

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**

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Signed:  Chairperson

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