

**Minutes of Rippingale Parish Council Meeting,
13th November 2003, held at Rippingale Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllrs M. Patrick (Chairman), J. Bass, M. Morgan, P. Read, B. Flatters
D. Cllr G. Taylor. C. Cllr M. Hill joined the meeting at 8.55p.m.**

Members of Press (1), Public (2)

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs E. MacMillan & A. Johnson
- 2. Declarations of interest:** none to record
- 3. Police Matters:**
 - 3.1 Crime & Disorder Forum Grantham** Cllr Flatters had attended on the first advertised date, meeting had been cancelled at short notice. He was unable to attend the re-arranged meeting.
 - 3.2 Application for Local Safety Fund 2003** passed to Cllr Flatters with reference to Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

4 Minutes of Meeting 9th October, 2003:

- 4.1 Amend wording Item 12.2 "... Cllr Morgan **advised** that Rev'd Graham Williams has been appointed ..."
- 4.2 Minutes of meeting 9th October, as amended above were approved and signed.

5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: Cllr Flatters is liaising with Community Council of Lincolnshire for funding. 200 fliers have been distributed around the village, no further response for co-ordinators. It was agreed that Councillors would assist in delivering fliers to remaining 150 households. Neighbourhood Watch Regional Coordinator will issue information packs to all households (details supplied via Clerk). It is proposed to hold a special meeting to launch the extended scheme.

5.2 Street Lights: Reported failed lights 26 High Street, no light cover Wendover Close, additional light The Crescent and request to move a Station Street Light. Councillors to inspect areas after meeting, and advise Clerk. (Note: telephone conversation with Cllr Johnson 14.11.03 – he is unable to action street light complaints, require duties to be taken over by another councillor please – Clerk)

5.3 Use of Playing Field: Chairman has spoken with Football Club Secretary about need for reasonable dialogue between Parish Council and Club. Football Club are to discuss at their next meeting.

5.4 Road Safety Partnership Presentation 12th November. Council Members were unable to attend. Clerk to contact and confirm Council's interest with regard to School Safety Zone scheme.

5.5 Hospital Car Scheme – Meeting 17th November with existing drivers and Clerk. Cllr Read to attend. Mr. Beddington has agreed to continue his involvement with the Scheme.

6 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE / GRASS CUTTING

- 6.1 Report – Cllr Read** Work being done on field hedge, including replanting; brambles behind cabin being cut back. Repairs to pinfold wall being made again. Complaints that SKDC are not picking up rubbish thoroughly.
- 6.2 Outstanding Queries** Tree (Middle Street) – believe that Cllr Johnson is attending to. Overgrown Dyke Station Street – A15 – D. Cllr Taylor confirmed that if the riparian owner refuses to carry out work, matter should be referred to SKDC for enforcement.
- 6.3 ROSPC Safety Inspection:** Has been circulated to all Councillors. Agree that no urgent repairs are required.
- 6.4 Community Cleaner, SKDC Proposal:** SKDC contribution of £10.00 per week being received as contribution to Mr. Boyfield's extra duties. Tabard, sacks etc have been supplied, together with Health & Safety information leaflets.
- 6.5 Off-road Parking, The Crescent, Station Street:** Request for support of proposal to be published in November newsletter.

7 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 7.1 Fire & Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan, L.C.C.**
- 7.2 Bus Information Strategy, July 2003**
- 7.3 Local Council Review, November 2003 – to Cllr Bass**
- 7.4 Lincs Playing Fields Asscn AGM, 27th November, 2003**
- 7.5 E. Midlands Development Agency Annual Report 2002 – 3**
- 7.6 Lincolnshire Waste Local Plan, Preliminary Consultation – to Cllr Bass.**
- 7.7 SKDC Standards Cttee Meeting 14th November, 2003 – to Cllr Bass**
- 7.8 Clerks & Councils Direct, November 2003 – to Cllr Flatters**
- 7.9 Draft Race Equality Scheme, L.C.C.**
- 7.10 Residents Letter, request to remain anonymous, name supplied to Chairman:**
- 7.10.a Cutting back The Crescent & Street Lighting – previously discussed.**
- 7.10.b Request for extra policing – Clerk forward to Lincs. Police.**
- 7.10.c Comments on vandalism etc – Hope that extended Neighbourhood Watch Scheme will alleviate. Clerk to reply to resident.**

8. VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE, L.C.C.

- 8.1** Fund-raising auction being held 16th November.

