

Rampton Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Rampton Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church End, Rampton.

Present: Cllrs Dunkley (Chair), Garstang, Drew, Markey, Allen & Dence, SCDC Cllr Osborne, the Clerk.
In attendance: 1 member of the public

26/1. Chairperson's introduction and accept apologies for absence - Apologies for absence accepted from CCC Cllr Deter and SCDC Cllr Wilson.

26/2. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensation requests – Cllr Drew declared an interest in the matter to be discussed under Item 26/3, it was agreed that he would decline from offering a vote on any decisions taken over the management of mud/straw on road and damage to verges opposite his property.

26/3. Questions from the public and / or press – To consider a complaint that was received by the Clerk and circulated to all Cllrs in relation to the condition of the road in King Street and in particular outside of the farm located at 83 King Street.

A response has been sent to the complainant from the Clerk, with the Chair on copy. The response has also been circulated to all Cllrs.

Investigate an increase in road sweeping along King Street and down to the Cuckoo Lane junction. (Action – Clerk)

Liaise with Highways to request that the grass verge outside of 82 King Street be wholly or partially concreted, to prevent damage when agricultural traffic is turning. (Action – Clerk)

The occupier of 83 King Street will continue to sweep/clear the road as required and subject to weather conditions. It was also noted that the additional concrete is to be laid to Millfield Farm, 88 King Street which will lessen any transfer of mud onto the road. **RESOLVED** (Action – Clerk)

Complainant to be encouraged in writing to distribute council response to others mentioned in the original email. This also to respond to allegations concerning favouritism and planning consent. **RESOLVED** (Action – Chair)

26/4. Minutes – Resolution that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2025 of the Parish Council be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED**

26/5. Reports

- **CCC/SCDC** - Report noted. Elections will be held in May 2026. *This includes Rampton Parish Councillors (albeit, since there are less councillors than places presently, no actual Parish elections may be necessary)*
- **Village Hall** - Report noted. A deep clean has recently been undertaken. Subsidence is still evident and a resolution is being pursued by the Village Hall Management Committee.
- **Safety & Inspection** - Report due. (Action – Chair)
It was noted that the ROSPA inspection undertaken in October showed significantly reduced action items due to maintenance works being undertaken in 2025. There are currently no high risk matters. All raised items will be reviewed by the Clerk.
- **Skatepark** – The contractors, Betonpark are reviewing and compiling paperwork in preparation for a planning application. A date for an on-site meeting with a SCDC planning officer is to be confirmed.
- **Clerks** – Report noted.

26/6. Finance -

- 26/6a** To agree payments and receipts as presented – reports provided and attached - **NOTED**
- 26/6b** Bank Statement – to acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of the previously circulated bank statement - **NOTED**
- 26/6c** Circulation of the yearly spend to date. It is expected Q4 payments can be met from current account without transfer from building society account. - **NOTED**

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26/6d To consider the proposal to raise the precept – Resolution for the Council to request a precept for 2026/27 of £17,000. This means an annual charge for a Band D property will be £80.76 (from £68.80). The precept from our District Council is our main, almost sole source of income. It helps us to maintain our open spaces, deliver projects and all running costs.
RESOLVED (Action – Clerk)

26/6e To consider the Budget for 2026/27. The Local Highways Initiative application (LHI) must be supported by a minimum 10% (£2.5k) contribution. However this charge is unlikely to be borne during the next financial year so is outwith the budget.

Although the proposed spend budget £24540 exceeds income it is felt that the increase in precept plus careful spend control will result in a small decrease in our reserves (approx £21k)
RESOLVED (Action – Clerk)

26/7. Planning - No new planning applications - NOTED

26/8. Sustainable Rampton – Latest update – Report noted and a resolution taken to accept the request for a 2026/27 budget of £150.
RESOLVED

Further to clearing the pond surrounds and some weed, included silt toxicity test and weed removal tools in 2026/27 budget
RESOLVED

26/9. Highways -

- LHI funding application for one traffic speed restriction/pedestrian crossing build-out (a second to be funded by existing S106 monies) on the High Street is in progress; to be completed and issued by 17:00 16/1/2026
RESOLVED (Action – Clerk/Chair)
- 20s Plenty application: our previous application for a village-wide reduction in speed limit re-applies automatically if scheme funding continues for a 4th iteration (expected March 2026) - **NOTED**
- Repairs to village gateways and signs: the Willingham end build out sign has been repaired - **NOTED**
- Bollards around the Village Green adjacent to garage; Highways Dept suggested flower planter scheme that has successfully been implemented in Cottenham. Allows an easier approval and much cheaper than fixed bollards. Clerk to investigate - **NOTED (Action – Clerk)**
- Double yellow lines – completing those around the Green; also at junction of High Street and Cow Lane. No application raised to Highways Department as yet - **DEFER**

26/10. Dates of next scheduled meetings – 10th Mar, 28th Apr (APM), 12th May (AGM), 14th Jul, 15th Sept, 10th Nov

26/11. Close of meeting 21:21

Posted on 18th January 2026 by Moyra Mould, Clerk to Rampton Parish Council,
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Signed: Chairperson Date:

Rampton Parish Council - Payments - 01.11.25 - 05.01.26

50	02.01.2026	£532.00	£0.00	£532.00	05.01.2026	Salary	Rampton Parish Council	Lloyds Current Account
51	02.01.2026	£550.00	£110.00	£660.00	05.01.2026	Purchases	Brookfield Groundcare	Lloyds Current Account
59	29.12.2025	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25	05.01.2026	Fees	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Current Account
57	08.12.2025	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00	05.01.2026	Misc Maintenance	Fenland Leisure Products	Lloyds Current Account
52	01.12.2025	£532.00	£0.00	£532.00	05.01.2026	Salary	Rampton Parish Council	Lloyds Current Account
53	01.12.2025	£40.00	£8.00	£48.00	05.01.2026	Misc Maintenance	Cottenham Computer Services Ltd	Lloyds Current Account
54	01.12.2025	£192.80	£0.00	£192.80	05.01.2026	Misc Maintenance	Jennie Coles	Lloyds Current Account
55	01.12.2025	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	05.01.2026	Donation	Royal British Legion Fundraising	Lloyds Current Account
56	01.12.2025	£746.15	£149.23	£895.38	05.01.2026	Fees	Hannah Morley	Lloyds Current Account
58	28.11.2025	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25	05.01.2026	Fees	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Current Account
49	07.11.2025	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	07.11.2025	Interest	Cambridge Building Society	Cambridge Building Society

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28	09.12.2025	£6.75	£0.00	£6.75	05.01.2026	Interest	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Deposit Account (Skatepark)
27	13.11.2025	£28.73	£0.00	£28.73	05.01.2026	Donation	Easy Fundraising	Lloyds Deposit Account (Skatepark)
26	12.11.2025	£1,579.83	£0.00	£1,579.83	05.01.2026	VAT Return	HMRC	Lloyds Current Account
29	10.11.2025	£7.15	£0.00	£7.15	05.01.2026	Interest	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Deposit Account (Skatepark)
24	07.11.2025	£11.56	£0.00	£11.56	07.11.2025	Interest	Cambridge Building Society	Cambridge Building Society
25	07.11.2025	£301.85	£0.00	£301.85	05.01.2026	Insurance	Ecclesiastical	Lloyds Current Account