



**Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held 10th July, 2008, 7.30p.m. at Rippingale Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs D. Sankey, **Chairman:** Mrs. M. Morgan, Mrs. A. Adams, M. Exton, P. Moseley, D. Cllr Mrs. A. Webster.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: C. Cllr M. Hill, Cllrs B.Flatters & M. Hallas.

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.

2.4 Other Declarations of Personal Interest as detailed in Minutes.

3. POLICE MATTERS:

3.1 S.I.D.

Cllr Adams confirmed that the Speed Indicating equipment would be delivered to Cllr Sankey who will receive training, with Cllr Moseley. The roster of volunteers will give comprehensive coverage. Location of equipment may be revised in view of current road surface dressing work in the village.

3.2 Mobile Police Stations:

Quentin Davies MP has replied to Clerk's letter which he has forwarded to Lincs. Chief Constable and will consider further.

4. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

3.1 WALL, 101-7 STATION STREET

D. Cllr Webster continues to pursue this matter. Building contractor's details have been obtained from SKDC. The legal dispute regarding completion of the work appears unresolved.

3.2 DRAINAGE, HIGH STREET & "DIP", EAST STREET.

The Clerk confirmed that both have been reported to LCC Highways for attention.

3.3 SKDC BUS PASSES.

D. Cllr Webster confirmed that SKDC is concerned at potential costs and is to re-appraise the situation in six months. Many Councillors are unhappy with SKDC policy in this matter.

3.4 POLICE RATE CAPPING.

D. Cllr Webster confirmed that the increase in police funding had been capped at 26% by national government.

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

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, 12th June, 2008.

6.1. The following amendment was made:

Page 6, 13.5 Village Walks, to read: "The May walk had ... "

6.1.2 Subject to the above amendment, Cllr Morgan proposed and Cllr Moseley seconded the proposal that Minutes of Meeting 12th June, 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman. This was agreed.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Rippingale School Building.

Cllr Morgan has been informed that English Heritage does not propose to grant Listed status to the building. Written confirmation is awaited. The Diocese has been informed and from Diocese press comments, it is likely that the building will be sold for maximum revenue to the church. The Parish Council will review the situation upon receipt of English Heritage letter.

7.2 CLOSURE RIPPINGALE POST OFFICE. Nothing to report.

7.3 FOOTBALL CLUB LIAISON

Cllr Moseley reported that a useful meeting had been held between Club Officers and Parish Councillors. He and Cllr Sankey would prepare notes of the meeting for approval by the Club and Council. In discussion it was agreed that:

- a) Parish Council would look into drainage problems which may be related to run-off by tennis courts.
- b) Club would look into reseeding grass and utilise more of the field to even wear and tear.
- c) Club will look into perimeter netting to prevent balls going on to road and adjacent properties.
- d) Provision of a Pavilion in the future to be a Community facility.
- e) Restoring tennis courts could be of benefit to Club if could provide an astro-turf surface for 5-a-side games.

Discussion with the Club will be ongoing to progress these matters.

7.4 STREET LIGHTING.

In the absence of Cllr Flatters, Cllr Moseley advised that a schedule of all lights in the village is being prepared. Cllr Sankey reported for attention the light at end of Miller's Close (number not known) - permanently on.

8. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & GRASS CUTTING

8.1 Cllr Exton reported that grass cutting was proceeding slowly in view of the wet weather. Effort had been put into playing field area for recent Tournament. There has been a fire set on the picnic tables and graffiti around the play equipment area. IT WAS AGREED THAT the CPSOs be notified and asked to keep extra watch on area, and to report back at next Parish Council meeting. The idea of CCTV cameras could be considered as deterrent.

8.2 Future planning/works needed: Cllr Exton noted that the village sign(s) were rusting and in need of repair during the winter. He will investigate cost of hire/purchase large grass cutter to make early season sweep for verges. For possible inclusion in next year's budget, costs to be available by November 2008. The Clerk advised that work on verges, Station Street - A15 have been notified to LCC and acknowledged.

8.3 Tennis Court Refurbishment.

Cllr Moseley reported, in addition to comments 7.3 above, that a Grant Application is being prepared. The Council has received a letter of support from Mrs. A. Pearson, forwarded to Cllr Moseley.

8.4 Bus Shelter. Details of wooden and metal shelters have been previously circulated. After discussion it was agreed by a majority vote of 4:1 that a wooden shelter be purchased from Littlethorpe of Leicester. The 'Great Leigh' style was chosen, cost £5,980. Clerk to complete Grant Application by 1st August, 2008. Notice Board to be incorporated within the shelter. As a courtesy, VDC to be informed of Council's decision.

