



**Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held 11th March, 2004 at Rippingale Village Hall.**

Present:

Cllr M. Patrick, Chairman; Cllrs M. Morgan, B. Flatters, & J. Bass.

In Attendance: Members of Press (2), Members of Public (0).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: D. Cllr Taylor, Cllr . P. Read.

1.1 CLLR BETTY MACMILLAN – A letter of resignation has been received. Clerk to publish Notice of Vacancy and advise in newsletter. If no election is called, Council to co-opt replacement Councillor at April meeting.

1.2. It was agreed that a presentation be made to Cllr MacMillan at the Annual Public Meeting in acknowledgement of the many years of excellent service given to the Parish Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

2.1 Cllr M. Patrick declared an interest in Planning Application 0266.

3. POLICE MATTERS

3.1 Lincs Road Safety Partnership have offered to implement speed signs in High Street to improve school safety. Chairman and Cllr Flatters to meet and agree proposed location of signs.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Minutes of Meeting 12th February, 2004 were approved and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

5.1.1. Cllr Flatters advised that Information Packs have been received and a Coordinators' meeting arranged for 23rd March. Further co-ordinators have volunteered to help.

5.1.2. Cllr Bass reported extra diligence required under the Farm Watch scheme.

5.2 STREET LIGHTING

5.2.1. Matters reported at last meeting have been reported to SKDC

5.2.2. Further request has been made for top end of Station Street light. Situation to be monitored upon completion of Yew Tree Farm development.

5.3 FOOTBALL CLUB

5.3.1. Clerk has written with Chairman's authority outlining proposals for way ahead.

5.3.2. Club have cleared up field and will advise when cabin is to be repainted.

5.4 HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

5.4.1. Two further volunteers have joined the drivers' pool.

5.4.2 Clerk has received LALC information to follow up liability query.

5.5 WAR MEMORIAL

5.5.1 Cllr Morgan confirmed that the Memorial is insured for storm and fire damage only. Movement caused by subsidence is not covered.

5.5.2 Mr. Welman has recommended a surveyor to report on the movement. Clerk to check with ROSPA to see if inspection can be included with their annual safety report and contact SKDC to see if they have other experience of this problem.

6. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & GRASS CUTTING

6.1 Clerk has been contacted by resident interested in reforming a Tennis Club.

6.2 Skateboard manufacturer has been asked for an estimate to dismantle and relocate, including concrete base. Telephone call from Mr. Babe asking that skateboard be retained if possible, and offering donation towards expenses.

6.3 Village Grass – Clerk is in contact with Mr. Frisby, SKDC regarding additional areas.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

7.1 LCC “Trees Love Care” campaign – newsletter & noticeboard

7.2 Clerk & Councils Direct March, 04

7.3 SKDC Electoral Roll Amendments March, 04

7.4 Local Council Review, March, 04

7.5 SKDC Summer Play Schemes – newsletter

7.6 Standards Board – Local Investigation Consultation, February, 04

7.7 SKDC Standards Committee Procedure for Local Hearings

7.8 Victim Support – request for donation not approved.

7.9 Stamford Homes, new Marketing Director

7.10 ROSPA request for site map

8. VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE – nothing to report.

9. FINANCE

9.1 Budget & Bank Accounts as at 3rd March, 2004 have been previously circulated. Total funds £5,448.

9.2 Bills for Payment:

Bentham Ltd (cartridges)	£ 185.59
Village Hall (grant)	£1,000.00
Parochial Church Council (grass cutting)	£ 100.00
M. Patrick (Chairman's telephone)	£ 65.00
Anglian Water	£ 26.49
S. Scholes (salary & expenses)	£ 255.88
Viking Direct (Neighbourhood Watch)	£ 199.74
J. Warman (HCS)	£ 9.60

SKDC (Street light) £ 158.62

It was agreed to reimburse Village Hall Committee £100.00 for Committee Room chairs purchased.

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9.3 Receipts: LCC Contribution towards grass cutting £410.17

9.4 Risk Assessment: Clerk has asked Stephen Knype to carry out valuation of land assets. Councillors have received draft Assessment to complete and return to Clerk.

10. PLANNING

10.1 (0266) Change of Use of outbuilding to bedroom accommodation and extension to public house to form garden/dining room.

10.1.1. The Chairman confirmed an interest in the application in that his property overlooked the outbuildings.

10.1.2. Dining Room extension – no objections

10.1.3. Conversion of outbuildings – no objections.

10.1.4. It was agreed that the proposed work would enhance the appearance of the site.

11. DISTRICT & COUNCIL BUSINESS – nothing to report

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 HEDGEROWS – Clerk to review SKDC Environmental Health file with regard to reported cutting of hedgerows behind Allison Homes Development and Grinders Lane

12.2 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Cllr Morgan confirmed that all on SKDC Electoral Roll are entitled to attend.

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – none.

14. DATE IF NEXT MEETING

14.1 Thursday, 8th April, 7.30p.m. at The Village Hall.

14.2 Clerk to check if any charge to be made for use of The Willows for January and February meetings and send thank you flowers if appropriate.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

**Sheila Scholes,
Clerk to the Council,
14th March, 2004.**