

**Minutes of Rippingale Parish Council Meeting,
9th October, 2003, held at Rippingale Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllrs M. Patrick (Chairman), E. MacMillan, J. Bass, M. Morgan,
D. Cllr G. Taylor.**

Members of Press (2), Public (0)

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs P. Read & A. Johnson
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none to record
- 3. Police Matters:** none to report.
- 4. Minutes of Meeting 9th September, 2003:** were approved and signed.
- 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
 - 5.1 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:** Mrs. M. Ayres has written as representative for Blanchard Close/Pinfold, she wishes to be involved in future meetings.
 - 5.2 Street Lights:** Request received for lights in front of The Crescent, Station Street – Cllr Johnson requested to look at and report back.
 - 5.3 The Local Channel:** Cllr Read has looked into this, and is advised that other companies can offer this service as effectively.
 - 5.4 Poppy Wreath:** Royal British Legion confirm that there is no recommended time to remove wreath from Memorial. **It was agreed that:** wreaths would be taken into Church during Advent. Information to be published in Newsletter.
 - 5.5 CCL Block Insurance Scheme:** Clerk has returned proposal form confirming present insurance cover, and will liase with Village Hall Management Committee where further savings may be made.
 - 5.6 Use of Playing Field:** Letter received from Football Club Secretary advising fixtures 2003 – 4, as requested by Clerk. At an informal meeting of Councillors it was suggested that a meeting be held with the Club Secretary to (a) confirm that the Council does not wish to penalise the club unduly and (b) advise costs involved to the Parish in supporting the club. It was noted that children pay £2.00 per game to play, that the club provides strip and balls, some sponsorship is received. **It was agreed that:** the Chairman would arrange a meeting with the Club Secretary and report back.
- 6. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE/ GRASS CUTTING**
 - 6.1 Middle Street:** Cllr Read confirmed that verges at bottom of Middle Street have been attended to; that the tree between 25 & 27 Middle Street has been referred to SKDC via D. Cllr Taylor.
 - 6.2 Dyke Station Street – A15:** Cllr Read advises that the farmer disputes ownership with the Council, and D. Cllr Taylor is requested to investigate.
 - 6.3 Blanchard Close Grass** – report that ‘ransom strip’ is not being cut. Refer to Cllr Read.
 - 6.4 ROSPC Safety Inspection:** Received, some work recommended on play equipment and skateboard. Report to be circulated to all

Councillors for consideration prior to November meeting. Potential repair costs to be costed in 2004/5 budget.

6.5 Community Cleaner, SKDC Proposal: Further information received from SKDC, agreement for signature to be queried by Clerk with regard to Statutory Annual Leave.

6.6 Off-road Parking, The Crescent, Station Street: Request received from resident. D. Cllr Taylor advised this was unlikely to happen in foreseeable future. Other residents' views to be sought via newsletter.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

7.1 Bonfires – letter and telephone calls received regarding nuisance bonfires. Item to be published in Newsletter requesting residents' cooperation.

7.2 Street Lights, Wendover Close - letter received passed to Cllr Johnson for action.

7.3 LALC Annual Report, Clerk's Accreditation Sessions, Seminar for Councillors & Clerks – Clerk will try to attend seminar 11th November.

7.4 Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 – Draft Map: Consultation document to be considered by all Councillors to assist in producing Definitive Map. Reply requested by December, 2003. Passed to Cllr Bass in first instance.

8. VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE

8.1 Village Signs - details received of proposed location of four "Rippingale" signs. The Council approved suggested locations, preferring location (b) for sign No.1. Clerk to advise VDC.

8.2 Request for Financial Support – It was agreed that a donation of £100 be made to the Village Design Committee towards the cost of the signs.

8.3 30mph Signs in Village – to be discussed at next meeting.

9. FINANCE & BILLS FOR APPROVAL

9.1 Budget & Bank Accounts, as at October, 2003 circulated to Councillors.

9.2 Bills for Payment:

ROSPA Safety Inspection	£ 72.26
Poppy Wreath	£ 35.00
Moore Stephens, Audit 2001/2	£141.00
C. Boyfield, re equipment	£300.00
S. Scholes, November	£226.25
C. Boyfield, grass cutting	£ 98.50

9.3 Receipts:

LCC Grant Aid, play equipment	£2,696.00
VAT Refund	£ 942.00

9.4 Transfer of Funds: Councillors authorised transfer of £2,000 from current to deposit account.

9.5 Audit to March 2002 – Auditor’s Certificate has been received and Statutory Notice published.

9.6 Budget/Precept 2004-5 Clerk to prepare draft for November meeting. **It was agreed that** provision in budget be made for Village Hall Committee Room refurbishment.

10. PLANNING

10.1 Decisions Taken: Ref /109 Erection 1 House, 2 bungalows, adjacent Yew Tree Farm, Station Street – approved conditionally, 17th September, 2003.

10.2 Applications: Ref/1324 2 Storey Extension, 10 Doctors Lane. No objection to the application. Cllrs MacMillan and Bass to investigate reported garage erected in garden of this property.

11. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:

11.1 Dykes/Flooding – D. Cllr has written to all Parish Councils reminding riparian owners of responsibilities to keep dykes clear. Letter to be published in Newsletter.

11.2 SKDC Chief Executive - Mr. Duncan Kirk has been appointed.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

12.1 WINTER DRIVING – The Clerk confirmed that LCC Highways Gritting routes/winter driving information has been received – published in Newsletter and copies of Guide available in Post Office. Sandbags etc are in store, Clerk to check on “Road Closed” signs as requested per C. Cllr Hill.

12.2 PRIEST IN CHARGE, St ANDREW’S CHURCH Cllr Morgan appointed that Revd Graham Williams has been appointed as Priest in Charge from December, 2003. **It was agreed that** a letter of welcome be sent.

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – no Public in attendance.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13th November, 2003, 7.30p.m. The Village Hall.

14.1 Meeting January 2004 – request received for meeting to be arranged for 15th January.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

**Sheila Scholes,
Clerk to the Council,
20th October, 2003.**