



**Minutes of a Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held on 14th March, 2013 at 7.30p.m., Rippingale Village Hall.**

Present: J.M. Hallas, (Chairman), M. Exton, B. Flatters (from 8.00p.m.), B. Cook, S. Stewart.

In Attendance: Mrs. S. Scholes, Clerk to Rippingale Parish Council,
Mr. C. Petz, Chairman, Rippingale Feast 2013 Committee.

Also Present: Members of the Public (3).

PUBLIC FORUM & POLICE MATTERS

1. Wendover Close: SKDC have installed the street sign.

2. Millennium Notice Board: Repair needed to the bottom rail was noted for the planned refurbishment.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their attendance and opened the Parish Council Meeting at 7.35p.m.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

42. The Chairman welcomed all to the Meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

42. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J. Latham and P. King, the Attendance Register was completed.

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

43. There were no Declarations of Interest made.

4. NOTES OF MEETING 31st JANUARY, 2013.

44. It was proposed by Cllr S. Stewart and seconded by Cllr B. Cook. that the Notes from 31st January, 2013, amended to include name of "Cllr M. Exton" in those present, 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.

45. **Section 137** Allocation 2013 – 1014. Dept of Communities & Local Government confirm that the appropriate sum for Parish Councils to implement Section 137(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 is £6.98 per parishioner.

46 **JUBILEE NOTICE BOARD:** Installation dates advised 26th / 27th March. Clerk/Cllr M. Exton/ Mr. Boyfield to oversee installation, Cllr Exton to obtain locks as required.

Agenda Item 9.8 Rippingale Feast 2013 Progress Report.

To accommodate Mr. C. Petz, ***it was resolved that*** the Agenda item above be discussed and that Mr. Petz be given permission to address the meeting:-

47. A report was circulated. There is very positive interest and support and all local groups wish to be involved in the event. It is hoped that a Feast Walk/BBQ can be arranged, by liaison with Cllr M. Exton.

48. Mr. Petz and the Feast Committee were thanked and Mr. Petz left the meeting at 7.45p.m.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 "Localising Council Tax Support"

48 Councillors had received copies of Brandon Lewis MP letter regarding this matter. Despite best efforts, all found the letter incomprehensible. Clerk was requested to ask Mr. Lewis for an explanation that could be understood.

6.3 Internal Auditor.

49. Some interest has been expressed, Clerk to report at next meeting.

6.4 Bills for Payment, Receipts, Bank Accounts.

50. Clerk is working on End of Year Accounts, no report available for the meeting. Councillors approved List of payments made (Ref 01). RPC Events Bank Account has been opened. Clerk and Chairman to meet early April to review use of RBS Software System.

51. Clerk confirmed receipt of £250 "Community Chest" donation from Messrs Wherry for current financial year. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Cllrs Exton, Stewart and Cook would form a Working Group to look at replacement Playing Field gates costs and report back to Council.

7. PLANNING

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

52. Application reported to SKDC Development Control Meeting 15th March, 2013, no further information.

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

53. Previously circulated among Councillors, no objections raised and SKDC advised accordingly, 16.02.13

7.3 S13/0393 Erection Replacement Dwelling, incorporating existing dwelling, Terryvale, 10 High Street, Rippingale.

54. Previously circulated among Councillors, no objections raised and SKDC advised accordingly, 11th March, 2013. (Note Planning Permission Granted 14.03.13)

7.4 S13/0539/RM/PC1 Erection Two Dwellings, reserved matters, adjacent 71 Station Street, Rippingale. (Received 1st March, 2013)

55. Previously circulated among Councillors. Observations regarding access of construction traffic during building work to be taken into consideration. Clerk to advise SKDC accordingly.

Additional Application Received 14th March, 2013:

7.5 S13/0297 Demolition Existing Dwelling & Erection of Replacement Dwelling – The Windmill, Main Road, Rippingale, Bourne PE10 OSP.

56. Councillors took papers for perusal. Discussion on the existence of a Bowling Green on/near this site. Clerk to research.

57. Cllr B. Flatters joined the meeting at 8.00p.m.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED JANUARY - MARCH, 2012

59.11 (Mr. J. Warman) Request for Parish Council to encourage greater use of Village Shop.

59.1 (LALC) Quality Parish Council Scheme under review, no fresh applications. Consultation Survey will follow.

.2 (SLCC) Conference, 30th April, Cambridge: "How do you Communicate with your Community" – Clerk authorised to attend.

.3 (Pelican Trust) Details of Free Courses which can be arranged locals: Food & Nutrition, Communication Skills, CV Writing etc.

.4 (Local Govt Boundary Commission) Start of Electoral Review of South Kesteven. First Consultation Period to 8th April, 2013.

- .5 (LCC Highways) Grantham Southern Relief Road – Bridge Options Open Day (21.02.13)
- .6 (Community Lincs) Heritage Lincs & Lincs Heritage Forum Conference – previously forwarded Cllr J. Latham who will attend.
- .7 (British Red Cross) – Volunteers wanted poster – displayed & newsletter item.
- .8 (Mrs. C. Moseley) Looking to purchase land for grazing – referred to Newsletter editor.
- .9 (Comm. Lincs) “Localism in Lincs.” – 18th April, Lincoln, evening. Cllr Latham to be asked if he is able to attend with Clerk.
- .10 ((SKDC Communications & Consultation Officer) “Parish Update” – Clerk has perused.
- .11 (Community Lincs.) Request for Chairman’s contact details – Chairman’s permission sought.
- .12 (COmmunity Lincs) No longer to administer “Best Kept Village” competition in support of CPRE.
- .13 Clerks & Councils Direct, March 2013.
- .14 “The Clerk”, March 2013.
- .15 “Local Councils Review”, Spring 2013.

60. LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE “LincsAlert” messages received.

- .1 Theft, off road field bike (Middle Street Rippingale, 25.02.13).
- .2 Reported cheap tarmac laying gangs – Bourne area, 25.02.13.
- .3 Forged £20 notes in circulation Bourne & Billingborough areas 20.02.13.

9. RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

9.1 Closure of Rippingale Doctor’s Surgery.

61 Rippingale Surgery will close on 31st March, 2013. The taxi service to Billingborough is being promoted and **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** a reminder flyer be distributed to all households, together with a Newsletter item to contact the estimated 100 – 120 people who could use the service. Free prescription delivery to Rippingale is available to all patients.

62. The Chairman and P. King (as Chairman of the Action Group) met with Nick Boles M.P. who supported the proposed approach to the Ombudsman. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Parish Council would support the Chairman in the Ombudsman application process and that Cllr J. Latham be asked to prepare a press report for consideration and distribution.

9.2 Village Grass Cutting - Cllr M. Exton

63. The Playing Field has received a first cut, hedging continues and work on tidying JPF includes replacing some leylandi. The Millennium Board refurbishment will take place as soon as weather permits. Ownership of the railings (East Street) is still being looked into.

9.3 Playing Field & Football Club - Cllr S. Stewart

64. Play Equipment Weekly Inspection Sheet – Clerk is working on. Councillors have been advised that all equipment is RoSPA compliant – work is needed to the see-saw.

65. Football Club – The Club has repaid in full the goal post loan. The Club is to be disbanded and goal posts will be removed.

9.4 Playing Field – Long Term Planning

Wicksted Leisure have made a site survey, other design schemes are being considered. Advice has been received regarding funding routes and formation of Sports Committee. Cllrs Stewart and Cook will continue to gather information before reporting to Council. It is hoped that the interest generated by the Feast can be used in promoting Playing Field refurbishments.

9.4.1 Flooding Issues – Cllr B. Cook

67. LCC interim report had been previously circulated. The County Council were thanked for their efficient understanding of the various problems and proposed means to resolve these issues. It was noted that L.C.C. has enforcement authority regarding other Agencies. Individual areas of concern will be dealt with as per the report.

68. C. Cllr M. Hill joined the meeting at 8.30p.m.

9.5 Allotments

69. Cllr Flatters and Mr. Charlton have discussed additional land to be released as allotment plots; no objections were raised. They are working together on boundary dyke maintenance and the Allotment Group wishes to work with the Parish Council regarding items as detailed in the LCC maintenance report.

70. Cllr Exton reported that he had also spoken with Mr. Charlton who currently pays £45.00 per acre and is willing to pay more. He has offered to pay £65.00 per acre, with effect 2014 invoice.

71. Cllr Exton requested a copy of the Allotment Waiting List – Clerk supplied list (October 2012) from files to hand and will forward latest list.

72. NALC Revised Model Allotment Tenancy Agreement. – Cllr Cook has read the documents and will prepare report for Council.

9.6 War Memorial & Other Artefacts

73. Cllr Latham has been asked to make £10,000 application bid for funding by the Heritage Commission.

9.7 Land Registry

74. Registration of the Village Hall title is the Parish Council's responsibility, HM Land Registry are completing the documentation. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. P. Caston, Rippingale resident, for his assistance in this process.

9.8 Rippingale Feast Report – See Minutes Ref 47, 48 above.

9.9 "The Bigger Picture"

75. Exploratory letters to local Councils have been sent, one response to date expressing interest.

9.10 Youth Council – Clerk

76. It was agreed that this project is not progressing and hoped that the forthcoming Feast/Sports Committee/Communication may provide ideas to take the matter further.

10. REPORTS OF OUTSIDE BODIES.

10.1 Electoral Review of South Kesteven Consultation Period.

77. D. Cllr Wren was not in attendance.

78. County Council Matters:

78.1 BT is the nominated Superfast Broadband supplier.

78.2 Road Maintenance – LCC has additional funding for road maintenance and is hoping to make more long-term repairs. Winter maintenance has been successful.

78.3 Bourne Corn Exchange is now in use for all SKDC and LCC services to be managed from one site.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, IF ANY

11.1 Annual Parish Meeting 16th May Arrangements:

79 To include Surgery Transport/Youth Council/Launch Photographic & Art competitions/Facebook/Twitter Communications.

12. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE

80. There were no matters of an urgent nature.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

81. Open Office 19th April, Parish Council Meeting – 25th April, 2012.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50p.m.

POST MEETING PUBLIC FORUM:

District Councillor Representative.

1. No apologies had been received from D. Cllr Mrs. Wren. In her absence, C. Cllr Hill reported on the current SKDC Electoral Review, which proposes reducing the number of District Councillors by 3.

2. The Clerk was asked to contact SKDC Leader regarding Cllr Wren's non-attendance. C. Cllr Hill was also asked to pass on the Parish Council's disappointment that she did not attend meetings.

The Chairman closed the Public Forum at 9.00p.m. and thanked all for attending.

Sheila Scholes, Clerk to Rippingale Parish Council,
18th March, 2013.

Parish Council Meetings 2013/4

16th May (7.00p.m.) Annual Parish Meeting

23rd May, Parish Council AGM

11th July

22nd August

10th October

21st November, Open Meeting, Precept

28th November

2nd January, 2014.

Open Office Dates

5th July

16th August

4th October

15th November

21st December