



**Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held 9th September, 2004 at Rippingale Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllr M. Patrick, Chairman; Cllrs, M. Morgan, P. Read, J. Bass,
M. Exton, B. Flatters, D. Cllr G. Taylor.**

In Attendance: Members of Press (2), Members of Public (1).

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr D. Sankey has been delayed.**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: - none to record.**
- 3. POLICE MATTERS**
 - 3.1 Details of Local Safety Fund/ Grant Aid, passed to Cllr Flatters.**
 - 3.2 School Safety Zone: letter received (12th August) from Lincs. Road Safety Partnership apologising for delay in erecting High Street signs. Work will be carried out as soon as possible.**
- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - Minutes of Meeting 8th July, 2004 were approved and signed.**
- 5. MATTERS ARISING**
 - 5.1 WAR MEMORIAL Cllr Morgan has established that the Memorial is a Listed Building (Grade II), and for information is obtaining details from SKDC of other Listed Properties in the village.**
 - 5.1.2 It was agreed that the restoration of the Memorial should be a joint project with the Parochial Church Council, represented by Cllr Morgan. With the Chairman, Cllr Morgan to collate information received from English Heritage to take the project forward and report back to Parish Council.**
 - 5.2 GRASS VERGES HIGH STREET TO A15. Carter Jonas have requested tenant (Mr. Jessop) on north side to keep dykes clear. Owner of south side is believed to be Mr. S. Charlton.**
 - 5.2.2. D. Cllr Taylor confirmed that Riparian Owners are responsible for maintaining dykes and that he would write to the Clerk to this effect. It was agreed that ownership of all dyke areas should be confirmed and letter sent requesting owners' cooperation with reference to D. Cllr Taylor's letter.**
 - 5.2.3. Mr. Boyfield to be asked to cut back and clear Middle Street junction with Station Street which is in dangerous condition.**
 - 5.3 MAINTENANCE MATTERS. On behalf of the Parish Council D. Cllr Taylor had been asked to progress various matters. The dry stone wall in front of Station Street terrace is in dangerous condition and has been reported to SKDC.**

5.3.2. Damage to pavement in Station Street has been reported to LCC Highways.

5.4 SKATEBOARD RAMP No reply received from Lincs Playing Fields Asscn regarding safety and liability issues in moving the Ramp. Clerk to contact LPFA again.

5.4.2 Clerk to contact Mr. Bellamy regarding progress report.

5.4.3 Mr. Gadsby has volunteered to help, further volunteers to be sought via Newsletter item.

5.4.4 A resident who wishes to remain anonymous has made a donation of £50 towards the relocation costs. Clerk to acknowledge the donation.

5.5 RIPPINGALE VILLAGE WEBSITE – www.rippingalevillage.co.uk is operational. In the absence of Cllr D. Sankey, it was agreed that this item be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

6. VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING & MAINTENANCE MATTERS.

6.1 Cllr P. Read proposed, and Cllr M. Morgan seconded the proposal that the Parish Council purchase a 20” Wheeled Strimmer at cost of £249.00. This was agreed.

6.2 Cllr Read requested the Clerk apply for free trees from Lincs. County Council to be planted Villae Hall, The Crescent & pinfold.

6.3 Litter bins and equipment on the playing field have been damaged.

6.4 The Rural Sports Programme organised by SKDC went well, the Group used the village hall on one occasion because of wet weather. The Village Hall Caretaker had cleaned the portakabin at a cost of £10.00 to the Parish Council.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

7.1 SKDC “Flooding Issues Questionnaire” – completed and returned by Cllr B. Flatters.

7.2 SKDC Grounds Maintenance – progress letter regarding grass areas to be maintained by Parish Council in 2005.

7.3 SKDC Electoral Register Amendments, August 2004.

7.4 Community Council of Lincolnshire – notice of Grant Award (£800) under Community Champions Fund re Neighbourhood Watch.

7.5 Charity Law Training Event, passed to Cllr Read re Village Hall.

7.6 Water Quality Report 2003 availability – details in Newsletter.

7.7 Trustee Update re Playing Field completed and returned to Charity Commission.

7.8 Trustee Update re Villae Hall, completed and returned to Village Hall Committee.

7.9 SKDC Register of Interests, Membership of Political Parties has been circulated to all Council Members.

7.10 Mobile Police Visit 9th September, details published in Newsletter.

7.11 Capital Grant Aid 2005 – 6, passed to Village Hall Committee.

- 7.12 “Quiet Country Lanes Campaign”, Council for Protection of Rural England. Council’s proposal re Doctors Lane is being followed up by CPRE.
- 7.13 Rippingale Rovers jfc Fixtures List, Clerk to retain.
- 7.14 LALC AGM Notification, 30th October, Horncastle.
- 7.15 Baston Parish Council request details of operation of Community Cleaner Scheme – Clerk to reply
- 7.16 CPRE “Briefing” Newsletter, Summer 2004
- 7.17 EMDA Newsletter August 2004
- 7.18 Office of Deputy Prime Minister Consultations on (1) Draft Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees & (2) Review of Restrictions on the Political Activities of Local Authority Employees & Pay of Political Assistants.
- 7.19 SKDC Standards Committee Meeting (10th September) Agenda & Minutes of Meeting 14th May, 2004.
- 7.20 Rural Links Newsletter – pass to Village Hall Committee.
- 7.21 Lincs Police Authority – Notice of Police & Community Forum, 11th October, Market Deeping – passed to Cllr Bass.
- 7.22 Clerks & Councils Direct, September, 2004
- 7.23 Chattertons Soliticors enclosing copy of Title information Document – Clerk to reply.

