



Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,  
Held 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2008, 7.30p.m. at Rippingale Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D. Sankey, Chairman: Cllrs Mrs. A. Adams, B. Flatters.

In Attendance:

- (i) Mr. Stuart Chester, representing Action Group Against Sempringham Turbines (AGAST).
- (ii) Mr. Steve Smith, CPSO Team Manager, Lincolnshire Police.
- (iii) Mr. D. Diess, member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs M. Morgan, M. Hallas, M. Exton & P. Moseley.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST:

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

To accommodate visitors at the meeting the Agenda order was revised.

3. **ACTION GROUP AGAINST SEMPRINGHAM TURBINES (AGAST)**

3.1 AGAST, represented by Mr. S. Chester, wished to make the Parish Council aware of the possible impact of the proposed Wind Farm, Neslam Farm, Sempringham Fen. A paper was circulated highlighting potential impact areas: visually, noise, nature conservation, aviation accident, groundwater table and cultural heritage. AGAST is seeking support when a Planning Application is made to oppose the application. The Council will be notified further. Further information from [www.agast.co.uk](http://www.agast.co.uk).

Newsletter item. Mr. Chester was thanked for attending and making the presentation. He left the meeting at 8.00p.m.

4. POLICE MATTERS:

**4.1.1 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

As a result of reports received by Councillors, CPSO Smith had been asked to attend regarding anti-social behaviour relating to the playing field. CPSO Doe has visited on many occasions. Anonymously given details of possible offenders had been passed to the Police by the Clerk and were noted.

4.1.2 CPSO Smith advised that anonymous reporting is inadequate to prosecute: witness statements are required to enable the police to act on reasonable suspicion. He requested back up from the Community, asking residents to take responsibility for naming offenders where known. IT WAS AGREED THAT this request be promoted in the Newsletter and web-site etc.

4.1.3 He further confirmed that CCTV cameras could be useful, but pointed out that as the Parish Council "owns" the playing field, Civil Law requires e.g. notices advising that cameras are in use. A negative effect of CCTV

cameras is that problems could spread to other locations where they may have been previously contained in one.

4.1.4 The Parish Council should seek advice to set up terms of Byelaws for use of the playing field, including e.g. prohibiting glass bottles/glasses. It could also be useful to pursue the extension of SKDC "Alcohol Free Zones". These recommendations to form part of the Council's development/improvement programme for the playing field, under review.

4.1.5 CPSO Smith confirmed that his Team would continue to patrol the village and hoped that future cooperation with residents would deal with anti-social behaviour problems.

4.1.6 CPSO Smith was thanked by the Chairman for attending, and left the meeting at 8.45p.m.

#### **4.2 SPEED INDICATING DEVICE (S.I.D.)**

It is now unlikely to implement the SID equipment until early 2009. Previous arrangements were cancelled due to unavailability of councillors. Cllr Adams will contact LRSP and advise further.

#### **4.3 (LRSP) RURAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT - A15.**

Funding has been made available for verge maintenance improvements on A15 between Sleaford and Deeping to improve visibility at junctions and through bends and ensure that foliage does not mask road signs. Work to make bigger cuts to grass and lop hedges will begin August 2008 and continue through 2009.

### **5. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

No County or District Councillors in attendance.

#### **5.1 (LCC) AREA RESPONSE TEAMS.**

Details have been received of LCC plan to improve service on small highway works by providing 2-man highways team to visit on regular basis. It was agreed that it would be useful to have a nominated Councillor to liaise with the County and District Councils on outstanding maintenance matters. The Clerk to circulate copy of LCC letter (30<sup>th</sup> June) with hope (and expectation!) that a volunteer Councillor will be forthcoming at next meeting.

### **6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

#### **6.1 WALL, STATION STREET.**

Mr. Diess requested that the Clerk look into this as a matter of urgency.

#### **6.2 FINGER POST, STATION STREET.**

It was confirmed that the refurbishment of the finger post is know to be a long term project.

#### **6.3 COMPUTER CLASSES.**

Cllr Hallas had no information to date on grants. Chairman and Cllrs Hallas and Moseley would meet and report back to next meeting.

## 7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

Cllr Flatters proposed and Cllr Adams seconded the proposal that Minutes of Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman. This was agreed.

## 8. MATTERS ARISING

### 8.1 MOBILE POLICE STATION

Reply 3<sup>rd</sup> July from Lincolnshire Police previously circulated.

