



**Minutes of the Meeting of Rippingale Parish Council,
Held on 11th July, 2013 at 7.30p.m., Rippingale Village Hall.**

Present: J.M. Hallas, (Chairman), B. Flatters, B. Cook, M. Exton, P. Cook, J. Latham.

In Attendance: Mrs. S. Scholes, Clerk to Rippingale Parish Council, Mrs. Beverley Francis, Claire Wilson and Colleague, Lincolnshire Police (from 8.15p.m.)

Also Present: Members of the Public (4).

PUBLIC FORUM & POLICE MATTERS

1. JPT Hedge, Eastern Boundary: Cllr Exton advised that this and would be attended in the near future.

2. Village Shop: Concerns regarding possible closure of Village Shop. A further positive newsletter item will be placed encouraging residents to use this amenity. It is hoped that the forthcoming Feast, which the shop is supporting, will be an opportunity to show village support.

3. Damage Sewerage Pipes, East Street: Update requested. Clerk, Cllr Cook to contact L.C.C.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their comments and opened the Parish Council Meeting at 7.40p.m.

1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

165. The Chairman welcomed all Councillors and members of the Public.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

166. There were no apologies for absence.

3. CASUAL VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR.

166. Councillors had considered the two applications received and the Chairman proposed that Mrs. Beverley Francis be co-opted to fill the Vacancy for a Councillor. The proposal was seconded by Cllr J. Latham and **WAS RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

167. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office, together with a Register of Financial Interests were signed. Cllr Francis was welcomed by all Councillors.

168. **Allocation of Councillors Responsibilities** **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Councillors' Responsibilities would be allocated at a future meeting.

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

169. There were no Declarations of Interest made.

5. NOTES OF MEETING 23rd MAY, 2013.

170. It was proposed by Cllr J. Latham and seconded by Cllr B. Flatters that the Notes of Meeting 23rd May, 2013 be accepted as Minutes of that Meeting. **The Resolution was passed.** The Chairman signed the Minutes.

6. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS COMPLETED & OUTSTANDING

171. **SLCC EASTERN REGION MEETING** – 30th May, 2013 CAMBRIDGE. Report noted.

172. **FLOOD WARDEN** Clerk to liaise with Cllrs B. Flatters & B. Cook regarding paperwork received from Environment Agency on registration and training.

173. **FINGER POST STATION/MIDDLE STREET – HRSMQ0238**. Repainted by L.C.C. and letter of thanks sent.

174. **ROADSIDE ADVERTISING SIGNS** **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Policy Document, as drafted by the Clerk be adopted..

175. **INSURANCE** has been renewed with Came & Co Parish Council Insurance, long term agreement (3 years) for 5% savings in policy cost.

176. 1 **VILLAGE LITTER PICK**. Recent complaints re A15 have been forwarded to LCC and SKDC. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** a Litter Pick would be arranged 10.30a.m., SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER. Cllr J. Latham to lead the event as previously.

176.2 **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Cllr M. Exton would arrange for a flail cut of verges prior to the Litter Pick, at cost for estimated three – four hours' work.

6.1 177. **Notes of Annual Parish Meeting (10.05.13)** Copy previously circulated to Councillors.

6.2 178 **"The Bigger Picture"** – limited interest from neighbouring parishes, Cllr J. Latham to liaise with Clerk to take suggestion to meet informally forward.

6.3 179. **LCC Proposed Changes to Library Provision** – LCC Letter 18.06.13, previously circulated. It was suggested that this be a matter for consideration as part of "The Bigger Picture" above.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Bill, budgets & Bank Accounts.

180. Income & Expenditure Account – budget and actual as at 10th July was distributed for perusal, together with Statement of Accounts: Total funds £25,688.

8. PLANNING

181. 8.1 Adoption of Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document (SKDC 20.06.13) for information, Newsletter item done.

182. 8.2 (SKDC) Consultation to 16.08.13 on Revised Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment & Further Proposed Main Modifications. No reference to Rippingale noted.

183. 8.3 (0350) Widen Vehicle Access, 11 East Street, Rippingale. Work appears to have been completed, no notification has been received from SKDC.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED May – July, 2013

184.1. (Local Govt Boundary Commission) Notice of Electoral Review of South Kesteven Consultation – displayed

184.2. (SKDC) Parish Update – May 2013 (paper copy sent as requested!)

184.3. (Comm. Lincs) News & Update Bulletin, Issue 15 (paper copy sent as requested)

184.4. (Mr. D. Southgate) Re Internal Auditor selection.

184.5. (Community Lincs) Lincolnshire Online 1st – 7th July – Newsletter item done.

184.6. (Best Kept Villages) 50th Anniversary Booklet.

184.7. (Community Lincs) Sundries Fund Wildlife Grant – Newsletter item done.