9.FINANCE & BILLS FOR APPROVAL

9.1 Budget & Precept 2004 – 2005 Amendments to Draft Budget previously circulated to councillors:

- 9.1.1. It was proposed Cllr P. Read, seconded by Cllr J. Bass** that spending on skateboard relocation be revised ↓ to £1,000 and other monies be raised by

users of skateboard and that amount allocated for Committee Room refurbishment be revised ↓ to £1,500. Spending on Committee Room to be taken in consultation with Village Hall Management Committee and after roofing repairs are complete. **This was agreed.**

9.1.2 Draft Budget, revised – attached to these Minutes.

9.2 Annual Accounts to 31st March, 2003 – Internal auditor has completed his work, yet to meet with Clerk. **It was agreed that** Council Assurance of the Accounts would be done by circulating information to Councillors before next meeting (January 2004)

9.3 Bills for Payment: Approved

Willsons of Rippingale	£ 30.28
Village Design Committee, donation	£100.00
Fovia	£ 11.58
One Way Supplies, newsletter	£109.58
R. Phillips, Hospital Car Service	£ 21.20
S.M. Scholes, November salary	£226.25
C. Boyfield	£289.70

9.4 Receipts:

SKDC Grant Aid, play equipment	£1,298.00
Charlton, allotments	£ 200.00
Chabaluk, allotments	£ 33.75
Welland Transpot, Hospital Car Service	£1,000.00
Ripping-Ale Association, play equipment	£ 250.00
SKDC Community Cleaner	£ 210.00

9.3 Transfer of Funds: Clerk to action when books are returned by internal auditor.

10. PLANNING

10.1 Decisions Taken:

10.1.1. (0987) Barn Conversion to residential, off A15 – refused

10.1.2. (1070) Barn Conversion to residential, Poplar Farmyard, East Street – approved conditionally

10.2 Applications:

10.2.1 (1397) Extension to dwelling, 6 Wendover Close – no objections

10.2.2 (1397) Erection 3 bungalows, adjacent 20 Dovecote – no objections

10.2.3 (1456) Erection dwelling, adjacent Wellington Farm, Outline Planning Permission – no objections.

10.3 General: Proposed Supplementary Guidance, Extensions to Gardens, SKDC – to be circulated to all Councillors for perusal.

11 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:

11.1 SKDC Waste Collection – D. Cllr Taylor acknowledged that the Community Cleaner would help with problems experienced, faults reported in the system are being attended to. Notification of Christmas/New Year arrangements will be notified to all households, together with copies of The District Line newsletter.

11.2 Council Tax 2004 – 5 A minimum increase of 6% is anticipated. The District Council is undertaking a Job Evaluation Scheme, which should when completed, result in savings to the District.

11.3 Culvert, Station Street (The Willows) D. Cllr Taylor confirmed that the additional work required in this area will be carried out in the current Financial Year.

11.4 Off-Road Car Parking D. Cllr Taylor requested that the Parish Council keep him informed as to the wishes of residents. He will support any appropriate requests.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

12.1 Abuse of Waste Collection Services details of garden waste being left for collection, and environmental health risks of bags being left out for days in advance of collection as reported to Clerk to be forwarded to D. Cllr Taylor for action.

12.2 High Fence, Station Street Terrace – new 6'high fencing erected, to be investigated by Councillors and Clerk and details reported to D. Cllr Taylor for action re planning permission.

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – none.

15. MEETING DATES 2004

January, 15 th	The Willows
12 th February	The Willows
11 th March	Village Hall
8 th April	“
13 th May	“
10 th June	“
8 th July	“
August	No Meeting
9 th September	Village Hall
14 th October	“
11 th November	“
December	No Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.57p.m.

**Sheila Scholes,
Clerk to the Council,
15th November, 2003.**