



Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held 9th February, 2006 at Rippingale Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr M. Morgan, Chairman

Cllrs P. Read, M. Exton & B. Flatters.

C. Cllr M. Hill & D. Cllr G. Taylor joined the meeting at 7.50p.m. (left 8.50p.m.)

In Attendance: Members of the Press (2)

P.C.S.O. G. Parrott & Cadet Standy joined the meeting at 8.00p.m. (left 8.15p.m.)

Note:

Agenda order was revised to accommodate Police, County & District Council members.

Cllr Mary Morgan, Chairman opened the meeting at 7.39p.m.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllr M. Patrick.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** - none to record.

3. **POLICE MATTERS**

3.1 PCSO Parrott reported on police business in the village, which included investigation of anti-social behaviour. Extra patrols have been employed, together with support from Special Constabulary. Playing field, village green and old pinfold have been monitored.

3.2 Mrs. M. Ayres has joined the Neighbourhood Police Panel, which meets monthly to receive problems and report on action taken. A village "walkabout" has taken place to enable the police to note particular problem areas.

3.3 Harassment warnings have been issued to four young residents in the village. Parents were unaware of the situation and it is believed that there will be no further problems in this instance.

3.3 A further "walkabout" is proposed with Parish Councillors, CPSO Parrott to advise Clerk suggested dates.

3.4 Church break-ins are a current problem in the area, and a "Church Watch" scheme has been proposed.

3.5 Cllr Flatters reported problem of "go-ped" scooters on road and footpath of Dovecote & Blanchard estates. It was confirmed that the police have powers to issue a warning and subsequently seize these scooters. Cllr Flatters to supply names of owners for CPSO to follow up. Item to be

placed in Newsletter, reminding residents that it is illegal to use these go-peds anywhere other than on private property, and then possibility of prosecution on Environmental Health and nuisance grounds.

3.6 Report of Noise Pollution has been made regarding bird-scarer near Wendover Close. Ownership of land was confirmed to CPSO Parrott and complaint is to be referred to SKDC Environmental Health.

3.7 CPSO Parrott advised that he would attend Council meetings bi-monthly. Clerk to continue to send Minutes etc for information.

CPSO Parrott & Cadet Standy left the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes of Meeting 12th January, 2006 were approved and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 WAR MEMORIAL - Cllr Morgan reported that a grant of £1,180 has been awarded from War Memorials Trust. Preferred contractor has been contacted. It is hoped that the grant application submitted to L.C.C. will be successful.

5.2 LCC , VARIOUS MATTERS

Cllr P. Read will meet with K. Brumfield (LCC Highways) on 21st February.

6. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & GRASS CUTTING

6.1 Cllr Read submitted his report:

"Village Grass & Maintenance

There appears to be confusion over some areas of work. Contractors are still cutting grass on Goldfinches Rise and the hedge in front of the Crescent was savaged this last week."

- Clerk to contact Allisons (Goldfinches) & SKDC (Crescent).

"Whose responsibility is hedge between Mr. Gray's bungalow & Doctors' Surgery?" - not resolved in discussion.

"Free trees from LCC

The trees have been collected and planted in verges around the village.

"Skateboard Ramp

Relocation is in hand and will commence shortly if it is still the wish of the Council" - Confirmed.

"Other Outstanding Work

Mr. Boyfield considers that the following are outside his normal contract, but wishes to quote for them:

Refurbishment of changing rooms - 2 days + materials £250"

Request for electrician had been published in Newsletter, Clerk & Chairman to liaise regarding alternative contractor.

Pinfold: rebuild drystone walls using cement - 2 days + materials £250

Cemetery Hedge - reduce & dispose of cuttings - 3 days £250

Best kept Village Competition: Trim trees & cut away briars along main entrance to village & dispose of cuttings £250

"Closure of Wilson's Garage

Council asked to authorise purchase of two 5gallon petrol cans for use with parish machinery. This was agreed.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** - List circulated with Agenda.

7.1 (SKDC) Standards Committee Agenda 3.2.06 & Minutes 23.09, 21.11 & 20.12.05.

7.2 (GOEM) East Midlands Regional Rural Delivery Framework, Consultation 16th January - 10th April, 2006.

