



**Minutes of a Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,  
Held on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013 at 7.30p.m., Rippingale Village Hall.**

**Present: J.M. Hallas, (Chairman), J.R. Latham, M. Exton, B. Flatters, B. Cook, S. Stewart.**

**In Attendance: Mrs. S. Scholes, Clerk to Rippingale Parish Council,**

**Mrs. Jayne Thomas, First Contact Field Coordinator, South Kesteven & South Holland, Age UK,  
P.C.S.O. G. Parrott, Lincolnshire Police; Mr. C. Petz (from 8.15p.m.)**

**Also Present: Members of the Public (4).**

**PUBLIC FORUM & POLICE MATTERS**

**1. Presentation, Mrs. Jayne Thomas, "First Contact" (Age UK)**

"First Contact" is a service, administered and monitored by L.C.C. that allows people aged 60+ to access services and information to help them stay safe and well in their own home. It is suggested that the Parish Council could be an ambassador for the service and help to promote it in Rippingale. Councillors expressed interest in service as part of its "Bigger Picture" project and will continue to liaise with Age UK. The scheme is supported by Lincs. Police.

**2. Wendover Close Street Sign:** Installation is promised by SKDC before 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**3. Police Report, P.C.S.O.G. Parrott:**

Copies of the Crime Reported Maps were distributed – one reported incident in Rippingale in November 2012. The LinksAlert system is proving useful; more participants are required and ongoing Newsletter items are helping promote the service. "Action Fraud" leaflets were distributed to inform the public of new arrangements for reporting fraud to a central contact to better represent the bigger national problems of fraud. Theft of catalytic convertors is increasing locally, the police are working with scrap metal dealers and request car owners to remain vigilant.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their attendance, reports and comments. The Chairman opened the Parish Council Meeting at 8.15p.m.

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**1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

01. The Chairman welcomed all to the Meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

02. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P. King, the Attendance Register was completed.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.34 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.**

03. There were no Declarations of Interest made.

04. Dispensation request under Section 22 of the Localism Act was received from to Cllr B. Cook to discuss and vote if necessary the Parish Precept. Dispensation until Council Elections 2015 was given, the Clerk signed the Dispensation Request which will be kept on file.

05. Cllr M. Exton declined to request a Dispensation.

06. L.A.L.C. information received (24.01.13) on this matter is that the Government is "considering what steps to take to correct misconceptions on this matter".

**4. NOTES OF MEETING 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2012.**

07. It was proposed by Cllr S. Stewart and seconded by Cllr J. Latham that the Notes from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 be accepted as Minutes of that Meeting. ***The Resolution was passed.*** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

**5. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS COMPLETED & OUTSTANDING – PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED.**

08 **LINKSALERT:** Reports & information received as outlined in the Police report.

09 **JUBILEE NOTICE BOARD:** Order has been placed, revised quotation £1507 + VAT, delivery expected March 2013. Permission to site in churchyard has been received.

10 **NEWSLETTER PRINTING:** Revised arrangements whereby editor sends material to Clerk for inserting RPC news and forwarding to printer. RPC news is now on page 2.

**6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**6.1 "Localising Council Tax Support"**

11 SKDC advice (letter – undated, January) has been circulated to Councillors. It is understood that this means that the original precept request £17,590 has been reduced by the SKDC grant/allowance of £976.14. To comply with SKDC deadline, the Clerk has requested the sum of £16,613.86.

12 Councillors agreed that this is still unclear. Representation made by the Parish Council to Nick Boles MP has been acknowledged and further clarification from Brandon Lewis, Under Secretary of State is awaited.

**6.2 Ratify Revised Precept Application.**

13 The Chairman proposed and Cllr Stewart seconded the proposal that the revised precept requested by the Clerk (£15,613.86) be ratified. Vote: 5 for, 1 abstention: ***The Resolution was passed.***

**6.3 Internal Auditor Function.**

14. The Clerk explained enhanced role the Internal Auditor should have with regard to parish council accounting and ***IT WAS RESOLVED THAT*** the Clerk look into this matter further and report to Council.

**6.4 Bills for Payment, Receipts, Bank Accounts.**

15. Copies of Receipts and Payments Summary, Budget Receipts and Payments, Cheques drawn and cash received were distributed for Councillors' perusal. Total funds, as at 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013 £15,413.25. Chairman to assist Clerk with review of new accounting system prior to end of financial year.

**6.5 "Events" Bank Account.**

16. ***IT WAS RESOLVED THAT*** an additional Parish Council bank account be opened for management of e.g. Feast funds. Surplus funds (£542.71) from Jubilee 2012 to be transferred to the new account. Existing account management arrangements will apply to the Events account.

**6.6 Enrol Clerk in Local Government Pension Scheme**

17. Business carried forward.

**7. PLANNING**

7.1 S12/2170 2x 15m high Wind Turbines, Old Pump Cottage, Fen Road, DOWSBY

18. Nothing to report on the application.

19. LCC (29.01.13) advises 90% of 4000 surveyed support County Council's opposition to wind farms.

7.2. S12/3243/LB/IVW/PCI Alteration of Listed Building (amendments to previous consent for conversion to habitable room), 110 Station Street.

20. The application, received 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 was passed to Councillors for perusal and circulation. Response required by S.K.D.C. by 18<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED DECEMBER, 2012 – JANUARY 2013.** List previously circulated.