"Lincolnshire Police is committed to building trust & confidence through safer neighbourhoods and protecting the public and the mobile police station and officer are contributing towards this in a very cost effective manner."

### 8.3 RIPPINGALE SCHOOL BUILDING

English Heritage Advisor's Report states that the building is NOT recommended for designation ... " ..Unfortunately the interest of the building has been severely compromised by sizeable modern extensions, the footprint of the school having more than doubled in size. The architectural integrity of the exterior design has suffered damaging alterations. There are no features left in the interior."

### 8.4 OBJECTIVES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (a.k.a. Risk Assessment)

Councillors have received copy of the draft Objectives Document to date. Outstanding work on Aims to be sent to the Clerk for inclusion in the draft for work to resume with Cllr Hallas.

### 8.5 STREET LIGHTING

Cllr Flatters advised on reports and repairs to street lights, including 24 Sands Close where a replacement accessible unit is to be provided. Current lights in need of attention: 4 Wendover Close and Millers Close.

8.6 RIPPINGALE POST OFFICE Cllr Hallas had submitted the following report:- "... Negotiations are continuing and there is a possibility of a form of Outreach to be operated from the shop. If this comes about, and it is by no means certain at this stage, it would mean very little change for customers. In the meantime the post office will continue in its present form."

### 8.7 BUS SHELTER

Grant Aid application has been made to LCC, no decision to date.

## 9. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & GRASS CUTTING

### 9.1 GRASS CUTTING

In the absence of Cllr Exton, no formal report was available. It was agreed that matters raised would be referred to Cllr Exton for attention and action.

9.1.2 Dovecote Grass: reports received that grass had been cut but not cleared away. Concern expressed about the resultant mess and possibility of grass into dykes and drains.

9.1.3 Rear Scarborough Close: report received that grass behind bungalows not cut: query whether this is on schedule.

9.1.4 It was suggested that an End of Season Meeting be arranged with Mr. Boyfield to review grass cutting, equipment and maintenance schedule, which has increased in size and scope.

## 9.2 RoSPA & ELECTRICAL SAFETY INSEPCIONS

In the absence of Cllrs Exton and Moseley, carry forward to next meeting.

## 9.3 PLAYING FIELD & TENNIS COURT REFURBISHMENT

The Clerk confirmed that Grant Application to LCC has been submitted. In the absence of Cllr Moseley, carry forward to next meeting.

## 9.4 DOG FOULING PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

Cllr Adams reported problems of dog fouling on footpaths across fields. Newsletter item to request, again, that people clear up after dogs.

## 9.5 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Notice of Final Results 2008 received.

## 9.6 TOILETS, PLAYING FIELD

Cllrs Sankey and Adams had responded to blocked toilet emergency and organised contractor to empty tank and rod drains. It was agreed that a list of approved contactors be compiled and made available for Councillors for use in similar emergency situations.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - List previously circulated.

10.1 (Environment Agency) River Witham Catchment Flood Management Plan Consultation on Draft - previously circulated, no further comment.

10.2 (LCC) Call Connect Transport Service, leaflets to Post Office, Newsletter item.

10.3 (Lincolnshire Independents) Mark Horn, new political organisation. Newsletter item.

10.4 (LCC) New Fire Applicances Bourne, launch 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2008.

10.5 (Anglian Water) Drinking Water Quality Report 2007, available on [www.anglianwater.co.uk](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk). Newsletter item.

10.6 (E. Mids Fire & Rescue Control) - New 999 Call Handling facility, Castle Donington.

10.7 (CCL) AGM Notice, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.

10.8 (Charity Commission) Annual Return 2008, previously circulated and completed by Councillors, returned 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2008.

10.9 (Glasdon) Product Information - pass to Cllr Moseley.

10.10 (LCC) "Lincolnshire is listening ... putting people first" posters .

- 10.11 (LALC) News July & September 2008, training course details.  
 10.12 (SKDC) Standards Committee Agenda 05.09 & Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.  
 10.12 (NALC) Local Councils Review, September 2008.  
 10.13 Clerks & Councils Direct, September 2008.  
 10.14 Voluntary News, 3/08.  
 10.15 (SKDC) "Adopt a Kiosk" plan re decommissioned red phone boxes.

## 11. VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE & ALLOTMENTS GROUP.

11.1 VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE: - nothing to report.

### 11.2 ROW GARDENS ALLOTMENTS

11.2.1 The Clerk confirmed that the Awards for All End of Award Report had been completed. Of the £3,700 awarded £2,154 had been spent as at 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2008. There has subsequently been further expenditure on the allotments. Cllr Exton had proposed and Cllr Sankey seconded the proposal that payment of £100 be made to J. Scholes for use of JCB and diesel. This was agreed.

