

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Ripplingale Parish Council,  
Held 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 at Ripplingale Village Hall.**

**Present:**

**Cllr M. Patrick, Chairman; Cllrs, M. Morgan, B. Flatters,  
J. Bass, A. Johnson & P. Read.**

**In Attendance: Members of Press (1), Members of Public (5).**

**The Clerk opened the meeting at 7.45p.m.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr. D. Sankey.**

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**2.1 CHAIRMAN – Cllr Bass proposed and Cllr Flatters seconded the proposal that Cllr M. Patrick be re-elected as Chairman of the Council. This was agreed unanimously.**

**2.2 VICE-CHAIRMAN – Cllr Patrick proposed and Cllr Read seconded the proposal that Cllr Mrs. Mary Morgan be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council. This was agreed unanimously.**

**3. COOPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS.**

**3.1 Mr. D. Sankey. Following the resignation of Cllr Mrs. E. MacMillan and in the absence of an election, the Council approved the Co-optation of Mr. David Sankey, 6 Millers Close, Ripplingale to the Council. Mr. Sankey has signed Declaration of Interests and Acceptance of Office documentation.**

**3.2 Cllr A. Johnson has confirmed his resignation and Notice of Election has been published. It was agreed that in the absence of an election the Council would Co-opt Mr. M. Exton at the next meeting.**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: - none to record.**

**3. POLICE MATTERS**

**3.1 Speed Signs on High Street – Lincs Road Safety Partnership confirm that they will erect signs in appropriate locations. Work will be carried out by Probation Service on their behalf.**

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**4.1 Minutes of Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 were approved and signed.**

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

**5.1 FOOTBALL CLUB The Chairman requested sight of the Conveyance Deeds to the Playing Field to be considered by all Councillors before replying to Football Club letter, 9<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk to acknowledge receipt of letter.**

**5.2 HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE.** LCC have confirmed (letter 19<sup>th</sup> April) that they will provide limited insurance cover for Voluntary Car Schemes. Drivers will be notified.

**5.3 WAR MEMORIAL - SKDC** have inspected and advise that 7 stones require replacement and a further 12 stones are in poor condition. Clerk is in contact with The Friends of War Memorials regarding help in restoration costs.

**5.4 ASSETS REGISTER & INSURANCE - Insurance Renewal due June 2004.** Assets as listed by insurers to be adjusted to Auditor's list and as advised by Stephen Knipe, currently undertaking Assets list.

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

**6.1 Cllr Read** reported that grass cutting is in progress, including footpath from Church to Doctors Lane. Mr. Boyfield believes that with assistance it will be possible to also cut verges from village boundaries to main roads.

**6.2 SKDC Areas - D. Cllr Taylor** to pursue SKDC Amenities Department for reply to Clerk's letter. (note reply received 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 - to be circulated.)

**6.3 Skateboard Ramp - Quotation** to relocate is still awaited, inspection due week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> May. There has been no response from users of skateboard, but residents have contacted Clerk requesting removal because children are using roads rather than skateboard. Decision to be taken at next meeting.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**7.1 Notice of European Parliamentary Election 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 - poster displayed.** It is noted that postal voting only applies.

**7.2 "Local Council Review", May 2004**

**7.3 SKDC "Funding Fair" 19<sup>th</sup> May - poster displayed**

**7.4 LCC Surface Dressing Sites, 2004**

**7.5 Civic Amenity Freighter Visit - confirmation of dates, detailed in Newsletter.**

**7.6 SKDC request use of Playing Field & Changing Rooms for Summer Outreach Programme 30<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30a.m. - 2.30p.m.** Letter of confirmation to be received.

**7.7 Cllr D. Sankey** has offered to do short presentation of benefits of Rippingale Website at next meeting - this was accepted.

**7.8 SKDC Standards Committee Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> February & Agenda 14<sup>th</sup> May meetings.**

**7.9 Details of courses for Volunteer Training leaflet.**

**7.10 Countryside Agency letter re reduction in "Vital Villages" funding.**

**7.11 Clerks & Councils Direct, May 2004**

## **8. VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE**

### **8.1 Village Signs to be erected in next few weeks.**

## **9. FINANCE**

**9.1 Audit 2003 – 4. Clerk has prepared Statement of Account, it was agreed that M. Hallas be asked to conduct Internal Audit. Notice of Audit has been published, as required.**

