

# Rampton Parish Council

## MINUTES

Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Rampton Parish Council held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church End, Rampton.

**Present:** Cllr J Garstang (Chair) Cllr P Dunkley  
Cllr M Drew Cllr M Markey

Cllr A Osborne (SCDC)

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The meeting started at 7.30pm

**25/14. Chairperson's introduction and to accept apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Clls Dence, Gough and Wilson. The clerk was also absent and minutes were taken by the chair.

**25/15. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensation requests.**

There were none

**25/16. Questions from the public and / or press**

There was an enquiry from the public about the state of the footpath between King Street and the Lode footpath. It was agreed that the PC would contact the Footpaths officer to progress improvements. *Case Ref: 00479286*

*>> Also to include the need for steps on the slope from the embankment across the field which is accessed from Cuckoo Lane.*

*Case Ref: 00479285*

**ACTION: Clerk**

*JG*

**25/17. Minutes**

To consider that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 of the Parish Council be signed as a correct record.

>>It was noted that item 25/8 was incomplete and should be supplemented with. "It was agreed to discontinue support for the minibus in its present form, and to encourage the organizers to liaise with the Tea Club with a view to having a broader base of end users."

**25/18. Reports**

**CCC, SCDC** – Cllr Osborne presented the main details of the reports which included a shortfall in the 5 year building plans after revision of the targets; forthcoming changes to the 'blue bin' contract, closure of the SCDC 4-day week consultation on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and an up coming MP's surgery on April 5th

**Village Hall** – It was noted that the VHMC had been successful in obtaining grant support for the installation of batteries linked to the solar panels. It is hoped the work will be complete by the end of April.

**25/5a Safety & Inspection** – Cllr Dunkley reported that the Recreation ground fence has been damaged in the north east corner by the ingress of dumped soil on the adjacent property. It is understood that the owner is aware of the situation and intends to have all the debris removed in the not too distant future. The PC agreed to note progress with this and act as required

**ACTION** – Clerk

It was further noted that the west and southern hedges facing the fencing required a trim to enable the fencing to be accessed for maintenance purposes

**ACTION** – Clerk

**25/5b Skatepark** – Cllrs Dunkley briefly summarised the position to date and commented that progress was now reliant on the submission and acceptance of the planning proposal

**ACTION** – Skatepark committee

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**Clerk report** – Council note with concern that the state of the wall round the Rectory garden had deteriorate next to the Church path and also on the roadside where its condition is hidden by the heavy growth of ivy. Our concerns have been passed to Planning and Building Control.

## 25/18a Sustainable Rampton

There was inconclusive discussion about the small duck house on the village pond and its reinstatement which is linked to the general pond management. Sustainable Rampton (SR) agreed to produce an information note and questionnaire to canvass village opinion on the pond. It was agreed that an information board like those in Rampton park and Giants Hill would a be useful addition. [This had been proposed by the PC sometime ago but was not produced due to the lack of clarity about the pond's ownership].

The Council agreed to the proposals from SR for wider sowing of wild flowers on verges and suitable free land around the village

**ACTION** –Sus. Rampton

The Council agreed to fund eDNA tests (£140/165 per kit depending on result return time) to show Great Crested Newt presence should conventional survey techniques prove unsatisfactory.

**ACTION** – Sustainable Rampton .

*It was agreed that Sustainable Rampton would canvass village opinion on the potential re-introduction of the "duck house" to the village pond given the adverse impact its re-introduction would have on organisms in the pond ecosystem, including any Great Crested Newts.*

## 25/19. Finance

- 25/19a To agree payments and receipts as presented – reports provided
- 25/19b Bank Statement – to acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of the previously circulated bank statements.
- 25/19c To review year spend to date (65% of budget).
- 25/19d To confirm PKF Littlejohn as external auditors (tba)
- 25/19e To confirm Ben Stoehr as internal auditor

The Council agree all the above items as being in order

**RESOLVED**

## 25/20. Planning

None

## 25/21. 20's Plenty

The Council agreed to the 'roll over' option whereby last years proposal is resubmitted without change.

## 25/22. Grass verges/Planters

The Council agreed that wooden bollards around heavily trafficked areas of the verges in the village would be helpful in maintaining their appearance. Their installation would be subject to comment and confirmation from Highways and from the grounds contractor

**ACTION: Clerk**

## 25/23 VE Day – Review of National and Local events.

In view of National, local and educations involvement in remembering VE/J days the Council took the view that actions by individuals will be the most meaningful way for residents to be involved.

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**25/24 Dates of next scheduled** – Bi-monthly on the second Tuesday

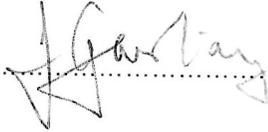
**2025 Dates:** 13<sup>th</sup> May (AGM), 08<sup>th</sup> Jul, 09<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov  
**Annual Village Meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April

~~25/25~~ **Close of meeting 2043**

The meeting closed at 20:35

Posted on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 by Moyra Mould  
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Date: 13.5.25

Chairperson