



**Minutes of Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held 11th March, 2010, 7.30p.m. at Rippingale Village Hall.**

Present:

Cllr D. Sankey, Chairman; Cllrs P. Moseley, M. Exton.

In Attendance: D. Diess, T. Bladon, Members of the Public.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Parish Council & Surgery Action Group.

Mr. Bladon suggested that the Parish Council and Action Group meet to establish who is taking the lead in representing the village. He suggested that residents were confused and that it is less effective to have the two groups. Councillors agreed that this is an admirable way forward, although the Council had been informed by the Action Group that it was too late for cooperation. At the recent meeting with the PCT, it was emphasised that all stakeholders were "being listened to" and that no PCT action can take place without due process. The consultation period ends on 12th March and options will be made public shortly thereafter. The Parish Council and other interested groups will then have the opportunity for further discussion with the PCT.

The Chairman confirmed his correspondence with Mr. Bladon: that the Council had initially supported the Action Group but was not in support of the manner in which the Group is conducting its campaign. All want the best possible outcome – ideally the present Doctors working locally in Rippingale, but if that is not an option then there is a need to look at e.g. transport to other surgeries.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Bladon be asked to mediate at any proposed meeting involving the Parish Council and Action Group. All agreed that this would be an appropriate way forward and Mr. Bladon agreed to accept this role.

2. Station Street Wall

In reply to Mr. Diess, the Chairman was pleased to report that his approach to SKDC Chief Executive direct was very effective. In essence LCC and SKDG disagree about solving the problem – whether to do work behind the wall to relieve build up of water or to make a trench under the pavement and drain run-off that way. SKDC have confirmed that they will pay for the work and will advise K. Brumfield (LCC) on 12th March which repair route is to be followed.

SKDC will deal separately with the issue of ownership disputes which are preventing the completion of the wall to adjacent property(ies) and would appreciate help from the Parish Council to encourage residents' cooperation.

3. Flooding, Station Street/B1177 Junction

In reply to Mr. Diess, the Clerk advised that this was one of several matters being handled by former Councillor Hallas. Clerk will again request handover of his files.

4. Light, Sands Court

Cllr Exton volunteered to take over responsibility of reporting faulty street lights and follow up problem of light Sands Court (by hedge) which is obstructed. He will also look at the hedge for cutting back if necessary.

There being no further questions from the Public, the Chairman opened the Parish Council meeting at 8.05p.m.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:** No Chairman's Opening Remarks.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & REASONS GIVEN.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs. C. Rice and D. Cllr Mrs. A. Webster.

3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST:**

- Cllr Exton as Allotment Holder
- Cllrs Sankey, Exton & Moseley as New Springwells Practice Patients.

4. **MEETING 1st FEBRUARY.**

The Notes of Meeting 1st February, 2010 were approved as Minutes – proposed by Cllr Moseley, seconded by Cllr Sankey.

5. **CLERK'S REPORT**

5.1 **COOPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS.**

Incorrect advice received from L.A.L.C. has been published in the village Newsletter. SKDC Electoral Services advise that there is NO Local Election in 2010 and therefore the Parish Council is required to publish Notice of Vacancy of Councillor to facilitate a By-election if required. In the interest of transparency, it is proposed that this information will be made available to residents in the April Newsletter. Notice for a By-election will be given from 1st April, 2010 and allowing for Public Holidays etc., 23rd April is the due date after which the Parish Council may coopt councillors, if no election is called.

5.2 **RIPPINGALE SURGERY**

5.2.1 Further to discussion in the Public Forum, the Clerk advised that a Parish Council Statement had been published in the March letter, as had a two-page statement from the Action Group. It is suggested that at some time in the near future, an Editorial Policy for the Newsletter be discussed with the Newsletter Editor.

5.2.1 The Clerk has circulated a subsequent 7-page report from the Action Group, which may be the Group's submission for consideration by the PCT. Within the time available to peruse this document, factual errors are again noted. A copy of this document will be made available to Mr. Bladon in his role of mediator to enable to united approach to be made when Consultation findings are made public.

5.3 **COMPLAINTS' PROCEDURE**

It is considered necessary to review the documents. Carry forward.

5.4 **REGISTERING COUNCIL-OWNED LAND/POST BOX VILLAGE GREEN**

L.C.C., as owners may decide to register the Village Green, and have final decision as to location of Post Box, being sympathetic to Parish Council's wishes. Chairman has forms to register Parish Council owned land.

6. **FINANCE**

6.1 **Bills for Payment, Bank Accounts, Budget.**

Bills for Payment:

Anglia & Midland Sports Surfaces	£13,574.81 *
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*inclusive VAT, net prompt payment discount.

Fovia	£ 34.56
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S.M. Scholes	£ 332.90
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Village Hall Grant	£ 1,000.00
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Chairman's Telephone £ 65.00

Receipts:

LCC Grass Cutting £873.

