



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
of Rippingale Parish Council,  
Held 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 at Rippingale Village Hall.**

**Present:**

**Cllrs M. Patrick, M. Morgan, P. Read, D. Sankey, J. Bass  
& D. Cllr G. Taylor**

**Members of the Public: 1**

**Members of the Press: 1**

**The Clerk opened the Meeting at 7.30p.m.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

**Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B. Flatters and M. Exton.**

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**2.1 Election of Chairman of the Parish Council:**

**In the absence of any other nominations, it was resolved that Cllr M. Patrick be re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr D. Sankey, seconded by Cllr M. Morgan.**

**2.2 Election of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council:**

**In the absence of any other nominations, it was resolved that Cllr Mrs. M. Morgan be re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr M. Patrick, seconded by Cllr P. Read.**

**2.3 Cllr M. Patrick took the Chair.**

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

**4. POLICE MATTERS**

**4.1 Police Forums have resumed, next meeting September 2006.**

**4.2 Provisions for Combating Alcohol-Related Disorder, Criminal Justice & Police Act, 2001.**

**4.2.1. SKDC request representation from Parish Council as to areas to be designated as a "public area" . The effect of designated areas will be to give Police the power to require a person not to drink alcohol in that place.**

**4.2.2. IT WAS AGREED THAT SKDC be advised of the following village locations to be considered as "Public Areas":-**

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| <b>a) Jubilee Playing Field</b>       | <b>b) Village Green (owned by LCC)</b> |
| <b>c) Old Pinfold, Station Street</b> | <b>d) All Public Footpaths.</b>        |

**4.3 Visit of Mobile Police Station, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 - poster has been displayed.**

## 5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Agenda Item 5.1 (page 2), sentence two, should read:  
 “English Heritage request to carry out the work is ...”

5.2 Subject to the amendment above, the Minutes of Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 were approved. Proposed by Cllr M. Morgan, seconded by Cllr P. Read.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 WAR MEMORIAL - Report by Cllr M. Morgan.

6.1.1. “November, 2003 - In his Quinquennial Report for St Andrew’s, the Church Architect reported that the War Memorial was frost damaged and that it should be repaired.

2004. It was established that the War Memorial is the responsibility of the Parish Council and that it is a Grade II Listed Building. It was suggested that the Parish Council apply for grants towards the cost of the reparation from English Heritage and Lincolnshire County Council. In order to obtain a Grant from English Heritage, three quotes had to be given for the work. These were obtained and the Parish Council agreed that it should be Hirst Conservation at a charge of just over £5,000. The Parish Council also applied to L.C.C. for a Grant.

The outcome being that English Heritage will award £1,180 towards the cost as long as there is compliance with the rules of their quite complicated Contract. The chosen Contractor has been sent a form of Agreement and we await the return of the document. The County Council however have awarded us the sum of £1,510, and the cheque has already been banked!

During this time, it was realised that a Faculty had to be obtained from the Diocese of Lincoln because, although the Memorial is the responsibility of the Parish Council, it stands on Church land. The Diocesan Advisory Committee have approved the repairs and Petition for Faculty has been lodged with the Registrar. The Public Notice required for the Faculty has been published and if there are no objections to the repairs, then work should commence in the near future.

In view of the proposed entry into the Best Kept Village Competition, I have suggested that Hirst Construction put up a billboard announcing their commitment to repair the War Memorial.”

6.1.2 Cllr J. Bass proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr M. Morgan for this work on behalf of the Parish Council. This was agreed.

## 7. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & GRASS CUTTING

7.1 Grass Cutting: Cllr Read advised that grass cutting is on-going. SKDC appear to be cutting grass in front of The Crescent. He will contact them.

**7.2 Skateboard Ramp.** The section remaining on the Playing Field pending relocation has been seriously damaged. C. Boyfield still intends to repair this if possible and it will be removed from site on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**7.3 Old Pinfold Wall.** Further damage has been done to dry-stone walling. Mr. Boyfield will begin repairs shortly.

**7.4 Portakabin.** There has been further graffiti vandalism. It is reported that the Football Club have volunteered to repaint the Portakabin. Cllr Read to confirm this report. The Parish Council agreed to supply/pay for necessary paint.

**7.5 Tennis Court.** Trees behind need topping.

## **7.6 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

**7.6.1** Very little response to Chairman's letter to residents, businesses, organisations. Surgery will put up hanging baskets etc, but cannot carry out any structural work at this time. Garden Club and Allotments Group will support, as able to.

**7.6.2** Village signs and notice boards to be cleaned – Chairman & Cllr Read.

**7.6.3** Litter pick, especially Dovecote area to be arranged Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30a.m., meet at Village Hall. VDC, Gardening Club & Football Club be asked to support. Cllr Flatters to bring "pickers", Clerk to obtain refuse sacks.

**7.6.3.2** Cllr Read hoped that those involved, such as Dovecote residents, would be involved in the litter pick.

**7.6.4** Chairman suggested that this year's entry would be a learning exercise and base to build on in subsequent years.

**7.6.5** The Chairman suggested that he produce posters regarding damage in the village. This was agreed.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** – List circulated with Agenda.

