

Rampton Parish Council

MINUTES

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

Present: Cllrs Dunkley (Chair), Garstang, Markey & Dence, SCDC/CCC Cllr Deter, the Clerk.

In attendance: 3 member of the public

26/44. Chairperson's introduction and accept apologies for absence - Cllr Drew & Cllr Allen (Work), Cllr Wilson (Personal)

26/45. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensation requests – None

26/46. Questions from the public and / or press:

Following the presentation by Cambridgeshire ACRE, the slides will be available on Rampton.org or can be requested from the Clerk.

- **Do ACRE approach villages?** Yes. Engagement works both ways — Parish Councils may contact ACRE directly, and ACRE may also approach a village if a need is identified.
- **How are potential sites identified?** ACRE uses specialist software to research possible locations, consults with Parish Councils, and then approaches landowners where appropriate.
- **Does an affordable housing development make wider development more likely?** Experience indicates that affordable housing schemes do not increase the likelihood of broader development.
- **Would additional demand on drainage and similar infrastructure be considered?** Extensive surveys are carried out before any land purchase to assess drainage and other infrastructure requirements.
- **Would a social housing development lead to increased public services, such as bus routes?** Evidence suggests this is unlikely.

26/47. Minutes – to consider that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2026 of the Parish Council be signed as a correct record – **RESOLVED**

>>> 1956 Cllr Deter left the meeting.

26/48. Affordable Housing in Rampton – to discuss and consider any items raised during the earlier presentation.

It was resolved that the Parish Council will instruct Cambridgeshire ACRE to undertake preliminary investigations into potential sites within the Parish of Rampton.

ACTION – Clerk / Chair

In parallel, the Parish Council will carry out a village poll to assess both the level of need and the degree of support among parishioners. **ACTION Clerk / Chair**

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26/49. Reports –

CCC - Cllr Deter **SCDC** – Cllr Deter & Wilson **Village Hall** – Cllr Allen

Safety & Inspection – Cllr Dunkley **Skatepark**– Cllrs Dunkley & Dence

Clerk report **Sustainable Rampton** **Highways latest**

- CCC / SCDC – The information from the SCDC report regarding Community groups invited to apply for new Community Pantry Grant has been forwarded to the Village Hall Committee for their consideration.
- Skatepark – The contractors; Betong Park are applying for a formal pre application with SCDC planning. The committed costs thus far, and within budget are £8397.40.
- Clerk – It was resolved that upon advice from the tree surgeons that the dead Sycamore tree on the village green should be removed completely and the stump ground out. Research into a replacement tree will be undertaken with a view to planting in the Autumn. **ACTION – Clerk**
- Sustainable Rampton – As detailed within their report the wildflower meadow at the recreation ground is flourishing and that the increase in wildflowers has tripled.

The water level at the edge of the pond is approximately 18”deep, likely to be deeper towards the centre. As agreed at previous meetings a soil sample will be taken to aid further detail should de-silting be required.

- Highways –
- M Group, who deliver road maintenance (potholes and patch resurfacing) have been awarded a revised two year contract up to the formation of unitary authority in 2028. CCC Highways have placed an order for the repair of the King Street verges with them. Highways are awaiting a date for the work to be done. However priority tasks are utilising available resource.

Damage to the Verges in King Street – As above.

Cow Lane – Speeding Concerns - The Parish Council is investigating the loan of speed-monitoring equipment to gather evidence supporting the need for speed-calming measures. **ACTION – Chair**

Flower Barrel Placement – North of the Green

A further risk assessment will be undertaken concerning the chain fence linking the flower barrels, following a complaint raised with Highways.

ACTION – Chair

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26/50. Finance -

26/50a To agree payments and receipts as presented – reports provided. **NOTED**

26/50b Bank Statement – to acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of the previously circulated bank statement. **NOTED**

26/50c Circulation of the yearly spend to date. **NOTED**

26/51. Planning – No open applications. NOTED

26/52. Local Highways Application – To consider the details of the application update and the next required steps.

It was resolved to increase the parish council's contribution from £5k to £10k to support the application.

The chair and vice chair will present the application to the Highways panel on Friday 17th July. **ACTION – Chair/Vice-chair**

26/53. To consider the lease renewal for the allotments – no further information received. Item deferred. ACTION – Clerk/Chair

26/54. Dates of next scheduled meetings – Bi-monthly on the second Tuesday at 7pm – 8th Sept, 10th Nov 2026. NOTED

26/55. Close of meeting 2105

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Signed:Chairperson

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