



**Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held 14th June, 2007, at Rippingale Village Hall.**

Present:

Cllr M. Patrick, Chairman; Cllrs, M. Morgan, A. Adams, M. Exton, B. Flatters, D. Cllr A. Webster.

In Attendance: Members of Press (2).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr P. Read.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

2.1 As holders of Allotments, Cllrs Adams & Flatters declared Personal Interest in Agenda Item 8.

3. POLICE MATTERS.

3.1 Dovecote Residents' letter 16th April. The Clerk read letter, received 23rd May regarding noise caused by barking dog. This had been forwarded to CPSO Parrot for comment, no reply yet received. The letter contains signatures, but no specific contact details. To be carried forward, pending reply from CPSO Parrott.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting 10th May, 2007 were approved, proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Flatters. Minute Book is with Internal Auditor, Minutes to be signed at next meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS, 3rd MAY, 2007.

Members' Register of Interests have been returned to SKDC Monitoring Officer.

5.2 Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order, 2007.

5.2.1 Rippingale Parish Council agreed to adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Members, including paragraph 12(2) effective immediately. Clerk to confirm adoption to SKDC Monitoring Officer and Standards Board.

5.2.2. Copies of The Code of Conduct, Guide for members, May 2007 and The Code of Conduct Pocket Guide, May 2007 were distributed to Council Members.

5.1 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF RIPPINGALE SCHOOL.

5.1.1. LCC reply (Mr. P. Holmes, Head of Provision Planning, 31st May, 2007) to the Parish Council's letter of objection was read. This denied that the school had been allowed to run down. LCC request that the Parish Council reconsiders its objection to the school closure and Mr. Holmes

offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the matter further. IT WAS AGREED that he be invited to attend meeting 19th July, 2007.

5.3 ROAD SIDE, THE WILLOWS, STATION STREET. Confirmation that repairs reported outside The Willows Retirement Home will be carried out by County Council.

5.4 LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN, ALLOTMENT LAND. A summary of Cllr Read's proposal has been published in Newsletter. Letter received from Mr. T. Bladon in response points out the problems involved and Government organisations to be consulted. Mr. Bladon suggests Public Meeting to discuss the proposals in detail. The Parish Council acknowledged that carrying out the proposals would require much consultation, locally and with Government organisations. Clerk to thank Mr. Bladon for his comments, which are appreciated.

6. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & GRASS CUTTING

6.1 DOVECOTE PARKING. Clerk has sent 52 letters to residents, to date 11 replies: 7 in favour and 4 objecting to proposal to create more parking from grassed area. Residents have until 21st June to respond to letter.

6.2 Verges, Station Street exit to A15. Cllr Adams requested that LCC be asked to cut back verges in this area and it was agreed that Mr. Boyfield be asked to give this section of the village attention. High Street exit to A15 was commended.

6.3 Cllr Morgan advised that the PCC is grateful that the Parish Council will take over grass cutting in churchyard etc. Cllr Read is negotiating purchase of PCC strimming equipment.

6.4 Bus Shelter. – nothing to report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

7.1 (SKDC) "Big Lottery Fund Children's Play Programme – Stage 1 Application Play Funding Event" 20/06/07.

7.2 (Bourne Town Council) Invitation to Civic Service 17/06/07.

7.3 (Adrian Smith, Surveyors) Jubilee Playing Field Trust, report to Chattertons's Solicitors, 05/06/07.

7.4 (Standards Board for England) Copies of "The Code of Conduct – Guide for Members" & "Pocket Guide", distributed to Councillors.

7.5 (LCC) "Travel & Transport Briefing" May 2007.

7.6 (LCC) Notification of Road Closure, A15, Aslackby & Laughton 20th – 29th July, 2007 – displayed on Notice Board.

7.7 (SKDC Democracy Services) "Standards Board Bulletin 33, May 2007."

7.8 (SKDC, Corporate Head, Finance & Resources) "Stakeholder Consultation Annual Report" – enquiry as to whether SKDC should publish one.

