



**Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held 12th June, 2008, 7.30p.m. at Rippingale Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllrs D. Sankey, Chairman: Mrs. M. Morgan, Mrs. A. Adams,
B. Flatters, M. Exton, P. Moseley, M. Hallas. C.Cllr M. Hill (7.55 – 8.20p.m.)**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: D. Cllrs A. Webster.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST:

2.1 As holder of Allotment, Cllrs A. Adams and B. Flatters.

2.2 As a Member of the Parochial Church Council, Cllr M. Morgan.

2.3 As a Member of the Village Design Committee, Cllr M. Hallas.

3. POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 Lincs Police Newsletter, May 2008 passed to Cllr Flatters.

3.2 SPEED INDICATING DEVICE (S.I.D.)

Cllr Adams advised that the SID equipment is available to the Parish Council between 14th & 25th July, 2008. Operating and Health & Safety training 10.00a.m., 27 High Street. Some Councillors have already received LRSP training, others will attend if possible.

Copy of current Public Liability Insurance certificate to be made available to LRSP.

Councillors to complete rota indicating when they can assist in operating the equipment and return to Cllr Adams for coordinating. It was agreed that Wendover Close, Station Street junction Middle Street and Station Street outside Village Hall were suitable locations. Cllr Adams and Chairman to prepare log sheets.

3.3 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH VOLUNTEERS – request for volunteers will appear in July Newsletter, Clerk's error.

3.4 UNDERAGE DRINKERS – Cllr Hallas has spoken with Mr. Simon Deane who is adamant that no-one under 18 years of age is served with alcohol in the Village Store and that he knows most of the young people in the village and their ages. It is agreed however that he can do very little about youngsters being supplied by those over 18 who buy drink legally.

3.5 Cllr Adams reported that the police had visited the Allotments to Security Code tools and equipment.

4. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

3.1 WALL, 101-7 STATION STREET - no information available.

3.2 SKDC FORUM 26th June, 2008. No further details had been received about the meeting to be held at Rippingale Village Hall (believed to begin at 6.30p.m.) Councillors able to attend would report back at next meeting.

3.3 C. Cllr Hill advised that the County is developing an IT system to enable Parish Councillors to access certain County Council information.

3.4 C. Cllr Hill is aware of the current issue with Concessionary Travel and understands that SKDC is looking into the lack of provision in its area.

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No members of Public present.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, 15th May, 2008.

6.1. The following amendment was made:

6.1.1 Item 6.3.2. to read “Conservative Candidate, Mr. N. Bowls”.

Item 9.1.1. to delete “suggested that a French Drain was needed”.

6.2 Subject to the above amendments, Cllr Sankey proposed and Cllr Flatters seconded the proposal that Minutes of Meeting 15th May, 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman. This was agreed.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Rippingale School Building & War Memorial. – nothing to report.

7.2 RISK ASSESSMENT – Agenda Item to be renamed “PARISH PLAN”. Councillors had made a useful start in preparing the Mission Statement and Risk Assessment and will individually work on allocated Objectives. A further meeting was agreed **7.30p.m., 24th July, 2008, The Old Station.**

7.3 PROPOSED CLOSURE, RIPPINGALE POST OFFICE.

Cllr Hallas had nothing further to report to the statement issued with June Newsletter viz: there are no plans to close the Post Office in the immediate future and negotiations continue to provide a service within the existing shop.

7.4 FOOTBALL CLUB LIAISON- Meeting between Councillors and Football Club Officers regarding future plans has yet to be made available.

7.5 WEBSITE www.rpcouncil.co.uk.

It was noted that further work is needed before the website is formally launched. In the interim, it was agreed that the facility whereby residents can securely contact councillors by e-mail should be advertised in the Newsletter and that a request be made to J. Warman to provide a link to this facility from the village website. Cllr Sankey to action.

7.6 COMPUTERS FOR VILLAGE HALL. Cllr Hallas reported that there is potential funding from Community Council of Lincs. With assistance from

Cllr Moseley a specification will be written and costed to provide broadband facility at the Village Hall.

7.7 RABBITS IN CHURCHYARD EXTENSION – Cllr Morgan advised that this problem is receiving attention.

8. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & GRASS CUTTING

8.1 Allotment Land: (See Allotments Agenda item & Minute Ref 10.2)

8.2 Best Kept Village Competition. Cllr Exton advised that grass cutting is ongoing. The continuing wet weather is causing problems in keeping ahead of cutting schedule. Judging takes place between June and August.

8.3 Tennis Court Refurbishment. Cllrs Moseley and Hallas have reviewed the quotations received. Grant Aid from the County Council will require letters of support from residents and organisations in the village. Cllr Moseley to prepare Newsletter & website items to publicise this requirement.

8.4 Blocked Drains, High Street. LCC advise (21st May) they will revisit, clear blockage and jet system. Parish Council will monitor.

8.5 Traditional Guide Post H3Q238.

8.5.1 Thanks to response from residents, it is now known that “Dunsby 1” was shown on the missing arm. The post will be removed within next 6 – 8 weeks for refurbishment.

8.5.2 It was noted that the “Station Street” sign on crossroads with B1177 is missing. Clerk to request replacement from SKDC.

8.6 Flood Warden Seminar, Environment Agency, 8th July, 2008.

Cllr Flatters regrets that he is unable to attend due to work commitments. It was agreed that a Deputy Flood Warden be sought – Newsletter item.

