

**Notes of Informal Meeting of Ripplingale Parish Councillors,
Held at the request of Cllr D. Sankey, Acting Chairman, 6th December, 2007
at The Old Station, Ripplingale.**

Present: Cllrs D. Sankey, Mrs. M. Morgan, Mrs. A. Adams, B. Flatters, M. Exton.

Cllr Sankey thanked Councillors for attending. Former Cllr Patrick had requested he serve as Chairman, until the AGM in May 2008.

The prime reason for requesting the meeting is to discuss a suitable acknowledgement of the work done by Melvyn Patrick who has retired due to his terminal illness. All agreed that Cllr Patrick has given great service to the village and it was agreed that a teak seat, with commemorative plaque, and a shading tree, to be located in the churchyard, would be an appropriate recognition of his term as Chairman of the Parish Council. The Clerk will liaise with Melvyn, who it is believed will appreciate knowledge of this recognition during his final illness.

Cllr Morgan agreed to serve as Vice-Chairman until the AGM.

Cllr Sankey hoped that during his term as Chairman, individual councillors would take responsibility to move matters requiring action forward.

Mr. M. Hallas has indicated his willingness to become a co-opted member of the Parish Council. A letter has also been received from East Street resident, which Cllr Exton will acknowledge. Co-option decisions to be taken at January meeting of the Council, to allow time for residents to respond to Newsletter notice.

The Clerk is to meet with Mr. Boyfield to discuss village grass cutting/maintenance matters. Cllr Exton offered to become the councillor with responsibility for monitoring this work.

The Clerk advised that a breach of the Code of Conduct has been received from Mr. T. Bladon regarding Cllr D. Sankey. SKDC Legal Advice has been taken and the matter will be reported at the January meeting of the Parish Council.

**Sheila Scholes,
Clerk to the Council,
13th December, 2007.**