



**Minutes of Meeting of Ripplingale Parish Council,  
Held 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2004, at The Willows Training Room.**

**Present:**

**Cllr M. Patrick, Chairman; Cllrs E. MacMillan, M. Morgan, B. Flatters, P. Read, J. Bass, C. Cllr M. Hill (from 8.25p.m.), D. Cllr G. Taylor.**

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr A. Johnson.**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None to record.**

**3. POLICE MATTERS**

**3.1 Letter from P.C. David Parrish, leaving Community Officer role.**

**3.2 Letter from S. Smith, Constable 483, new Community Officer. Clerk to invite to meetings.**

**3.3 Notice of Mobile Police Station visit, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 12.30 – 2.30p.m.**

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**4.1 Minutes of Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 were approved and signed.**

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

**5.1 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

**5.1.1. Cllr Flatters advised that Information Packs (300) are still awaited. A distribution map has been prepared.**

**5.1.2. It was agreed to purchase a Brother Multifunction machine and cartridges to be used in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Equipment to be kept by Cllr Flatters on behalf of the Parish Council.**

**5.2 STREET LIGHTING**

**5.2.1. Dovecote: one extra light has been supplied, SKDC have siting problem for second light, and will advise Clerk.**

**5.2.2. Station Street (opposite Mr. Burgess' farm). After a recent inspection, it was agreed that an extra light is needed between Doctor's surgery and last house on Station Street. Clerk to contact SKDC.**

**5.2.3. Cllr Flatters requested a light on Scarborough Close. Clerk to contact SKDC.**

**5.2.4. It was agreed to publish in Newsletter that Cllr Patrick is contact to report lights not working, etc.**

### **5.3 FOOTBALL CLUB**

**5.3.1. C. Cllr Hill has investigated complaint about parking from Pinfold Close resident. He does not believe that there is a particular difficulty. Cllr Morgan will monitor situation.**

**5.3.2. In absence of any response from Football Club Committee, Clerk to write again on behalf of Parish Council.**

### **5.4 HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE**

**5.4.1. A further volunteer (Mr. Warman) has joined the drivers' pool.**

**5.4.2 Aslackby Parish Council has expressed interest in joining the Scheme.**

**5.4.3 Query has been raised regarding liability when e.g. transferring patient from car to wheelchair, in case of accident. Cornhill Insurance write that the Parish Council is not insured. Clerk to seek advice from L.A.L.C. and L.C.C. who initiated the scheme.**

**5.4.4. D. Cllr Taylor supplied details of contacts in Kirkby Underwood and Dunsby for Clerk to promote the scheme.**

**5.5 "PINFOLD CLOSE" Replacement signs have been ordered from SKDC, L.C.C. Highways is carrying out kerb repairs.**

### **5.6 WAR MEMORIAL**

**5.6.1 Laser equipment is to be used to establish any movement, as reported by Church Architect.**

**5.6.2. War Memorial is NOT covered by Parish Council \***

- **(Note: However, Cllr Morgan confirms that it IS on the P.C.C. Insurance. Cover excludes frost damage, but may provide funds for any underpinning necessary. Cllr Morgan will raise at next P.C.C meeting.)**

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

**6.1 Cllr Read reported that conifers on playing field have been replaced. Grass cutting to commence within next two weeks.**

**6.2 ROSPA Services 2004 – Cllr Read has carried out inspection in anticipation of ROSPA inspection. The state of the playing field is depressing.**

**6.2.1. SKATEBOARD – Involve children in fund-raising if they wish to retain skateboard and relocate on the field, otherwise dispose of. Clerk to obtain estimates for moving to other site in playing field.**

**6.2.2. PORTAKABIN – Graffiti removal and rubbish on field – Clerk to write to Football Club.**

**6.2.3. TENNIS COURT – Gate has been stored by C. Boyfield, fencing broken, trees behind need cutting. Remove net and store (C. Boyfield). Establish location of netball and goal posts. Publish item in Newsletter to see if anyone is interested in restarting a Tennis Club.**

**6.2.4. PLAY EQUIPMENT – C. Boyfield to replace worn surfaces underneath see-saw and slide. Clerk to contact manufacturers to replace vandalised "OXO" on Toddler Tower.**

**6.2.5. Cllr Read to instruct C. Boyfield re repairs he is able to carry out on behalf of Parish Council.**

**6.3 VILLAGE GREEN – Cllr Read will clear fallen branches. Clerk to contact L.C.C. regarding tree cutting and a Safety Assessment.**

**6.4 VILLAGE GRASS – D. Cllr Taylor to pursue SKDC regarding taking over these areas. Clerk to pass on information.**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**7.1 Society of Local Clerks – details of meetings**