6.1.2 Budget Statement and Bank Accounts as at 7th March, 2010 previously circulated. Total funds £18,926 of which £11,479 is Reserves. Transfer of £13,574.81 from Deposit to Current Account was agreed. Cllr Moseley will prepare Grant Claim from L.C.C. towards the Tennis Court Project cost, Clerk to claim VAT refund.

6.2 **Clerks' Conditions of Employment & Remuneration.**

It was agreed to hold an informal meeting of Councillors to discuss this matter.

6.3 Insurance Renewal – Council will continue with present Insurer, with whom three-year agreement was signed.

6.4 Internal Auditor 31.03.2010. Clerk advised that it may be necessary to employ a professional Internal Auditor.

7. PLANNING MATTERS .

7.1 Disputed land/planning issues: Nothing to report.

7.2 (2870) Revised Application: Outline Planning Permission; 2 Dwellings, 71 Station Street. Planning Permission Granted 3rd March, 2010.

7.2.1 The Chairman has contacted SKDC Planning Officer (P. Moore) regarding the application. Approval conditions are contradictory with regard to Rippingale's status as a Local Service Centre. Despite SKDC knowledge that L.S.C. status will be lost, approval is given as at present the village qualifies. Cllr Moseley to draft response to SKDC. It was noted that the Council has recourse to Planning Inspectorate in making any complaint.

7.3 SKDC Affordable Housing Policy "Core Strategy Examination Policy H3.. Proposed Changes". Details of changes on www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2561

7.4 (0521) Single Storey rear extension, 8 Doctor's Lane, Rippingale &

7.5 (0522) Erection 2 dwellings & extension, west of 27 East Street.

Applications received 11th March and response to SKDC is required by 30th March, 2010.

Councillors will make site visits, peruse and instruct Clerk.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

8.1 (Parkleisure) Play Equipment – passed to Cllr Exton.

8.2 (Community Lincs) Best Kept Village 2010. – no entry this year.

8.3 (LCC) Grit bins - LCC is reviewing winter maintenance before issuing more bins.

8.4 (Kirkby Underwood Parish Council) – Clerk has retired – acknowledged.

8.5 (LCC) Mobile Library Provision, Schools & Early Learning Years.

8.6 (Confidential) Tenancy complaints, ScarboroughClose. Clerk has replied.

8.7 (Bourne Community Groups) Network Meeting 17th March, 2010. Pass to Football Club.

8.8 (SKDC) Notice of Standards Training Evening, as previously arranged.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

9.1 GRASS CUTTING & MAINTENANCE. – Cllr M. Exton

9.1.1 Cemetery hedge has been cut, Pinfold wall is next project. Mr. Maplethorpe has offered to remove building rubble. Equipment will be serviced in preparation for forthcoming grass cutting work.

9.1.2 ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION

Cllr Exton requested to select an Inspector from information previously supplied.

9.2 PLAYING FIELD & FOOTBALL CLUB MEETING UPDATE. – Cllr P. Moseley

9.2.1 Tennis court has been resurfaced and will be marked in 3 weeks' time. There is some damage to playing field; Cllr Exton will request Mr. Boyfield to roll in and reseed as necessary.

9.2.2 A further meeting has been held with the Football Club and it is hoped that Cllr Moseley will be able to present to Council the proposed agreement. Cllr Exton expressed concern that the Council would be asked for approval after the wording had been agreed by the Club. The Chairman advised that the proposed agreement is the result of much negotiation between the Club and Councillors, an antagonistic situation has been turned into a positive one, with a good the end result. Subject to final agreement, it is likely that the Council will be relieved of much of the annual £1500 expenditure, and will receive an income for use of the field. The important issue of parking on match days is being addressed. An intangible benefit is that the use of the field by the Club enhances Grant Aid applications for e.g. play equipment. The efforts of those Councillors involved in negotiations are acknowledged with appreciation.

9.2.3 CCTV CONTRACTOR – Details passed to Cllr Moseley.

9.3 OUTSTANDING & REPORTED MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Nothing further to report.

9.4 PLAY EQUIPMENT, PLAYING FIELD.

Cllr Exton is collecting information, together with details of secure storage unit. Councillors to review this initially at proposed informal meeting.

9.5 COMPUTERS FOR ALL Nothing to report.

10. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

Nothing to report.

11. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting 2010 would revert to former 'formal' style and will be held on 13th May, 2010. Councillors may wish to hold Parish Council AGM on this date.

12. LOCAL SERVICE CENTRE STATUS.

The Chairman hoped that planned letter to SKDC Planning could help clarify the situation (see above).

13. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE.

Nothing to report.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 15th APRIL, 2010 – 7.30p.m. Public Forum/Question Time
7.45p.m. Parish Council Meeting.

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

Sheila Scholes,

Clerk to the Council,

14th March, 2010.

Provisional & Approved 2010 Meeting Dates

May	THURSDAY 13 th ANNUAL MEETING *
	THURSDAY 20 th PARISH COUNCIL AGM *
	* could change (Elections?)
June	THURSDAY 10 th
July	THURSDAY 8 th