7.3 (GOEM) Rural Consultations Awareness Leaflet, via SKDC, 23.12.05.

7.4 (emda) Newsletter Jan.06.

7.5 (Women in Rural Enterprise, E. Mids) details of services, publish in Newsletter.

7.6 (LCC) Capital Grant Aid 2006-7 notice of application packs, passed to Cllr. P. Read.

7.7 (SKDC) Democratic Review Working Group - working group to investigate voter apathy and general disinterest in local politics.

7.8 (Timberline) - Product information, passed to Cllr P. Read.

7.9 (emda) Village Access to Services in Welland, questionnaire. Clerk to reply that not possible for Parish Council to answer this on behalf of all residents.

7.10 (LCC) Improved telephone access to L.C.C.

7.11 (CCL Training Fair, passed to Cllr P. Read

7.12 (SKDC) Play Strategy Questionnaire, Clerk to complete and return.

8. VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE & ALLOTMENTS GROUP.

8.1. Long Row Allotments Group.

The Chairman had advised that the planned meeting had yet to be held.

The Chairman was requested to notify sub-committee members of date of meeting, when known.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Bills for Payment:

S.M. Scholes £241.66

Fovia £ 12.83

P. Read, travel re tree collection £ 30.80

Receipts: LCC re grass cutting £484.46

9.2 Budget as at 2nd February, 2006 has been previously circulated. Total funds £9,632.

10. PLANNING

10.1 (1708) Erection of Dwelling west of 27 East Street. Clerk has notified SKDC no objection to application, but concern regarding street parking.

10.2 (0005) Alterations etc Barn Farm, Station Street - nothing to report

10.3 (1590) Conservatory, 1 Millers Close - nothing to report

10.4 (1467) Dwelling, garage 75 Station Stret - nothing to report.

11. DISTRICT & COUNCIL BUSINESS.

11.1 C. Cllr Hill advised that:

- a) LCC Chief Executive is planning visits to parishes to meet with Chairmen and Clerks, details to be advised.
- b) Budget increase is likely to be 5%, additional support being given to policing and CPSOs. Issues particular to rural areas are acknowledged and will be addressed.

11.2 Complaint regarding Pinfold Close parking has been referred to him by M.P. It was confirmed that this situation is being monitored by the police, and that the Parish Council had tried, without success, to create alternative parking for playing field users.

11.3 Rippingale School - C. Cllr Hill regretted the misleading press reports as harmful and unsettling. It is acknowledged that there are surplus school places throughout the county and Rippingale school should be supported.

11.4 Proposed Wind Farm site, Pointon Fen. Planning permissions are the role of the District Council, with an overview by the County Council. It is noted that central government wishes to develop such projects.

D. Cllr Taylor advised that planning permission for a test mast is being sought, if the requisite "wind test" is achieved, then a full planning application could be made.

11.5 Civic Amenity Freighter: D. Cllr Taylor advised that the service is to be discontinued in favour of alternative improved doorstep services and recycling centres. Health & Safety issues for staff have contributed to this decision by SKDC. The County Council has offered SKDC £50,000 to spend on alternative waste disposal schemes. D. Cllr Taylor further confirmed that wheelie bins are to be supplied, one each for general and recyclable waste, collected on alternate weeks. The new systems to be phased in from September 2006.

11.6 D. Cllr Taylor confirmed that an increase of 4.9% is to be made in Council Tax 2006-7.

12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: - no members of Public present.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Kimes Coaches, Station Street. Cllr Flatters reported that coaches are still using this route through village. Clerk to write to Kimes again and copy correspondence to Cllr Read & LCC Highways.

13.2 Village Feast.

The Chairman advised that the Parochial Church Council has suggested a meeting of all village organisation representatives, including Parish Council (20th February, The Bull). At this meeting a decision will be taken as to whether a Feast will be held, and a management committee elected.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 9th March, 2006, 7.30p.m., Village Hall.

Subsequent 2006 Meetings,

April	13th
May	11th
June	8th
July	13th
August	No meeting
September	14th
October	12th
November	9th
December	No meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.11 p.m.

**Sheila Scholes,
Clerk to the Council,
14th February, 2006.**