8.VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE

8.1 Council members have been circulated copy letter from V.D.C. to D. Cllr Taylor (17th August). D. Cllr Taylor confirmed that he is in agreement with the Committee’s complaints about SKDC Planning procedures. He has replied to VDC and referred correspondence to SKDC Chairman Development Control.

9.FINANCE

9.1 Bills paid, August 2004 – no meeting of Parish Council.

LALC Training Course, Risk Assessment	£ 20.00
Viking Direct, Village Hall cupboards	£516.98
Allianz Cornhill Insurance supplement	£ 74.18
D. Harris, Hospital Car Service	£ 13.20
R. Beddington, Hospital Car Service	£ 4.80
Powergen	£ 11.00
S. Scholes, Salary & expenses	£237.77
9.1.2. September bills for payment	
Fovia	£ 50.62
Anglian Water	£ 23.96
S. Scholes, Salary & expenses	£256.63
Mrs. A. Keen, cleaning duties	£ 10.00

Receipts: £800 Grant Aid, re Neighbourhood Watch.

9.2 Budget & Bank Accounts: Budget as at 31st August have been previously circulated. Total funds £11,367.32. Transfer of £500 from Deposit to Current account was approved.

9.3. Audit 2003 – 4. It was agreed to pay an Honorium of £50.00 to Mr. M. Hallas, Internal Auditor.. Mr. Hallas wishes to donate the fee to the Over 60's Club.

10. PLANNING

10.1 (Ref 1070) Conversion of barn to dwelling & extension, Poplar Farmyard, East Street. Amended Plans received 6th August, 2004. Proposed rendering will enhance the building, dormer windows have been changed. No objections raised.

10.2 (Ref 0785) Appeal re Dwelling/garage, 77 Station Street. Notice that the appeal has been successful. D. Cllr Taylor has informed Planning Officer that SKDC did not represent their case well.

10.3 Street Naming, Development at Yew Tree Farm, Station Street. No objections to proposed name “Charlton Court”.

10.4 (Ref 0867) Plot 2, adjacent 27 East Street, Dwelling. Planning Permission refused, 28th July, 2004.

10.5 (ref 0122) Bungalow, 4 Wendover Close – Planning Permission granted 6th July, 2004.

10.6 (Ref 0792) Garage & Treatment Plant, The Cottage, Dowsby Road – Planning Permission granted 16th July, 2004.

10.7 (Ref 0516) Replacement Dwelling 75 Station Street – SKDC reply to Parish Council (22nd July) previously circulated.

11. DISTRICT & COUNCIL BUSINESS

11.1 Rural South Local Assembly 19th August, 2004. Representatives from eight parishes had attended. D. Cllr Taylor will monitor Assembly Development.

11.2 D. Cllr Taylor confirmed that £18,000 has been authorised for Rippingale Flood Work from the total SKDC budget of £50,000. He regrets that there is no further Capital expenditure available in this or next years' budget.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CIVIC AMENITY FREIGHTER Visit 2nd October, 2004 confirmed.

13.2 SANDBAGS – Cllr Flatters has had no response to offer storage of loose sand. A further request to be put in Newsletter, if necessary Parish Council to consider purchase of storage bin.

13.3 WEBSITE Cllr Sankey joined the meeting at 8.50p.m. and confirmed that comments and contributions to the website are welcome.

13.3.2 Council Members' telephone numbers, with the exception of Cllr Bass' number, would be published on the website.

13.4 DOG FOULING – Cllr Morgan reported complaints received. Item to be included in Newsletter.

13.5 FLY TIPPING – although rubbish has been cleared, item to be published in Newsletter advising that SKDC have Enforcement Powers to fine Fly Tippers.

13.6 CHURCH CLOCK & BELLS – Cllr Morgan advised that maintenance of these is a village responsibility. The P.C.C. is looking into a battery back-up system for the clock which has to be reset after power failures.

13.7 ALLOTMENTS – The Clerk has received several enquiries about renting allotment land. If sufficient interest exists, it may be necessary to revise current arrangements, with due notice etc.

13.8 BLOCKED DRAINS – The Chairman has reported blocked drains in High Street. Situation to be monitored and C. Cllr Hill to be informed.

15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

15.1 In reply to a question from the Public, the location and area of the allotments were confirmed.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 14th October, 2004, 7.30p.m., The Village Hall. In the absence of Cllr M. Patrick, Cllr Mary Morgan will chair the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05p.m.

**Sheila Scholes, Clerk to the Council,
12th September, 2004.**

Subsequent Meeting Dates 2004

11th November

December – no meeting