**7.2 Glasdon manufacturers’ information, waste bins**

**7.3 Lincs. Access Forum re video, Disability Discrimination.**

**7.4 LCC “Working towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lincolnshire Local Plan”**

**7.5 SKDC Electoral Roll Amendments February 04.**

**7.6 LCC “Local Walks” – publish in Newsletter.**

**7.7 SKDC Standards Committee Minutes of Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November & 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2003.**

## **8. VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE**

**8.1 Bus Shelter – Clerk has requested progress report.**

**8.2 Stamford Homes “Pond” – hedging has been planted.**

## **9. FINANCE**

**9.1 Budget & Bank Accounts as at February, 2004 have been previously circulated. Total funds £6,808.**

**9.2 Bills for Payment:**

<b>One Way Supplies, Newsletter &amp; HCS</b>	<b>£ 31.15</b>
<b>S. M. Scholes, salary &amp; postage</b>	<b>£229.75</b>
<b>Lincs. Playing Field Donation</b>	<b>£ 25.00</b>
<b>J. Phillips, HCS</b>	<b>£ 18.20</b>
<b>Moore Stephens, Audit</b>	<b>£141.00</b>
<b>C. Boyfield</b>	<b>£ 56.00</b>
<b>P. Harrison (trees for playing field)</b>	<b>£ 54.00</b>

**9.3 Transfer of funds: £1,750.00 to be transferred from Deposit to Current Account.**

**9.4 Audit 2002 – 3 – Notice of Closure published.**

**9.5 Risk Assessment Committee has met with Mr. Hallas. Clerk to collate notes to date and circulate all Councillors for their comments.**

**9.6 Playing Field Easement: Chattertons’ Solicitors advise that title deeds have been forwarded to Land Register.**

**9.7 Assets – Clerk to check deeds and set in hand Registration of land owned if appropriate.**

**9.8 Powergen Price Increase. Annual Statement shows credit balance. Clerk still to check alternative suppliers.**

## **10. PLANNING**

**10.1 (1562) Extension, 2 Wendover Close – Permission granted 14.01.04.**

**10.2 (1413) Erection of Dwelling, 75 Station Street, Amended Plans.**

**Chairman consulted with V.D.C., no objection to the amended plans.**

**10.3 (0122) 4 Wendover Close, Erection of bungalow, received 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

**It was agreed that the Council would oppose the Application:-**

- a) erecting bungalow would spoil the symmetry and balance of Wendover Close**
- b) proposed site is close to boundary of number 2**
- c) approval could create precedent for other residents wishing to build in area where the generous spacing of properties in gardens is appreciated. Views of local residents are not known.**
- d) It was noted that the V.D.C. also object to the application. Clerk to liase.**
- e) D. Cllr Taylor would make the Parish Council's views known to SKDC Planning.**

## **11. DISTRICT & COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**11.1 SKDC “Route Map for the Future” – Public Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January was poorly attended. There was no representation from Rippingale, the Questionnaire could not be completed by the Parish Council.**

**11.2 D. Cllr Taylor advised that Council Tax is likely to be increased by 6%.**

**11.3 Drainage Issues: T. Burdon & C. Maw (SKDC) have replied regarding action on new development (Yew Tree Farm) and kerbing 76 Station Street.**

**11.3.2. Flood Warden – Copy of patrol 31<sup>st</sup> January received from Mr. Flatters who was thanked for his prompt attention to flooding problem. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Charlton for his assistance.**

**11.4 Recycling “Bring Site” – Cllr Read to raise with Village Hall Committee.**

**11.5 “Dial a Ride” – The Council confirmed that the scheme had been advertised in the village. Usage was not known.**

## **12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**12.1 New Litter Bins: D. Cllr Taylor to speak to SKDC re emptying.**

**12.2 Land behind Dovecote “Claimed” by owners of properties Nos 13 & 15. Clerk to visit with Cllr Flatters to confirm claims of removing hedge, cutting trees and obstructing culvert and report to appropriate authorities.**

**12.3 Churchyard Wall – Cllr Morgan advised that repairs were complete.**

**12.4 Footpath Grinders Lane/Siskin Close, deteriorating condition reported by Cllr Bass, to be monitored.**

**12.5 Traffic. Clerk to contact Lincs. Road Safety Partnership to arrange visit and erect temporary signage.**

**12.6 Supply of kerbs High Street & Station Street to A15 – Clerk to contact Highways.**

**13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – none.**

**14. DATE IF NEXT MEETING – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30p.m. at The Village Hall. (apologies for absence D. Cllr G. Taylor)**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.32p.m.**

**Sheila Scholes,  
Clerk to the Council,  
14<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.**