### **9.2 Bills for Payment:**

<b>Mrs. B. Hodson*</b>	<b>£ 25.00</b>
<b>* donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Fred Hodson, RIP.</b>	
<b>Johnsons, machine parts</b>	<b>£ 12.51</b>
<b>K. Lett, HCS</b>	<b>£ 24.00</b>
<b>C. Boyfield March – May</b>	<b>£584.00</b>
<b>R. Beddington HCS</b>	<b>£ 6.00</b>
<b>S. Scholes, expenses</b>	<b>£ 56.79</b>
<b>Willson's Garage</b>	<b>£ 55.96</b>
<b>S. Scholes, April &amp; May</b>	<b>£466.66</b>
<b>Environment Agency</b>	<b>£ 12.73</b>
<b>L.A.L.C.</b>	<b>£181.50</b>
<b>Fovia</b>	<b>£ 22.21</b>

**9.3 Receipts: Precept & Cleaner Grant £12,010; VAT Refund 2003 – 4 £154.78, Allotment Rental £200.00.C. Boyfield £200 for use of grass cutter as agreed. VAT to be claimed to 31<sup>st</sup> March £147.17**

**9.4 Transfer of funds: £1,000 from Deposit to Current Account was authorised.**

**9.5 Budget & Statement 13<sup>th</sup> May, 20004 (attached).**

## **10. PLANNING**

**10.1 Portakabin, Playing Field – Clerk has requested renewal information from SKDC.**

**10.2 (0304) Conservatory, 6 Millers Close – Permission granted 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2004.**

**10.3 (0266) Extension & Change of Use, The Bull Inn – permission granted 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2004.**

**10.4 (0179) Side & Rear Extensions, 8 Doctor's Lane – permission granted 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2004.**

**10.5.1 (0516) Replacement Dwelling & Double Garage, 75 Station Street. Concern was expressed that despite circulating the application to Council Members since 19<sup>th</sup> April, with request for return to Clerk by 1<sup>st</sup> May, the application had not been seen by all Councillors.**

**10.5.2 After discussion, it was agreed that the Council will oppose the application, on the grounds that the existing building is not “derelict” as described, but being sound, could be renovated. A renovated rather than replacement building is preferable in this location.**

**10.5.3 D. Cllr Taylor was asked to make the Council's views known to SKDC Planning Department, as a matter of urgency.**

**10.6 In view of the delay problems experienced with the above application, IT WAS AGREED THAT a Sub-Committee be formed to consider applications between Council meetings. The Committee to comprise the Chairman, Cllr P. Read and Cllr B. Flatters and to consider all interim applications received. All Council Members will be consulted when necessary and the Sub-Committee will approve minor applications only.**

**10.6 (0122) AMENDED PLANS Erection of Dwelling, 4 Wendover Close. Notification received 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2004. The Council confirmed its objections to the application in that the dwelling will spoil the appearance of Wendover Close, and could set a precedent for more development. Clerk to notify SKDC, and remind the Planning Department that when built, the design of the development allowed for the requisite number of dwellings per acre. Correspondence between the Village Design Committee and SKDC on this application was noted.**

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

**11.1 SKDC Standards Committee – D. Cllr Taylor advised that the Committee would no longer deal with Constitutional Powers, it will attend to Standards Matters only.**

**11.2 Flooding – D. Cllr Taylor has intervened with SKDC to ensure that remaining flood remedial work is carried out. Flooding was not a high priority on the recent consultation “SKDC Road Map” and spending is being allocated in order of priorities. He will maintain pressure on the District Council in this matter.**

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**12.1 LITTER BINS – New litter bins supplied by SKDC are not being emptied. D. Cllr Taylor to request timetable details.**

**12.2 DYKE, GRINDERS LANE – SKDC have inspected and advise that the culvert does do not at present present any problems.**

## **13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**13.1 ALLOTMENTS – Mrs. Middleton expressed interest in allotment rental if available. Situation to be monitored in conjunction with current Asset Register work.**

**13.2 SKATEBOARD – Mrs. Cotton advised that a large number of children using the skateboard and streets are from out of the village. She has observed parents dropping off children by car, and returning later to collect.**

**13.3 BONFIRES – Item to be published in Newsletter regarding anti-social aspects of bonfires.**

**13.4 STORM POND, MILLER's CLOSE.** The owner of No 1 was thanked for replacing canes to new hedging, Mr. Boyfield to replace again. Anti-social behaviour of people inside the pond area after Saturday night function at Village Hall was reported. Cllr Read to advise Village Hall Management Committee.

**14. DATE IF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2004, 7.30p.m., The Village Hall.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55p.m.**

**Sheila Scholes,  
Clerk to the Council,  
17<sup>th</sup> May, 2004.**

**Subsequent Meeting Dates 2004**

**8<sup>th</sup> July**

**August – no meeting**

**9<sup>th</sup> September**

**14<sup>th</sup> October**

**11<sup>th</sup> November**

**December – no meeting**