



**Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,  
Held 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2008, 7.30p.m. at Rippingale Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllrs Mrs. M. Morgan, B. Flatters, M. Exton, P. Moseley,  
M. Hallas.**

**Members of Press – none; Members of Public one.**

**Cllr M. Morgan took the Chair and welcomed all present.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Received from Cllrs Mrs. A. Adams and  
D. Sankey..**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST:**

**2.1 As holder of Allotment, Cllr B. Flatters.**

**2.2 As a Member of the Parochial Church Council, Cllr M. Morgan.**

**2.3 As a Member of the Village Design Committee, Cllr M. Hallas.**

**3. POLICE MATTERS. – Nothing to report.**

**4. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS – No Councillors present.**

**5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.**

**5.1 Mr. Diess requested progress report on repairs to wall 101-7 Station  
Street. Clerk advised that D. Cllr Webster had been requested at last  
meeting to pursue outstanding work with SKDC.**

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

**Cllr Morgan proposed and Cllr Hallas seconded the proposal that Minutes  
of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman.  
This was agreed.**

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

**7.1 RIPPINGALE SCHOOL/WAR MEMORIAL/CHURCHYARD:**

**Cllr Morgan had nothing further to report regarding the School and War  
Memorial. With reference to replacement churchyard tree, Woodland Trust  
advice, approved by Diocese, is to plant Pittisporum. Cllr Moseley to look  
in the first instance into possible local supply.**

**7.2 STANDING ORDERS/RISK ASSESSMENT/PARISH PLAN:**

**Cllr Hallas advised that work on the Standing Orders is ongoing.  
He proposed a special meeting of the Council to confirm understanding of  
Risk Assessment, to agree the draft under preparation and to lay the  
foundation for the Parish Plan. This was agreed: **Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2008  
7.30p.m., The Old Station.****

### **7.3 PROPOSED CLOSURE RIPPINGALE POST OFFICE.**

**Cllr Hallas reported that action to retain the Post Office continues. Another meeting with the Post Office has been held to offer alternative suggestions to the mobile unit proposed. A national campaign is gaining momentum: Parliamentary questions are in hand and national action planned. Mr. Hallas thanked Mr. Warman for extensive work on the supporters' website, with assistance from Cllr Moseley. It is believed that the Post Office is actively seeking alternative locations for the mobile unit. Cllr Hallas requested that the Parish Council reject any such approaches from the Post Office.**

### **7.4 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2008.**

**Cllr Moseley reported that the organising committee had met and the evening was to be the "ANNUAL PARISH COMMUNITY EVENING" to provide an opportunity for all local groups to promote themselves and attract new interest. A letter to all organisations has been drafted, awaiting confirmation of contact details. Cllr Moseley will prepare an item for the Newsletter. **N.b. Revised Date of Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2008.****

### **7.5 FINGER POST H3Q238.**

**Cllr Moseley has sent written and photographic information to LCC for refurbishment action. He has made alternative suggestions for relocation of signs attached to current post.**

## **8. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & GRASS CUTTING**

**8.1 PLAYING FIELD: Cllr Exton reported that two barrow loads of glass and cans have been removed from tennis court area, other repairs are in hand. Work around High Street approach has been carried out. Clerk has yet to contact Police regarding under-age drinking on the field. Cllr Hallas agreed to follow up observation that many village shop carrier bags had been found. Cllrs Flatters and Exton agreed to patrol the playing field area.**

**8.2 ALLOTMENT SITE: New hedging has been planted. Mr. Boyfield is aware of need to burn tree branches etc and will do so as soon as weather permits. Cllr Flatters offered his assistance and expressed appreciation for the excellent job done on the hedges.**

**8.3 TENNIS COURT: Cllr Moseley advised that Lincs Lawn Tennis Association and Sport for All have been contacted regarding grant aid, and quotations sought from four companies to cost site refurbishment. He noted that ash trees saplings should be removed as soon as possible from court tarmac, Mr. Boyfield to attend to.**