21. 1. (Community Lincs) Broadband Project – want help those with limited internet experience & provision for those outside provision of superfast broadband facility.

21.2. (LALC) News, Winter 2012. Clerk perused, items forwarded as appropriate.

21.3 (SLCC) The Clerk Magazine, January 2013.

21.4 . (Bourne Town Council) Civic Dinner 15.02.13, £22 per person. Chairman will attend.

21.5 (LCR) Review magazine, Winter 2012.

21.6 Clerk & Councils Direct January 2013 & Suppliers Guide 2013.

21.7 (Came & Co) Website area – Risk Management & advice. Log in details held by Clerk.

21.8 (Lincs Police) Special Constable Recruitment Drive – publish in Newsletter.

21.9 (RoSPA) Playground Safety Inspection details – passed to Cllr M. Exton.

21.10 (SKDC Planning Policy ) Village Facilities Survey – completed & returned by Clerk.

#### **9. RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

##### **9.1 Closure of Rippingale Doctor's Surgery.**

24. A constructive meeting with Springwells Surgery regarding taxi transport service arrangements from 1<sup>st</sup> April has been held; full details will be published in the February newsletter, with follow up in the March issue. Springwells Surgery will administer the service which will be reviewed regularly with Parish Council/Surgery Action Group representatives.

25. The Parish Council has received information, under the Freedom of Information Act from the PCT which outlines the reasons for closure of the surgery - there is no valid reason given. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Chairman send a joint letter with the Surgery Action Group to Minister of Health, Nick Bowls M.P., The Prime Minister, Lincs. Health Scrutiny Committee and Chief Executive of the PCT, deploring this situation. A draft letter had been circulated to Councillors.

##### **9.2 Village Grass Cutting** - Cllr M. Exton

26. No grass cutting due to weather conditions. Maintenance carried out to Station Street dyke by allotments.

27. Railings, East Street/approach Station Street junction. Cllr Exton to establish ownership of dilapidated railings and request they are removed. It was noted that these are "Ancaster railings" and should be preserved, Cllr Exton to consult Village Design Group.

28. Village Green Millennium Board – **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Mr. Boyfield's quotation to refurbish the board be accepted and work be carried out when weather permits.

##### **9.3 Playing Field & Football Club** - Cllr S. Stewart

29. Nothing to report.

##### **9.4 Outstanding & reported maintenance matters, Land Registration** – Cllr B. Cook

30. Insurance Inspections. Clerk requested to design Inspection Form for completion to comply with Insurance Inspection requirements.

31. Land Registration – A meeting has been arranged with Land Registry Officer.

32. Highways Inspection Visit Arrangements – see flooding below.

#### 9.5 Allotments

33. No response regarding request to relinquish more land. Clerk to contact Mr. Charlton again.

#### 9.6 War Memorial & Other Artefacts – Cllr J. Latham.

34. No further progress on War Memorial.

35. Boundary Marker Stones – Cllr Latham to contact LCC regarding refurbishment and maintenance.

#### 9.7 Youth Council – Clerk

36. LCC has provided statistics, but it is not possible to identify individuals. It is difficult to move this project forward, Clerk to see if Scout Group can help.

#### 9.8 “The Bigger Picture”

37. Introductory letter to local parishes to establish interest not yet sent. It was noted that the idea was received well at the recent Police Neighbourhood Panel meeting.

### **10. REPORTS OF OUTSIDE BODIES.**

#### 10.1 Rippingale Feast 2013

38. Report from Mr. C. Petz circulated to Councillors and note made of first Feast Quiz to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Stewart advised that there would be a charge for use of the Village Hall.

39. No County or District Council representatives present.

### **11. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE**

#### 11.1 **Flooding, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> January.**

40. Thanks were expressed to volunteers, lead by Cllr Flatters who helped sandbag bungalows in Dovecote. SKDC Emergency Services were called out to restock supply of sand and bags. Various flooding issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that a meeting be arranged with SKDC and LCC regarding long-term action. The Clerk advised that Environment Agency and Black Sluice Company had assisted County and District Councils at time of last serious flooding.

### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

41. Open Office 8<sup>th</sup> March, Parish Council Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.

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

### **POST MEETING PUBLIC FORUM:**

#### **District Councillor Representative.**

1. The Clerk confirmed that notice of meetings were sent to D. Cllr Mrs. D. Wren. Disappointment was expressed that she did not regularly attend Parish Council meetings, where her support would be helpful.

The Chairman closed the Public Forum at 9.12p.m. and thanked all for attending.

Sheila Scholes, Clerk to Rippingale Parish Council,  
11<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

Parish Council Meetings 2013/4

25<sup>th</sup> April  
16<sup>th</sup> May (7.00p.m.) Annual Parish Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> May, Parish Council AGM  
11<sup>th</sup> July  
22<sup>nd</sup> August  
10<sup>th</sup> October  
21<sup>st</sup> November, Open Meeting, Precept  
28<sup>th</sup> November  
2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014.

Open Office Dates

19<sup>th</sup> April  
  
5<sup>th</sup> July  
16<sup>th</sup> August  
4<sup>th</sup> October  
15<sup>th</sup> November  
  
21<sup>st</sup> December