

Rampton Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Rampton Parish Council held on **Tuesday 9th September 2025** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church End, Rampton.

Present: Cllrs P Dunkley (Chair) J Garstang S Dence
M Drew
Clerk M Mould A Osborne (SCDC) Y Deter (CCC)
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25/58. Chairperson's introduction and to accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from S Allen (Work) M Markey (Holiday) E Wilson SCDC (Illness)

25/59. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensation requests.

- 25/63d M Mould – Discussion relating to Clerks salary.
- 25/64c M Drew – Planning application, 25/03287/FUL.

25/60. Questions from the public and / or press¹

NONE

25/61. Minutes – to consider that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2025 of the Parish Council be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED**

25/62. Reports –

CCC - Cllr Deter **SCDC** – Cllr Wilson & Osborne **Village Hall** – Cllr Allen
Safety & Inspection – Cllr Dunkley **Skatepark** – Cllrs Dunkley & Dence
Clerk report

CCC/SCDC – Cllr Deter will work with the Clerk to confirm a Rampton specific Highways meeting.

Cllr Osborne advised that the following funding is available now;

- **Revitalising High Streets**

A £90,000 funding pot is available for business and community projects to revitalise high streets in South Cambridgeshire.

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 per project are available to local business, charities, community groups and parish/town councils to improve the look of our high streets, promote rejuvenation, encourage residents to shop locally and attract more local businesses to the area.

Types of projects include: General repairs, Street art/sculptures, Decorative planting, Benches, Improving accessibility. **CLERK to investigate**

Skatepark – Cllr Dence advised that the Co-Op Local Community Fund is still supporting the skatepark fund raising.

Cllr Dunkley advised that he is liaising with planning over permitted development at the recreation ground.

25/63. Finance -

25/63a	To agree payments and receipts as presented – reports provided	AGREED
25/63b	Bank Statement – to acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of the previously circulated bank statement.	AGREED
25/63c	Circulation of the yearly spend to date.	NOTED

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>>>> 1954 The Clerk left the meeting

25/63d Clerk Salary 2025/26 – To implement the national agreement for the revised pay scales for council clerks and agree back payment to April 2025. **AGREED**

>>>> 1957 The Clerk returned to the meeting

25/64. Planning –


25/64a **Caravan and Motorhome Club (CMC), Field on Church End (in front of the Church)**
Proposal: 5 pitch site for the exclusive use of CMC members on holiday/for leisure purposes. A maximum of 28 days stay at any one time.
It was advised by the Clerk that the CMC had advised in writing that they had refused the proposal. Further investigation is planned for the long term use of the field.
ACTION – Cllr Dunkley

25/64b Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council
Proposal: Raising of roof to create first floor with 2no. rear dormers, Juliet balcony and 4no. flat roof windows.
Site address: 18 Church End Rampton Cambridgeshire
Reference: 25/02627/HFUL
Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/02627/HFUL> **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

25/64c Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council
Proposal: Change of use of land from a hay meadow to a secure dog walking field along with access, car parking and enhanced biodiversity.
Site address: Land To The South Of Church End Rampton
Reference: 25/03287/FUL
Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/03287/FUL> **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

25/64d Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council
Proposal: S73 to vary condition 1 (Use of the land) of planning permission S/0515/94/F (Removal of condition 1 of planning consent S/0303/87/F) to add Mr A R Bouland to the personal consent.
Site address: Rampton Car Breakers Cuckoo Lane Rampton
Reference: 25/03095/S73
Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/03095/S73> **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

25/64e Local Planning Authority: South Cambridgeshire District Council
Proposal: Detached triple garage
Site address: 46 King Street Rampton Cambridgeshire
Reference: 25/02611/HFUL
Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/25/02611/HFUL>
WITHDRAWN & RESUBMITTED - The original plan was withdrawn and then re-submitted for approval with minor amendments. As before the PC has no objections and as such the application is recommended for approval.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

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25/65. Sustainable Rampton (SR)

25/65a To review and sign the Habitat Handover document in relation to the New Life in the Old West (NLOW) management plan implemented in September 2019.

Following review of the document it was requested that NLOW add a caveat into the handover document to detail that Rampton Parish Council do not own the Pond, but are happy to continue to support ongoing environmental enhancements. Once a caveat is included we are happy to sign the Handover agreement. The Clerk to work with Sustainable Rampton going forward to ensure that the commitments to the Habitat Plan are completed.

ACTION – Clerk

25/65b To discuss any SR proposals and associated expenditure for the next two months.

A discussion was had surrounding the proposal to have the pond de-silted over the Autumn (non Great Crested Newt (GCN) breeding season). It was advised that this would need to be completed under license and survey at an estimated cost of £1800.00. Costs will then need to be added for digger and removal/disposal of any silt removed.

It was agreed that in the first instance RPC/SR would investigate how we can establish the current silt levels before we consider the costs of removal.

ACTION – Cllr Dence

It was noted that at present the GCN are breeding happily.

The clerk will check documented risk assessments to ensure that SR and associated volunteers are covered under the Parish Council insurance policy for any voluntary works undertaken.

ACTION – Clerk

25/66. Highways - To note that the next meeting with Highways is on Thursday 25th September (all Councillors welcome to attend). We will meet with our new Local Highways Officer (LHO). Items to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

Speed Calming measures, Village gateways, Double yellow lines, Verge parking, Permitted access from a Highway (in relation to recent planning applications), 20s Plenty, use of S106 monies.

NOTED – Rampton specific meeting scheduled for 19th September 2025.

25/67. Dates of next scheduled meetings –11th Nov 2025

2026 Dates – 13th Jan, 10th Mar, 28th Apr (APM), 12th May (AGM), 14th Jul, 15th Sept, 10th Nov

25/68. Close of meeting 2105

Posted on 19th September 2025 by Moyra Mould
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