**8.1** (LALC) County Circular, April 2006 & enclosures.

**8.2** (NALC) Local Council Review, May 2006.

**8.3** (S. Holland D.C.) Statement of Community Involvement, Submission Draft.

**8.4** (SKDC) Standards Committee Agenda 5<sup>th</sup> May & Minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2006.

**8.5** (LALC) Local Governance, The Way Forward.

**8.6** (LCC) Bus Timetables, delivered to Village Shop.

**8.7** (emda) News Magazine, April 2006.

**8.8** (Dunsby Action Group) Proforma letter of complaint re wind farm proposal, Pointon Fen.

**8.9** Clerks & Councils Direct, May 2006.

**8.10** (SKDC Housing) Consultation on Interim Grants Policy 2006 – 7.

**8.11** (SKDC) Adoption of SK Statement of Community Involvement.

**8.12** Local Council Review, May 2006.

### 8.13 (SKDC) Local Development Framework for SK Core Strategy Preferred Option, Draft.

## 9 ALLOTMENTS GROUP & VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE

### 9.1 Allotments Group.

9.1.1 Draft Tenancy Agreement has been circulated to Councillors.

Amendments to this draft have been received from Row Gardens Allotments Group, copies circulated to Councillors at the meeting.

9.1.2 It was agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council be held, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30p.m. (Village Hall) to discuss the Agreement.

### 9.2 Village Design Committee.

9.2.1 Cllr Read reported that complaints have been received from residents as to the manner in which members of the VDC are conducting their business.

9.2.2. D. Cllr Taylor confirmed that the VDC has Supplementary Planning Status with SKDC. Its comments on Planning matters are taking into consideration, together with other groups and individuals.

9.2.3 The Clerk confirmed that no communication has been received from VDC with regard to planning matters recently. It was resolved that in the first instance, the Clerk would liaise with SKDC Planning (Mr. Sibthorp/Mr. Shipman) to confirm reported problems and that Cllr Read would try to establish whether complaints are regarding VDC as a group, or regarding individual member(s). Residents are to be reminded that they are able to complain direct to SKDC themselves.

## 10. FINANCE

### 10.1 Bills for Payment:

Lincs. Playing Fields Asscn	£ 15.00
PCC Grass Cutting 2005 - 6	£100.00
Victim Support	£ 10.00
C. Boyfield	£198.95
Anglian Water (Oct 2005 - March 2006)	£ 28.20
“ “ (April - Sept 2006)	£ 32.27
LALC Subscription	£180.00
Powergen	£ 15.00
S. Scholes, May	£248.92
Fovia	£ 18.72
C. Boyfield, May	£501.32
M. Morgan	£ 15.00

### 10.2 Receipts

SKDC 50% Precept	£6,000.00
SKDC Community Cleaner	£ 265.00
LCC War Memorial Grant	£1,510.00
E. Charlton, Allotments 05 - 6	£ 169.13
HMCE Vat Refund 05 - 6	£ 177.02.

10.3 Transfer of £6,500 from current to deposit account was approved. Bank Balances, May 2006: Deposit Account £14,018.41, Current Account £983.13.

10.4 Insurance Renewal. Cllr D. Sankey to review renewal quotation and compare other suppliers' quotations.

## 11. PLANNING

11.1 Development at Dovecote, De Montfort Housing Society. Cllr Read advised that the footpath will be re-instated in the near future. It was agreed that an "Opening Ceremony" be arranged, by arrangement with builders and residents. Cllr Read to organise.

11.2 (0283) Erection of Stables, East Street. Nothing to report.

11.3 (0578) Replacement of Signage, Post Office & Stores - no objection raised.

11.4 (0577) 2 Dwellings, Driveways, Garage, former Methodist Chapel. No objections raised.

## 12. DISTRICT & COUNCIL BUSINESS.

12.1. The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, congratulated Cllr G. Taylor on his appointment as Chairman of S.K.D.C.

12.2 Damaged Retaining Wall, Station Street terrace is under repair.

12.3 Wind Farm proposal, Pointon Fen. D. Cllr Taylor advised that current application is for Test Mast only.

## 13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

13.1 Middle Street Litter. Mr. Dies commented on unacceptable condition of front gardens of some properties. D. Cllr Taylor to follow up those belonging to SKDC.

## 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Motorcycles using footpath No 9. Clerk to report to LCC as requested by Cllr J. Bass.

14.2 Rubbish not collected & Fly Tipping, Dovecote. D. Cllr Taylor to report to SKDC.

14.3 Cllr J. Bass advised that he is subject to a current Court Action regarding cruelty to animals. He is defending this action vigorously.

14.4 Speeding, Station Street. Cllr D. Sankey again expressed concern. LRSP will supply temporary signs. Clerk to discuss with LCC Highways regarding dangerous junction Dovecote/Station Street. Councillors to discuss with Police when Mobile Station visits in June.

Hall. Another tent on Doctor's Lane was also reported.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**Extraordinary Meeting,- Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2006, The Village Hall**  
**Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, The Village Hall.**  
**Meetings commence 7.30p.m.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.**

**Sheila Scholes,**  
**Clerk to the Council,**  
**17<sup>th</sup> May, 2006.**

**2006 Meetings,**

<b>July</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>August</b>	<b>No meeting</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>October</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>November</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>December</b>	<b>No meeting</b>