8.5 Code of Conduct Education Seminar - nothing to report.

8.6 Notice of Annual RoSPA inspection visit has been received. Cllr Exton to arrange convenient date in August.

8.7 Best Kept Village Competition: notice received that Rippingale has not progressed to second round of judging.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - List previously circulated.

9.1 (SKDC, Performance Management & Engagement) Proposed Removal BT Public Payphones - regarding SKDC objection to BT proposals.

9.2 (SKDC) Standards Committee Agenda 4th July, 2008 & Minutes 2nd May, 2008.

9.3 (Society of Local Clerks) Training Courses & Annual Conference.

9.4 (LALC) Local Council Review, July, 2008.

9.5 Voluntary News, 2/2008.

9.6 (SKDC) Empty Homes Housing Solutions - unclear as to why SKDC is offering assistance to renovate empty properties.

9.7 (Victim Support Lincolnshire) - request for donation, offer of presentation.

9.8 (CPRE) Annual Report 2007 - 8

9.9 Clerks & Councils Direct, July 2008 - to be circulated.

9.10 (Criminal Justice Board) - posters.

9.11 (LCC) Wild Flowers on Roadside Verges - website publication.

9.12 (P.C.C.) Requesting confirmation of grass cutting schedule in churchyard. Having previously declared an interest, Cllr Morgan, advised that the PCC would like the strimming around graves and edges to be attended to. Cllr Exton to follow up.

10. VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE & ALLOTMENTS GROUP.

10.1 VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE: - nothing to report.

10.2 ROW GARDENS ALLOTMENTS GROUP:

10.2.1 Cllr Exton had attended RGAG meeting to apologise on behalf of the Parish Council for the delay in reinstating the extra land. Since then most of the burning has been completed and levelling is under way. It will not be necessary to hire lorry with grab hook and it is hoped that the extra land will have been handed over before next Parish Council meeting.

10.2.2. RGAG Secretary has reported uncultivated plots with the request that these tenancies be terminated by the Parish Council in view of the waiting list for allotments. Clerk to liaise with RGAG Secretary and issue due notices.

11. FINANCE

11.1 Bills for Payment & Bank Accounts:

Alliance Insurance	£1180.16
C. Boyfield	£ 443.15
S. Scholes	£ 307.83
J. Wiseman	£ 28.20
F. Wyer	£ 27.00
B. Osborne	£ 12.00
M. Hallas	£ 14.40
J. Warman	£ 13.20
D. Harris	£ 27.00
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Bank Accounts 2nd July: Current Acc 30p!, Deposit Account £14,671.

Transfer of £1,000 from deposit to current account was approved.

Budget as at 2nd July previously circulated.

11.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor: - nothing to report.

(Clerk's Note: I have been contacted by Brian Hutchison, The Granary, High Street with offer to help. A meeting to be arranged with him and Mike Hallas asap)

12. PLANNING

13.1 (0445) Outline: Erection 2 Dwellings, 12 High Street. Planning Permission granted, with conditions. Details of Permission (24th June, 2008) to be circulated for information.

13.2 (0706) Detached Garage, Chaff House, Poplar Farm, East Street. Details previously circulated to Councillors and SKDC advised that no objections were to be made to the application.

13.3 (0787) Bungalow, rear of 15 East Street.

Cllr Moseley declared a personal interest in that the property is close to his own home. It was agreed that a site visit be made and Councillors would inform Clerk their decision before return date (31st July, 2008).

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 SKDC FORUM - Cllr Moseley advised that recycling issues, bus passes, Local Development Framework and proposed wind turbines were discussed with SKDC Officers.

13.2 RIPPING-ALE BEER FESTIVAL.

Cllr A. Adams declared an Interest. The Organisers have written to formally request use of the field (5th - 7th September, 2008). A donation (£100) towards event insurance cost has been allocated in the Council's budget.

13.3 TREES, CHURCHYARD.

Cllr Morgan advised that a Pittisporum shrub has been purchased, cost £14.95. It was agreed that two further shrubs be purchased for planting in the churchyard.

13.4 www.rpcouncil.co.uk

Cllr Sankey requested this be placed on Agenda for next meeting.

13.5 DYKE CLEARING - Mr. E. Jessop.

Chairman referred query regarding LCC clearing Mr. Jessop's dykes to Clerk for action.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 11th September, 2008, 7.30p.m., The Village Hall. - Apologies for absence Cllr M. Morgan.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10p.m.

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

2008 Meeting Dates:

October 9th

November 13th

December - no meeting.