8.7 Bus Shelter. Clerk to follow up quotations obtained by Cllr Flatters and report back to Council.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - List previously circulated.

9.1 (SKDC) Code of Conduct Information & Education Evenings, June & July. Cllr Hallas will attend (July) on behalf of the Parish Council.

9.2 (LCC) Contact details request for Council and Public, actioned by Clerk.

9.3. (LCC) Free Trees Scheme 2008. Details passed to Cllr Hallas for liaison with V.D.C. and Cllr Exton.

9.4 (LCC) Travel & Transport Briefing, May 2008.

9.5 (HM Customs) Questionnaire re holding a Local Authority Event. Clerk to reply.

9.6 (SKDC) Notice of Annual Parishes Conference 26th November (daytime) – Diary Note for Councillors.

9.7 (LCC) Notice of Road Closure, East Street – Newsletter item.

9.8 (Society of Local Clerks) Conference information.

10. VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE & ALLOTMENTS GROUP.

10.1 VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE:

Cllr Hallas advised that the VDC questionnaire, currently in Draft form, will be sent to all residents regarding the validity of the current Statement and way forward.

10.2 ROW GARDENS ALLOTMENTS GROUP:

10.2.1 Letter from Iain Middleton, Chairman, 27th May, 2008 has been previously circulated to Councillors.

10.2.2 It was confirmed that of the £3,700 grant, the following payments have been made:-

Rose & Louth	£1,250 – earth work contractors
C. Boyfield	£ 799 – hedge planting and burning off
Aveland Trees	£ 105 – replacement hedging.

10.2.3. In discussion, the following points were made:

- * the Parish Council regrets that original timetable not adhered to.**
- * to best utilise funds, burning timber was chosen option to very expensive carting away.**
- * original proposal did not include preparation car parking/hard standing .**
- * Parish Council accepts responsibility for failure to complete work and wishes to make matters right as quickly as possible.**
- * On-going liaison during project between Cllr M. Exton & Simon Goode.**
- * Clerk is due to make report to Awards for All in July regarding project progress and variations. Funds permitting, hard-standing area could be supplied.**

10.2.4 Action agreed:

- 1. Cllr Exton reported that Mr. Boyfield has completed burning.**
- 2. A suitable lorry (8 wheeler) will be hired to remove the residue.**
- 3. Mr. Charlton has offered to disc turnover the land in the next two – three weeks.**
- 4. If insufficient progress on the above has been made by date of next Council Meeting (10th July, 2008), arrangements will be made to bring in Cartaway contractor.**
- 5. Rubble from entrance to allotments will be removed at same time, in anticipation of providing proper hard-standing area.**
- 6. Cllr Exton will attend next RGAG Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.**
- 7. Clerk to write to Mr. Middleton expressing Council's apologies and confirming the Council's appreciation of the way the allotments are being managed and maintained.**

11. FINANCE

11.1 Bills for Payment & Bank Accounts:

D. Sankey, display boards for Annual Meeting £157.46

C. Boyfield	£552.44
L.A.L.C. Subscription	£218.95
Fovia	£ 15.99
S. Scholes	£266.88

Receipt: HM Customs re 2007 – 8 £627.22.

2008 – 9 Budget, as at 6th June, 2008 were circulated. Total funds £16,858.

It was agreed that alternative Bank be looked into in view of poor interest rates offered by Lloyds TSB. Cllr Sankey in first instance to speak to Nationwide Building Society.

11.2 Insurance Renewal £1180.16, Allianz Cornhill includes 5% discount negotiated in previous years. Clerk to review cover and report back.

11.32 Appointment of Internal Auditor:

No Internal Auditor has yet been found. Clerk has advised Auditor of the difficulty. Another request for help to be placed in Newsletter.

12. PLANNING

13.1 (0445) Outline: Erection 2 Dwellings, 12 High Street. Nothing to report.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 6th May, 2008 distributed, for information only.

13.2 VILLAGE MAPS. Clerk requested maps for use when requesting work done in village. Cllr Moseley to assist.

13.3 STREET LIGHTING. Cllr Flatters advised that SKDC have attended to reported problems. Light outside No 27 Dovecote is permanently on and cannot be accessed by SKDC operatives, who will liaise further with the District Council. Light No 43 has been reported for attention. Cllr Flatters proposed recording and logging all lights in the village for ease of future maintenance. Cllr Moseley will assist.

13.4 BLOCKED DRAIN STATION STREET/B1177. Cllr Flatters has reported to Environment Agency who have cleared the dyke.

13.5 GAS IN VILLAGE. Cllr Adams has contacted British Gas regarding supply of mains gas to the village. It was confirmed that new developments in Pinfold and Millers Close are supplied with underground LPG gas tanks. These could be an option elsewhere in the village.

13.4 PITTISPORUM TREE FOR CHURCHYARD. It was agreed that the sum of £100 maximum be allocated for the replacement tree being sourced by Cllr Morgan.

13.5 VILLAGE WALKS – Cllr Exton confirmed next walk is 17th July, meeting at 7.00p.m., Village Green. The June walk had again been well-attended and enjoyed.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 10th July, 2008, 7.30p.m., The Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.11p.m.

**Sheila Scholes,
Clerk to the Council,
15th June, 2008.**

2008 Meeting Dates:

August – no meeting

September 11th

October 9th

November 13th

December – no meeting.