



**Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held 14th October, 2004 at Rippingale Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllr M. Patrick, Chairman; Cllrs, M. Morgan, P. Read, J. Bass,
M. Exton, B. Flatters, D. Sankey, D. Cllr G. Taylor & C. Cllr M. Hill.**

In Attendance: Members of Press (1), Members of Public (2).

ALLOTMENTS: Mrs. Middleton advised that there have been eight expressions of interest by residents regarding use of the allotment land. The Chairman advised that one tenant has indicated that he may relinquish some of his allotment space. Confirmation of location, area, present rent, and terms of notice were supplied and a copy of the Tenancy Agreement given to Mrs. Middleton to take this matter further.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.40p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: none received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: - none to record.

3. POLICE MATTERS

3.1 Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Flatters had attended the recent Regional Meeting. NW signs will be erected shortly and a letter to all residents is currently being distributed regarding theft from sheds etc.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - Minutes of Meeting 9th September, 2004 were approved and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 WAR MEMORIAL Cllr Morgan is in discussion with SKDC Conservation Officer and currently ownership of the Memorial is being established.

5.2 SKATEBOARD RAMP

5.2.1. Copies of RoSPA Safety Report and Community Council of Lincolnshire letter 15th September have been previously circulated.

5.2.2. It was agreed that all reasonable efforts should be made to retain the ramp, but that professional help is necessary to relocate and comply with Health & Safety etc requirements. Clerk to contact SKDC Leisure (J. Slater) for professional advice, upon receipt of which a Public Meeting/website debate to resolve whether the facility is retained or removed.

5.2.3. It was suggested that an interim sign be erected, advising that use of the skateboard is at user's own risk.

5.2.4 It was suggested that the Clerk look at SKDC facility at Wyndam Park, Grantham for comparison.

5.2.5 The Press were requested to check details of the above with the Clerk before reporting on this matter.

C. Cllr M. Hill joined the meeting at 8.10p.m.

5.3 RIPPINGALE VILLAGE WEB-SITE.

5.3.1 Cllr Sankey and Mrs. P. Warnam gave a presentation of the Site, designed by a group of residents. The aim of the website is to comply with the Freedom of Information Act and provide a community information service.

5.3.2 Set up and first year costs of £100 to be met by the Parish Council and it is hoped that the Site will be self-financing through local advertising and sponsorship.

5.3.3 The Parish Council congratulated Cllr Sankey and his working group on the creation of an interesting, useful and attractive Web-site that could be of great benefit to the village.

5.4 SANDBAG STORAGE. Clerk to investigate purchase of storage container to be located on playing field.

5.5 CHURCH CLOCK Cllr Morgan advised that a replacement battery is estimated to cost £300. It is hoped that the Parish Council will assist in funding.

6. VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING & MAINTENANCE MATTERS.

6.1 A new 20" Strimmer has been purchased to improve entrance verge grass. Mr. Boyfield is to start to cut back large conifers on the field boundary.

6.2 D. Cllr Taylor has written confirming responsibility of Riparian Owners to maintain dykes. Cllr Read to show copy of the letter to owners. Clerk to advise SKDC Enforcement officer.

6.3 Reported subsidence, 9 Pinfold Close. Correspondence received from Chartered Loss Adjuster indicates that Parish Council will be requested to remove conifers adjacent to the property.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

7.1 Lincs. Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan – in circulation, comments required by 31st December, 2004.

7.2 Free Training Courses organised by Lincolnshire Development, to be published in Newsletter and on web-site.

7.3 LALC Annual Report 2003-4 & details of "Rubka" – Services available for older people. To be published in Newsletter and on web-site.

