police Report

PCSO Walker advised that there had been two crimes in the last month – criminal damage on Torksey Street and the theft of electricity cable also on Torksey Street. She also advised that, from 7 November, the new national non-emergency police telephone number is 101.

5 Sports & Leisure Facilities

a) Proposed bowling green

The Chairman reported that, at the meeting on 3 October, members of the Bowls Club commented that, other than agreeing to include the field in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, the Parish Council has made no decisions on the development of the remainder of the field. The Council discussed this matter and decided that it requires the bowling green to be moved so as to keep open the option of developing the remainder of the field if no sports use has been identified. The Council also discussed the Bowls Club's request for the Council to prepare a lease which would include a plot measuring 60m by 50m. The Council agreed that the maximum size of the land it is prepared to include in the lease is 55m by 48m and that it is willing to prepare a lease provided that the Club is prepared to pay the Parish Council's costs of doing so. The Clerk was asked to convey these two decisions to the Secretary of Rampton Bowls Club and to ask her to supply the following information: the Club's Constitution; a list of members and how many of them live within the Parish; the names of members of the committee and officers; and a business plan.

7 Other matters arising from the meeting held on 12 September

a) Post box

The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing further from Royal Mail and the Council decided to ask the MP to contact Royal Mail's Chairman again.

b) Highways issues

The Clerk was asked to send a further reminder to the County Council about the missing speed warning sign approaching Rampton crossroads from the north and the 30 mph sign approaching the village from Laneham 'flapping in the wind'. He was also asked to remind them of the Council's request to move the playground warning sign nearer to the entrance to the sports field and of their commitment to carry out a speed survey in Woodbeck to see whether an interactive speed sign is justified and to ask for a reply to the Council's request for Retford Road to be included on the gritting routes.

c) Emergency Plan

Deferred to the next meeting. The Chairman will ask the Village Warden whether he is prepared to be the Snow Warden.

d) Cutting of grass verges

The Clerk reported that the County Council has not said whether paying for 5 cuts is likely to apply next year. The Council decided to defer to the next meeting a decision on whether to seek tenders for cutting the verges next year.

e) Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service – Service Review Consultation

Cllr S Wilkinson advised that the Fire & Rescue Service propose that the area served by Retford Fire Station will be supported by a wholetime crew during the day and by retained firefighters and neighbouring crews at night. This will increase the response time by a minimum of three minutes, a significant amount in fighting fires. At the same time the Fire & Rescue Service proposes upgrading Edwinstowe Fire Station to support the high risk area served by Ollerton & Boughton Fire Station. However, within Rampton parish there is a high security hospital and a major power station, surely higher risk than anything in Edwinstowe or Boughton. The Clerk was asked to respond to the Fire & Rescue Service along these lines. The Council noted that that the Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service has called a meeting for Parish Councillors on Thursday 27 October at Retford Town Hall.

f) Rent Review, Forest Garden Field

Deferred to the next meeting.

8 Planning

a) Correspondence

- CPRE – How to respond to planning applications – circulated to the Planning Committee.

b) Applications considered by the Planning Committee

- Scoping option, north lagoons, Cottam Power Station – no comments

c) Decisions by Bassetlaw District Council

- Erect dwelling & garage, Plot 5, land at rear of Old Post Office – permission granted
- Erect pair of semi-detached cottages, land at Torksey Street – permission granted

9 Village Warden

Cllr Hamilton reported that the Village Warden has removed the right hand post at the entrance to the playing field barricaded off the broken swing, both for safety reasons. He has also strimmed the playing field several times this season and if the Parish Council requires him to continue to do this then we need to come to an agreement about payment.

10 Village Hall

Cllr S Wilkinson reported that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to accept responsibility for using the Council's grant in whatever way it feels is appropriate to promote the use of the hall, subject to review in a year's time.

11 Accounts & Audit

a) To consider payment of grants

The Council noted a letter from the PCC confirming that the Council's grant is used to meet some of the cost of grass cutting. The Council agreed to make grants of £400 to the PCC, £250 to Woodbeck Residents Association and £500 to the Village Hall Committee.

b) Receipts

The Council noted the following receipts:

	£
Bassetlaw District Council – 2 nd half of precept etc	4350.00
A1 Housing – grant	2000.00
Central Networks – wayleave for electricity pole	6.62
MA Quickfall – half-year rent of Forest Garden Field	144.30

c) Accounts for Payment

The Council agreed the following accounts for payment:

	Cheque #	£
E.On – Post Office electricity bill	329	11.39
Ulyett Landscapes – grass cutting	330	96.00
Lindum Fire Services Ltd – fire safety inspections	332	98.59
KR Hewitt – cutting sports field hedge	333	158.40
B Doyle – repair of bench & notice board	334	95.00
JB Rickells – grass cutting	335	665.00
Rampton PCC – annual grant	336	400.00
Woodbeck Residents Association – annual grant	337	250.00
Rampton Village Hall Committee – annual grant	338	500.00

d) Bank balances

After the above transactions the balances of the Council's accounts will be:

	£
NatWest Bank	7248.07
Nottingham Building Society	14991.47
	<u>22239.54</u>

13 Correspondence

a) Eyre Arms – Post Office Lease

The Chairman commented that the lease was initially for a period of 10 years which is due to expire in March 2012. Following consultation with Cllr Rickells she had asked the Clerk to write to the Eyre Arms to advise that the Council wishes to take up the option to renew the lease of the land on which the Post Office is sited for a further 10 years.

b) Boundary Commission for England – Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

The Council noted that under proposals published by the Boundary Commission Rampton would be part of the Sherwood constituency, stretching from Beckingham to the outskirts of Nottingham. The Council objected to the proposals for this constituency because there are no common interests between its component parts and it is too remote.

c) Notts ALC – New Councillor Training

No councillor wishes to attend this course on 30 November at Epperstone.

d) Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons – Guide to taking part

Passed to a village resident.

e) Other Correspondence

- Bassetlaw District Council – Minutes of Parish Councils Liaison Meeting, 13 July
- Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service Response

13 Any Other Business

a) 5-a-side football

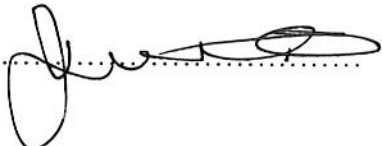
In response to a question from Cllr Rickells, the Chairman advised that the Council discussed 5-a-side football at the September meeting when he ~~had left the meeting.~~

and other councillors had left the meeting having declared prejudicial interests.

14 Date of next meeting

Monday 14 November at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed.....

Date..... *14 Nov 2011*