11.2.2 In the absence of Cllr Exton, Cllr Flatters reported that the wet weather had prevented Mr. Charlton from disc rotavating the land and there is much weed growth again. Cllr Flatters confirmed that finalising the work on the new allotment area will be done by the Allotment Group.

11.2.3 The Chairman suggested that a Management Committee be formed on behalf of allotment holders. It was agreed that this would be discussed when new allotment area has been handed over.

11.2.4 At the request of the Allotment Group, it was suggested that a new clause be inserted in tenancy agreements asking that holders begin cultivation within one month of being granted an allotment. This was agreed.

## 12. FINANCE

### 12.1 Bills for Payment & Bank Accounts:

Beer Festival Insurance	£100.00
C. Boyfield	£378.06
National Allotment Association	£ 64.63
Bullimores	£424.45
Fovia	£ 38.60
Pilgrim Mowers	£343.99
Orme Electrical	£199.75
S.M. Scholes	£556.03
Bullimores	£141.00
P. Moseley	£ 5.05

Bank Accounts 24<sup>th</sup> August: Total funds £12,263. Transfer of £1,200 from deposit to current account was approved. Budget as at 24<sup>th</sup> August previously circulated.

## 12.2 Insurance Renewal

Insurance schedules passed to Cllr Sankey for full review before 2009 renewal, as proposed in Draft Objectives of the Parish Council document.

## 12.3 Accounts 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008.

The Internal Auditor has completed his Report and copy of Annual Governance Statement having been previously circulated to Councillors, was signed by the Chairman. Clerk to make return to Auditors.

## 13. PLANNING

13.1 (0706) Detached Garage, Chaff House, Poplar Farm, East Street. Approved 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

13.2 (0787) OUTLINE: Bungalow, rear of 15 East Street. Planning permission granted 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.

13.3 (0946) Detached garage & alterations, 31 East Street. Received 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 and previously circulated to Councillors. No objections raised, SKDC advised accordingly.

13.4 (7033) Internal, external alterations Ringstone House, 31 High Street - LISTED BUILDING. Received 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 and previously circulated to Councillors. No objections raised, SKDC advised accordingly.

13.5 (1033) Extension & alterations, detached garage 12 High Street. Received 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2008, for return by 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2008. Passed to Cllr Adams for circulation to all Councillors and return to Clerk.

## 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 14. PAVEMENT, FORMER CHAPEL DEVELOPMENT.

Cllr Flatters advised that since development work the pavement camber has altered making a steep incline. Clerk to advise LCC Highways & SKDC Planning.

## 14.2 [www.rpcouncil.co.uk](http://www.rpcouncil.co.uk)

14.2.1 In the absence of Cllr Moseley, Parish Council website to be carried forward.

14.2.2 Cllr Sankey advised that Mr. John Warman has now stood down as organiser of the [www.rippingalevillage.co.uk](http://www.rippingalevillage.co.uk) web-site. All agreed that a sincere letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Warman for his work in setting up and maintaining the village web-site to a very high standard. Cllrs Sankey and Moseley to maintain the website in the interim and it is hoped that other residents' expertise can be utilised.

## 14.3 Parish Council "Surgeries"

In the absence of Cllrs Hallas and Moseley, carry forward to next meeting.

## 14.4 Rippingale Bowls Club

Archive documents and trophies belonging to the former Rippingale Bowls Club, 1970 - 1990 have been passed to the Clerk. It was suggested that a display cabinet could be provided in the Village Hall to accommodate the

trophies and other village memorabilia. Mr. Diess to discuss with Village Hall Management Committee. Documents listed and stored with other archives.

**14.5 Hospital Car Scheme - Mr. T. Davies**

The Clerk had written to Kirby Underwood Parish Council advising it was not possible to provide HCS transport to Mr. Davies. A letter of complaint has been received from Mr. Davies' wife, copy to County Council. This was noted.

**14.6 Mrs. E. (Betty) MacMillan**

Mr. MacMillan wishes to inform the Parish Council that former Council Member Betty is extremely poorly.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, 7.30p.m., The Village Hall.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45p.m.

Sheila Scholes,  
Clerk to the Council,  
17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.

2008 Meeting Dates:  
November 13<sup>th</sup>  
December - no meeting.