7.4 SKDC thanking Parish Council for use of Playing Field for Summer Sports Programme.

7.5 Defra "Clean Neighbourhoods" consultation

7.6 SKDC "Extend" Exercise for older people, wish to establish requirements. Publish in Newsletter and on Web-site.

7.7 Lincs. Civil Protection Unit, “Advice on Flooding”, passed to Flood Warden.

7.8 Royal British Legion, acknowledgement of Poppy Wreath order. Hall Committee.

8.VILLAGE DESIGN COMMITTEE

8.1 BUS SHELTER – VDC advise that they cannot complete the project within time stipulated by Rural Transport Fund and propose returning £1,000 grant aid received. Clerk to contact Rural Transport Fund and advise that Parish Council hopes to take on project. Costs to be sourced by Clerk.

8.2 VDC /SKDC PLANNING ISSUES – D. Cllr Taylor advised that Cllr Parkin, Chairman SKDC Land Use & Development Committee had not replied to VDC correspondence as requested. A further letter has been sent to Cllr Parkin by VDC, and it is understood that he is now dealing with the matter.

8.3 D. Cllr Taylor confirmed that the Design Committee is a recognised Supplementary Guidance body, and that SKDC is obliged to take its comments on planning into consideration.

9.FINANCE

9.1 Bills for payment:

C. Boyfield	£781.50
Aveland Trees	£ 7.76
M. Hallas/Over 60’s	£ 50.00
J.T. Friskney, grass cutter	£309.09
Willsons	£ 63.00
Rospa	£ 72.26
J. Warman	£ 19.20
D. Diess	£ 12.00
S.M. Scholes	£244.02
C. Boyfield	£302.00

Receipts: £260.00 SKDC Grant Aid, re Community Cleaner.

9.2 Budget & Bank Accounts: Budget as at 10th October were circulated. Total funds £10,643.00. Transfer of £800 from Deposit to Current account was approved.

9.3 Budget 2005 – 6 Clerk and Cllr Morgan, Finance Officer, to prepare draft budget for next meeting.

10. PLANNING

10.1 (Ref 1411) New vehicular access, 27 East Street, Rippingale. Cllrs Read and Flatters to make a site inspection and report to the Council.

(Note: Memo received from Cllr Read 15.10.05 “...Apart from the removal of one mature silver birch tree, we see absolutely no reason for the Parish

Council to oppose the request. The Improved vision onto East St from the site more than compensates for the loss of the tree.”)

Clerk to advise SKDC.

11. DISTRICT & COUNCIL BUSINESS

11.1 C. Cllr Hill advised that the County Council hopes to increase the role of Community Support Officers to look at specific local issues.

11.2 D. Cllr Taylor advised that additional defra funding (£700,000) is to be made available for Green Waste Recycling facilities in the district.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – 14th November, 2004.

12.2 DOCTORS’ SURGERY – Clerk to write and request confirmation of reports that the surgery is to close within next two years. It was noted that the revised surgery opening and location arrangements would have an effect on costs of Hospital Car Service.

12.3 YEW TREE FARM DEVELOPMENT CULVERT. Cllr Flatters has photographed cabling installed in manner that will cause obstruction, and has reported to SKDC. He will monitor the situation. Clerk to confirm that SKDC (C. Mawes) has received reports of raw sewerage in Station Street dyke.

12.4.1 PETTY VANDALISM: Concern was expressed that there seemed to be an increase in minor acts of vandalism in the village.

12.4.2 “NO BALL GAMES”/ROAD SAFETY. Cllr Sankey said that it had been noted that the “No Ball Games” sign in Dovecote seem to have encouraged children to play in the street and elsewhere in the village. Concern was expressed about the road safety aspects of this as a number of near misses with cars had been reported. Parents to be reminded that the recreation ground is there for football and other games.

12.5 WHEELY-BINS. D. Cllr Taylor advised that after recent SKDC investment in refuse collection services, supply of Wheely-bins was not likely in the foreseeable future.

13. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – none received.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 11th November, 2004, 7.30p.m., The Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

**Sheila Scholes, Clerk to the Council,
17th October, 2004.**

Subsequent Meeting Dates 2004

December – no meeting

2005 Meeting Dates to be approved at next meeting.