8.ALLOTMENTS GROUP & VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE

8.1 VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE – nothing to report

8.2 ALLOTMENTS GROUP. Cllrs Adams and Flatters and Read – being allotment holders, declared a possible interest in this Agenda Item.

8.2 1 A letter received at the meeting from Mr. I. Middleton (11th June, 2006) was read. In summary:

- a) disappointment at time taken to release additional allotment land.**
- b) reference to informal meeting with councillors when stated that the Parish Council would not take financial burden of upkeep**
- c) compliments on work done by allotment holders**
- d) lack of information from Parish Council on progress of releasing more land.**
- e) question notice given to present tenant of land.**
- f) concludes that is not receiving relevant information, and desire that Parish Council and allotment holders work together to develop amenity.**

8.2.1.2 Parish Councillors requested that the Clerk reply to Mr. Middleton, including points that allotment holders have been kept informed of position regarding releasing more land; that news of grant application is expected very shortly; that comments made at informal meeting are not relevant; offer to meet with Mr. Middleton – as Chairman of Allotments Group – to ensure he is familiar with what has been done/is ongoing; that Council’s wish to proceed with caution based on previous experience; that Parish Council’s wish is for success for allotment holders & 3 members of Parish Council are allotment holders themselves.

8.2.1.3 Cllrs Flatters and Adams suggested that more urgent progress on clearing trees would be appreciated by the Allotments Group. Clerk to contact Mr. Lewis.

8.2.1.4 It was noted that Mr. Warman has resigned as Secretary of the Allotments Group, to be replaced by Mr. Simon Goode.

8.3 Row Gardens Allotment Group Constitution – still in circulation with Councillors, carry forward to next meeting.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Audit 2006 – 7. All books are with Mr. Hallas for Internal Audit.

9.2 Bills for Payment:

S.M. Scholes	£301.95
Glasdon UK	£466.63
Fovia	£ 40.10
Allianz Insurance	£1197.93.
C. Boyfield	£431.09
IDEA, Allotment Guide	£ 15.00

Receipts: SKDC Community Cleaning £280.00

VAT Refund has been requested £368.19.

Transfer of funds £1,000 from deposit to current account was authorised.

Total funds, as at 14th June, 2007 £12,487.05.

10. PLANNING

10.1 (0377) Conservatory to rear 29 High Street – Planning Permission, 2nd May, 2007.

10.2 (0685) Two single storey extensions, 9 Middle Street. Due for return to SKDC by 14th June, the application had been previously circulated to Councillors. No objections had been raised and Clerk has advised SKDC accordingly.

11. DISTRICT & COUNCIL BUSINESS

11.1 The Chairman welcomed D. Cllr Andrea Webster to the Parish Council's meetings.

11.2 D. Councillors are reminded of meeting of SKDC Rural South Local Forum, 26th June, 7.00p.m., The Village Hall.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 ROAD MARKING, STATION STREET: Cllr Flatters requested a white line or other road marking be made opposite Charlton Close.

12.2 LISTING BUILDING APPLICATION, RIPPINGALE SCHOOL. Clerk read letter from SKDC Conservation Officer, directing the Parish Council to English Heritage to pursue this matter. As suggested in the letter, Cllr Exton to obtain photographs and Clerk to provide history of building to submit to English Heritage.

12.3 GREEN METAL WASTE BINS (Village Green & East Street). These are "obsolete" pole mounted litter bins, now being used for dog waste. They are not emptied by SKDC and the Parish Council has previously agreed that it cannot afford to supply and maintain dog waste bins. It was agreed that they be removed. Cllr Read requested to arrange with Mr. Boyfield.

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No Public in Attendance.

14. DATE IF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday, 19th July, 2007, 7.30p.m., The Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.14p.m.

**Sheila Scholes,
Clerk to the Council,
16th June, 2007.**

Meeting Dates, 2007.

August No Meeting

October 11th

December No Meeting.

September 13th

November 8th