

Rampton Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting - Minutes

Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Rampton Parish Council held on **Tuesday 5th January** at 7.30pm remotely using an online meeting application.

Present:

Cllrs	S Allen	J Garstang (Chair)
	M Drew	R Seary
	P Dunkley	S Dence
	N Gough (SCDC)	T Wotherspoon (CCC)
Clerk	M Mould	
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The meeting started at **7.30 pm**

20/159. Chairperson's introduction and to accept apologies for absence.
No apologies recorded

20/160. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensation requests.
There were no declarations of interest

20/161. Questions from the public and / or press¹
There were no questions from the public or the press.

20/162. Minutes – to consider that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 03rd November 2020 of the Parish Council be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED

20/163. Reports –

CCC - Cllr Wotherspoon **SCDC** - Cllrs Gough & Wilson **Police** – Cllr Drew
Safety & Inspection – Cllrs Allen and Dunkley **Tree Safety** – Tree Warden **Village Hall** – Cllr Allen
Skatepark – Cllr Dunkley **Clerk**

CCC – Cllr Wotherspoon circulated his report prior to the meeting. He advised that he is following up the lack of working contacts for highways and others following the flooding issues encountered over the Xmas period.

SCDC – Cllr Gough circulated his report prior to the meeting. Recent fly tipping issues, including along Cow Lane have been reported and will be followed up as an ongoing concern.

¹ Public question time is dealt with prior to the start of the meeting and doesn't form part of the formal business of the Council. Time is limited to a total of 10 minutes and each member of the public is asked to restrict their comments and/or questions to 3 minutes in order to allow other people to speak without the public session exceeding its allotted time. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question or may appear as an agenda item for the next meeting

The Clerk will ensure that the details of the most recent CoVid related Business Support Grant will be circulated to the Village Hall Committee, the Black Horse and any other businesses within the village that may have been affected.

Police/Village Hall – Nothing to report

Safety & Inspection – It was noted that the Basketball nets are broken. Replacements to be sought post lockdown restrictions. It was agreed that the tennis net be removed from the MUGA in line with the most recent government advice.

Tree Safety – The tree warden has three saplings to be planted at the Recreation ground, this will be done when the soil is less wet. Our last Tree safety report was completed by an external company in October 2019. The Clerk and the Tree Warden reviewed this at the end of the year and some small areas of concern have been forwarded to Atlas Tree Surgeons for their comment and advice. Any further action required will be considered at the next meeting.

Skatepark – Nothing to report

Clerk – A report with an update of recent actions was circulated prior to the meeting.

20/164. Finance – The following transactions were noted

<u>Income From:</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net(£)</u>	<u>Gross(£)</u>
RJ Pepper	Memorial fee	60.00	60.00
Stebbins	Plot & Burial fee	423.00	423.00
Blunt	Allotment fee	10.00	10.00
Darler	Allotment fee	10.00	10.00
Residents	Burial plots	330.00	330.00
Booth	Allotment fee	20.00	20.00
Lowe	Allotment fee	10.00	10.00
<u>Items paid – with prior approval:</u>			
Atlas Tree Surgery	Burial ground & pond work	500.00	600.00
Cottenham Computers	New Hard drive for Laptop	109.00	130.80
Clerk Salary	December Salary	381.48	381.48

RESOLVED

20/165. Planning

Planning Applied for:

Ref No: 20/04970/HFUL 30 King Street, Rampton. Single storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling Consultation period expires: 29/01/2021

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL – Unanimous vote

20/166. Review of the - Third Quarter Financial Report – Report distributed for consideration. The report was approved as a fair statement of the Councils finances to date.

RESOLVED

20/167. Finalise the 2021 Budget and precept request – The revised draft of the budget was reviewed and it was agreed that it is a fair representation of the forecast for 2021. It was agreed that the precept would be requested at £14,500 and remains the same as the previous year.

RESOLVED - Unanimous vote

20/168. Update from Cllr Dence from the Cottenham PC Highways meeting – Cllr Dence provided a report prior to the meeting. It was agreed that RPC to support Cottenham PC would write to CCC Highways to request a speed reduction to 50mph between the end of the 40mph in Cottenham and the start of the 30mph in Rampton. Further discussion of a possible request for a 20mph limit in Rampton will be discussed further at the next meeting.

ACTION – Chair to draft a letter to CCC Highways

20/169. Update of Item 152 – Review Grass Cutting costs for 2021/22 – A further two quotes were requested by the Clerk but only one was received prior to the date of the meeting. Both of the received quotes were discussed and reviewed and a decision was made to continue with our existing contractor who continues to delivery a satisfactory service and who's quote was the most economic.

RESOLVED - Unanimous vote

20/170. Update of Item 156 – Flower Planters for the Village – The clerk provided a summary of the costs involved and a decision was made to obtain 12 planters for the village. With the initial outlay being paid for by the Parish Council. Permission from Highways to place the planters on grass verges throughout the village will be sought by the Clerk. Local businesses will be invited to sponsor a Planter on an annual basis.

RESOLVED - Unanimous vote

ACTION – Clerk to seek permissions and follow through to completion.

20/171. To consider request from Cottenham Colts for goal posts on the Rec – No information received from Cottenham Colts. Item removed.

RESOLVED

20/172. Dates of next scheduled meetings –Tues 02nd Mar

20/173. Close of meeting 2025.

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Chairperson

Date: 2.3.21