184.8. Local Councils Review, Summer 2013.

- 184.9. (Community Lincs) Projects wanted for young people – volunteering. Passed to The Willows.
- 184.10. (Community Lincs) News & Update Bulletin Issue 16 – paper copy requested/received.
- 184.11. (LCC Highways) Temporary Road Close, 21st July 2013 (Village Feast)
- 184.12. Clerk & Councils Direct July 2013
- 184.13. (LCC Highways) Travel & Transport Briefing, Summer 2013 – checked, no Rippingale content.
- 184.14. (Andrew Hyland) Beer Festival 2013 – Request permission /funds , risk assessment ,report 2012 (25.06.13 previously circulated). **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** permission be granted to hold the Festival, that the Organisers be congratulated for their efficiency, and that regretfully, no financial assistance could be given.
- 184.15. Sent to: J. Bass, Grinders Lane: Details of Parish Councillors & responsibilities, advised police to be consulted re concerns.
- 184.15 (L.I.V.E.S.)Request to display poster and promote l– newsletter, website, Beer Festival referrals made.
- 184.16 (LALC) Summer Newsletter
- 185. LINCOLNSHIRE ALERT, on behalf of Lincolnshire Police.**
- 185.1. (31.05.13) Summer BBQ Drink Drive Campaign – notice of roadside checks.
- 185.2. (04.06.13) Advertising Publication Scam Alert – requests for advertising claim in partnership with local police.
- 185.3. (08.06.13) Burglary, Main Road, Rippingale (Newsletter item done)
- 185.4 (11.06.13) “Park Mark” Safer parking – 105 facilities in Lincolnshire
- 185.5. (11.06.13) Farm Watch – keys to tractors taken from vehicles (Creeton).
- 185.6. (18.06.13) Attempted Theft of horse (Bourne)
- 185.7. (04.07.13) Vehicle theft (Blue Renault Clio) Thurlby.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

10.1 Allotments:

- 186 Cllr Cook has perused sample Model Tenancy Agreements, Rules and Regulations and Allotment Association/Council Agreement documents. Clerk will prepare First Draft of these documents for Councillors to consider in the first instance.
- 187 Nominated Councillors to meet with Mr. S. Charlton regarding additional land request.

10.2 Playing Field & Maintenance:

188. Grass cutting is up to date, additional work to the Playing Field in preparation for the Feast is in hand. Grass cutter has been damaged by a golf club left in long grass. Planned work on hedges, footpaths and brambles will continue.

10.2.1 Reported Playing Field Inspection Sheet.

189. Cllr Exton to ensure that this is used by Mr. Boyfield.

10.3 War Memorial & Artefacts.

190. Concern expressed that further damage could result from winter weather. Cllr Latham to obtain advice regarding e.g. tarpaulin to cover the monument; Clerk to check whether Faculty would be needed for temporary protection.

191. Further information has been obtained regarding memorial names and a glass window formerly in Methodist Church. Cllr Latham to prepare revised quote to Lottery Fund with view to completion in 2014, when 100 WWI Commemoration Celebrations will be taking place. Details of the FFW Partnership were passed to Cllr Latham.

10.4 Reported Maintenance Matters.

192. Cllr Cook to report to LCC Highways lack of dropped kerbs High Street/Station Street.
193. Cllr Cook to request update on flooding meeting actions agreed, with particular reference to reported sewerage leak, East Street.

11. POLICE MATTERS & REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES.

11.1 Anti-Social Behaviour, Reported Problems.

194. In reply to specific reported problems, PC Claire Wilson advised that:

194.1 Station Street – one resident is to move out of the property, Child Social Services have taken action and police will continue to monitor this area.

194.2 No. 12 High Street – reported damage was investigated, no damage has been caused but CPSO will carry out reassurance visit to neighbours.

194.3 Police have responded to three incidents reported by Mr. J. Bass. Offers of First Contact Service and Age UK help have been made and rejected. Police have tried to assist but have been asked to leave his property.

195. The Chairman thanked PC Wilson for her report and expressed appreciation that police action has been taken as appropriate.

11.2 Feast 21st July 2013.

196. C. Petz gave report of activities prior to the Feast, expressing disappointment that some events had not been well supported. He was aware that the active committee members had worked very hard to reinstate this event and hoped that it would be successful. A 16page colour programme will be delivered free of charge to all households.

12. MATTERS OF AN URGENT NATURE – INCLUDING REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AS REQUIRED.

12.1 Surgery Taxi Service

197. NHS successors to the former PCT have advised that the service may be terminated. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Parish Council will challenge this proposal and Cllr King was authorised to lead the response. The Chairman has a list of Registered Users and councillors will ask them, informally, why the service is not being utilised. It was noted that a) the trial period (since April) cannot give definitive information, b) HCS has been used at cost to Parish Council to take patients to appointments and c) summer period likely to be less need of service.

12.2 Village Hall Management Committee Trustees.

198. Cllr B. Cook suggested that a member of the Parish Council be appointed as a Trustee. In view of a possible conflict of interests in that the Council is the Custodian Trustee of the Village Hall, the invitation was declined.

12.3 Emergency Plan

199. It was agreed that an Emergency Plan should be appropriate to the village, should not duplicate existing work and coordinated with the instructions for new Flood Warden. Cllrs Francis and Cook to liaise with Clerk to take project forward.

12.4 Clerk's Study Leave.

200. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Clerk be allocated two weeks' Study Leave in order to work on the CILCA course. Dates to be agreed between Clerk and Chairman.

13.FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, IF ANY

200.1 Clerk's Pension Arrangements – carry forward

200.2 Formal Re-adoption of Existing Policy Documents.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

201 Parish Council Open Office 16th August, Parish Council Meeting 22nd August, 2013.

202 There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.

POST MEETING PUBLIC FORUM:

PMPF 1 Emergency Plan. Mr. Warman noted that the Village Hall is central to any plan and suggested that a "Changeover Switch" be fitted to enable mains/generator connection.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the Public Forum at 9.05p.m.

Sheila Scholes, Clerk to Rippingale Parish Council,
31st July, 2013.

Parish Council Meetings 2013/4

10th October * to be changed.
21st November, Open Meeting, Precept
28th November
2nd January, 2014.

Open Office Dates

4th October
15th November
21st December