



**Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held 10th March, 2005 at Rippingale Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr M. Patrick, Chairman; Cllrs, M. Morgan, J. Bass, M. Exton, D. Sankey, B. Flatters, D. Cllr G. Taylor, C. Cllr M. Hill (from 8.15p.m.)

In Attendance: Press (2)

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None received.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None to record.

3. POLICE MATTERS

3.1 Broken Windows, Village Hall. Cllr Read reported that both incidents were result of children playing football on the car park. The first damage was accidental, parents had been visited and no further action was to be taken. After the second incident, P.C. Steve Smith had been contacted, who advised that any future problems should be reported to the police.

3.1.2. Cllr Sankey reported that residents in Millers Close had requested "No Ball Games" signs in view of the increasing nuisance caused by children playing football in the Close and on Station Street. Similar problems have been reported by residents of Pinfold Close. It was agreed that these were potentially dangerous situations. When asked why children were not using the football field, reports of intimidating behaviour have been received.

3.1.3 IT WAS AGREED THAT A "No Ball Games" sign be erected on the Village Hall Car Park. Clerk to liaise with LCC Highways.

3.1.4. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT an Open Letter to residents be prepared (Clerk) requesting cooperation and pointing out dangers to children in playing in street. This to be hand-delivered by Cllr Read, Cllrs Sankey and Flatters offered to assist in distribution.

3.1.5. YOUTH CLUB – Cllr Read has made initial enquiries with regard to re-forming a Youth Club. This will be discussed at next Parish Council Meeting.

3.2 SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE. "Slow Down" signs have been erected by LRSP. Councillors are requested to monitor any signs that need re-fixing.

3.3 HIGH VISIBILITY JACKETS have been printed with "Rippingale Neighbourhood Watch". Cllr Flatters to arrange a Coordinators' meeting and distribute jackets to co-ordinators and other volunteers.

- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** The Minutes of Meeting held 10th February, 2005 were approved and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 WAR MEMORIAL** SKDC have recommended a Structural Engineer to inspect the Memorial. Cllr Mrs. Morgan read the cost in hourly fees to the Parish Council. **IT WAS AGREED THAT** the Engineer's Quote be accepted, up to maximum of £300 +VAT. Cllr Morgan to liaise with Engineer.
- 5.2 SKATEBOARD RAMP.** P.C. Cummings regrets that necessary police duties oblige him to postpone meeting planned for 17th March. Notice of postponement to be distributed by Councillors where possible. Clerk to re-arrange meeting date with P.C. Cummings.
- 5.3 SANDBAG STORAGE** – There has been no response to request for bricklayer. Cllr Read advised that location on the Village Hall Car Park is unlikely to be approved. Cllr Read to pursue other options and report back to Parish Council.
- 5.4 HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE.** Clerk and Mr. Beddington have met with Val Spencer from Doctors' Surgery, and agreed to provide a weekly collection & distribution prescription service in the village from April 2005. Linda Broddle, HCS Volunteer, has offered to deliver, funding to be shared between Surgery and Parish Council.
- 5.5 VIBRANT LOCAL LEADERSHIP & WHY NEIGHBOURHOODS MATTER** – See Any Other Business.
- 5.6 E-MAIL CIRCULATION** . Cllr Sankey suggested that this would improve distribution of documents among Councillors. **IT WAS AGREED THAT** Clerk would use both e-mail and distribution pouch as trial, and that any Urgent/Important matters could require additional meeting of Councillors.
- 5.7 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT S.K. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)** – Clerk's response to SKDC has been previously circulated.

6.VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING & MAINTENANCE MATTERS.

- 6.1 SKDC GRASS AREAS.** There has been further correspondence between Clerk and Mr. Frisby, SKDC. D. Cllr Taylor to again pursue. It was noted that before the Parish Council takes over the grass cutting, SKDC be requested to have the areas cut to the standard they wish Parish Council to maintain. File on this matter loaned to D. Cllr Taylor.
- 6.2 INSURANCE CLAIM 9 PINFOLD CLOSE, RIPPINGALE.** Cllr Read confirmed that the trees have been removed. Residents have requested that replacement fence is sited approximately 6" beyond line of tree stumps, **THIS WAS AGREED.** It was noted that the cost of fencing is at the expense of residents.
- 6.3 PLAYING FIELD HEDGE** – to be reduced to manageable height. Cllr Read to obtain estimate for hire of "Cherry Picker" required to carry out the work.
- 6.4 FREE TREES** – Additional trees and hedging have been obtained and planted. It is regretted that some have already been vandalised.

6.5 MILLER'S CLOSE POND. Clerk to confirm that it has been adopted by SKDC and effect on Parish Council taking over grass cutting. Cllr Sankey advised that the gate was not locked, as promised. Mr. Boyfield removes litter from area as part of his duties. A letter has been received advising that young resident of Miller's Close periodically removes litter, with parents' consent. Letter of appreciation sent by Clerk.

6.6 LITTER PICK. Cllr Exton proposed that the verges be flailed to make a litter pick more effective. He will obtain estimate and report at next meeting.

6.7 AMENITY FREIGHTER – Visit confirmed for 14th May, and provisional visit advised October, 2005.

7 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

7.1 "Working Towards the 2nd Lincs. Local Transport Plan, Consultation Document" – L.C.C.

7.2 "Local Council Review", March 2005 – passed to Cllr Bass.

7.3 "Budget Briefing" SKDC

7.4 "Electronic Communication" – SKDC request e-mail contacts. Passed to Cllr Sankey to investigate information being made available on village web-site.