**8.4 LITTER: Cllr Exton had contacted Council Contractor with photographic evidence of litter being blown about when recycling collection is done. Letter from resident (Mrs. Pridmore) regarding amount of litter in village received. IT WAS AGREED THAT: a litter pick would be organised **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30 – 12.00noon, Village Hall** and advertised in Newsletter.**

**8.5 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETION: Clerk to complete entry form and pass papers to Cllr Exton.**

**8.6 REPORTED HEDGE PROBLEM (Mrs. Fraser): Cllr Exton has inspected: problem is with fence post and not council responsibility.**

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**9.1 Clerks & Councils Direct, March 2008, passed to Cllr Moseley.**

**9.2 (Bourne Town Council) Invitation to Civic Dinner, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 – tickets £24.**

**9.3 (LCC) Good Citizen Awards, poster for display.**

**9.4 (SKDC) Summary of Chief Executives absence 2008.**

**9.5 (SKDC) Play Leadership Scheme 2008.**

**9.6 Volunteer Centre, poster for display & information for Newsletter.**

**9.7 Market Cross Surgery enquiry regarding Hospital Car Service – Clerk to reply.**

**9.8 (Football Club) Letter outlining planned refurbishments, passed to Cllr Moseley. IT WAS AGREED THAT the Parish Council will be responsible for electrical Safety Check, and any resulting repairs, and emptying of cess pit. Cllr Moseley to advise Football Club.**

## **10. VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE & ALLOTMENTS GROUP.**

**10.1 Village Design Committee: Nothing to report.**

**10.2 Allotments Group:**

**Secretary has advised that an additional allotment plot has been created within existing site. Clerk has details.**

## **11. FINANCE**

**11.1 Bills for Payment & Bank Accounts:**

<b>S. Scholes</b>	<b>£272.83</b>
<b>M. Hallas (Travel)</b>	<b>£ 46.00</b>
<b>S. Deane (Travel)</b>	<b>£ 46.00</b>
<b>P. Rippingale (Travel)</b>	<b>£ 46.00</b>
<b>Village Hall Grant</b>	<b>£1000.00</b>
<b>M. Patrick (Chairman's telephone)</b>	<b>£ 48.25</b>
<b>D. Sankey (ditto)</b>	<b>£ 16.75</b>

**Funds, as at 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008 £9,691.**

**Transfer of £1,500 from deposit to current account was approved.**

**11.2 Appointment of Internal Auditor: Cllr Morgan to contact PCC's auditor and advise Clerk. A handover meeting with new Auditor and Cllr M. Hallas to be arranged.**

**11.3 It was agreed that Cllr Hallas would become an additional signatory to bank accounts. Clerk to make arrangements with bank.**

## **12. PLANNING**

**12.1 (1688) Change of Use Agricultural to Equine Paddock & Stables, Barn Farm, Station Street. Nothing to report.**

**12.2 (0134) 2-Storey Side Extension, 48 Dovecote Estate. Nothing to report.**

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**13.1 Cllr Exton suggested a series of "Village Walks" be organised during the spring/summer evenings to walk footpaths. This was supported and it was agreed that Cllr Exton would organise a first walk **17<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 7.00p.m.(?)**. Walks to be advertised and it is hoped the village will support this community idea. Dogs, under control, and children, under supervision, are welcomed.**

**13.2 Cllr Flatters noted that repairs to bridge at White Rose Farm have been carried out and a good job done. Clerk to thank LCC.**

**13.3 The Chairman thanked Councillors for cooperating with the revised, timed Agenda.**

## **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2008, 7.30p.m., The Village Hall.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.24p.m.**

**Sheila Scholes,  
Clerk to the Council,  
16<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.**

### **2008 Meeting Dates:**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH COMMUNITY EVENING**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Council AGM**

**June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**

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