7.5 "Consultation on Draft East Midlands Regional Freight Strategy", February 2005.

7.6 "A Code for the Future" – Standards Board Review, February 2005-03-14

7.7 "Audit of Crime & Disorder 2001 – 2004" SK Crime & Disorder Partnership, passed to Cllr Flatters.

7.8 "Lincolnshire Drug Audit, December 2004" DAAT, Lincolnshire.

7.9 "LCC Capital Grant Aid 2005 – 6" – Information Packs – publish in Newsletter & Web-site.

7.10 "Loss of Water Pressure in Rippingale" – Anglian Water response, has been published (Newsletter/website).

7.11 "Quality Council & Changing Legislation Seminar", 13.04.05. Passed to Cllr Bass, who will advise Clerk if able to attend.

7.12 "Interim County Circular" – January, 2005 LALC

7.13 "2005 Play Safety Inspections" – Clerk has replied to RoSPA.

7.14 " Register of Electors" SKDC update, Clerk to retain.

7.15 "Welland Partnership – Pathfinder Project" – Clerk to peruse and advise Council.

7.16 "Clerk & Councils Direct, March 2005" – passed to Cllr Read.

7.17 Mr. Mrs. Pearce (residents) letter.

7.17.1 Chairman has spoken with Football Club Chairman regarding cleaning boots on roadside.

7.17.2 Chairman has spoken with Beer Festival Organisers who do not supply drink in cans, and event ends at mid-night.

7.17.3 Turning area in front of property is not a Parish Council matter.

7.17.4 Clerk to reply to Mr. Mrs. Pearce and write to Football Club.

8.VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE

8.1 YEW TREE FARM DEVELOPMENT – Chairman has spoken with Mr. P. Rippingale, Chairman V.D.C. and agreed that no further action be taken on this matter.

9.FINANCE

9.1 Bills for payment:

Johnson Brothers, lawnmower repair	£ 30.46
R. Beddington, HCS	£ 42.30
S.M. Scholes	£269.80
Rippingale Village Hall, grant	£800.00
Rippingale Parochial Church Council	£100.00
M. Patrick, Chairman's telephone	£ 65.00
Bourne Embroidery	£ 63.45

9.2 It was noted that any outstanding invoices relating to current financial year would be submitted to Chairman for approval prior to next meeting. These will include donation to Web-site Group, Mr. C. Boyfield and Cllr P. Read travel expenses.

9.3 Budget & Bank Accounts: Budget as at 3rd March previously circulated. Total funds £6,485. Transfer of £2,000 from deposit to current account was approved.

10. PLANNING

10.1 Portakabin, Jubilee Playing Field. Clerk to apply for continuation of Temporary Planning Permission.

10.2 (1870) Change of use land from Agricultural to Paddock, Poplar Farm. Permission granted 4th February, 2005. It was noted that Conditions of Approval include: "The land shall be used for the purpose hereby permitted (paddock) and for no other purpose, or for any domestic purposes."

10.3 (0117) 2-Storey Rear Extension & Single Storey Side Extension, 11 East Street – Planning Permission granted 24th February, 2005.

10.4 (0068) Extensions & Alterations, Yew Tree Farm House, Station Street. – Planning Permission granted 24th February, 2005.

10.5 2 Wendover Close – no further information available.

11. DISTRICT & COUNCIL BUSINESS

11.1 Local Area Assembly Meeting, 15th February, 2005. Clerk's comments have been referred to SKDC Chief Executive by D. Cllr Taylor.

11.2 D. Cllr Taylor confirmed overall rise in Council tax of 5.3%. SKDC increase is 4.7%.

11.3 Public Consultation on Urban Capacity Study & Interim Housing Policy Statement. This correspondence received by Clerk 10th March. D. Cllr Taylor urged Councillors to give this matter their close attention.

Clerk to circulate correspondence. National Government policy is to dispose of Council housing properties.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 METHODIST CHAPEL STAINED CLASS WINDOW. The Chairman advised that this was to be framed and re-located in St Andrew's Church. Cllr Morgan confirmed that the necessary Faculty (permission) has been applied for.

12.2 VERGES – Cllr Sankey reported more damage to verges by construction traffic in the village. The Parish Council continues to request kerbing from LCC Highways. C. Cllr Hill suggested that the Parish Council also approach contractors for re-instatement. BT Broadband construction (East Street) causing current problem.

Cllr Flatters left the meeting at 9.10p.m.

12.3 “WHAT THE PARISH COUNCIL DOES” Cllr Sankey suggested that an article prepared to raise awareness of the work done by the Parish Council. **IT WAS AGREED THAT** he and the Chairman prepare a statement which could be used at the Annual Meeting (May) as the Chairman's Report.

12.4 “VIBRANT LOCAL LEADERSHIP” & “WHY NEIGHBOURHOODS MATTER” – Cllr Bass has studied these Home Office documents which indicate that Parish Councils will be given greater powers. He queries the potential extra costs. D. Cllr Taylor advised that this is a long-term development, relating to the “Quality Parish Council” Status that Rippingale has indicated it wishes to have. Additional funding is to be made available to these Parish Councils. He recommended that this situation be monitored. Cllr Bass has retained the Home Office documents for further perusal.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14th April, 2005, 7.30p.m., The Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

Sheila Scholes, Clerk to the Council,

14th March, 2005.

2005 Meeting Dates (amended 2/05)

May 12th – Annual Meeting

June 9th

July 14th

August – no meeting

September 8th

October 20th

November 10th

December – no meeting.