

Rampton Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting

Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Rampton Parish Council held on **Tuesday 12th November 2024** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs	S Allen	J Garstang (Chair)
		P Dunkley	S Dence
		M Drew	M Markey
		A Osborne (SCDC)	
		Clerk <i>Chair</i>	Public 1

The meeting started at **7.30 pm**

24/73. Chairperson's introduction and to accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from the clerk, and Councillors Gough and Wilson

24/74. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensation requests.

Cllr Drew comment the applicants under item 79 were acquaintances

24/75. Questions from the public and / or press¹

There were none

24/76. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on September 10th were approved without change.

24/77. Reports –

a. CCC / SCDC – Cllr Osborne presented comments for both CCC and SCDC. These included High Street regeneration grants; Council Tax rebanding and revaluation; the Quality of Life survey; electrical appliance recycling, new applications for 20 mph open until end of March (Cllr Dunkley asked that the clerk enquires about the basis of the costings when Rampton is penned in as costing the same as Bluntisham and more than Earith) and new road signs giving warning of the closure of the Earith Wash crossing in wet weather.

b. Village Hall – Cllr Allen – no report

c. Safety & Inspection – Cllr Dunkley reported that a hole had appeared in the south fence of the recreation ground but was not a serious problem. He also commented that the 'under boards' on the roundabout had rotted away and needed replacing.

d. Skatepark – Cllr Dence reported on progress. An application to SCDC is due to go in shortly. Fund from the Coop's charity support programme has been won with the final amount being reliant on how many Coop members nominated Rampton Skate park as their charity of choice. Applications to Easy fund raising, the National Lottery and local companies are planned

24/77(d) It was agreed to transfer £2k from Rampton Parish Councils general funds into the Skatepark account to lift its funds to over 10% of the funding application target. If the bid to FCC is unsuccessful the £2k can be recovered
RESOLVED

Clerk report – NONE AVAILABLE

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Sustainable Rampton – a report present prior to the meeting notes the closure for applications to the energy grant on December 31; the poor support from contractors where planning consent was needed in the conservation area and the success of the Swish event held on November 9th.

24/78. Finance

24/78a The current bank balance and expenditure to date were noted.

24/78b In view of the absence of the clerk the scrutiny of documents was deferred

24/78c To review the budget and spend to date as under 78a

24/78d In view the expenditure to date and the draft comments appended by the clerk re future expenditure the Council agreed to keep the precept application at £14.5k as in recent years.

24/79. Planning –

Change of Use of land from a hay meadow to a secure dog walking field with improved biodiversity - Land To The South Of Church End Rampton Cambridgeshire Ref. No: 24/01697/FUL

The Council had no comment to make and would recommend that the proposal was approved, although it was noted that given the details of the application it was hard to discern what 'change of land use' was entailed, and given that the field was less than 5 ha, the nature of the changes should be Class B permitted development.

24/80. 20s Plenty

This item had been discussed under the CCC comments item 77. Without details of what appears to be arbitrary costings by CCC the Parish Council is not able to control the application for a successful outcome. The clerk (in absentia) agreed to ask CCC Highways for details of how the relative costs for villages of different sizes were derived.

24/81. Village Xmas Tree

As in previous years the Council agreed to contribute £500 towards the village Christmas tree on the Green.

24/82. Community Mini Bus – The success of the Minibus scheme was noted. In line with the funding agreement agreed last year the Council agreed to continue support (as £1k per annum) on the provision of the accounts showing how the Council's contribution fitted with the overall financing of the operation in relation to other voluntary contributions and fares.

24/83. To discuss the recent complaints received into illegal parking and anti-social behaviour.

It was noted that the parking of cars by a car mechanic business (reputed with a service garage in Cambridge) was continuing to cause problem with the number of vehicles parked. The Parish Council's powers to actively do anything are limited other than (like the general public) reporting the matter to the local authorities and the police. This they have done. We believe some resolution may be achieved in the near future.


On a similar vein various reports of anti-social behaviour have come to the Councils attention. Again the Parish Council has no powers of enforcement or control and again (like the general public) can report the matters to the police. Unlike the Parish Council those affected have a closer view of the incidents and can give better guidance to the Police and other authorities.

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24/84. Dates of next (2025) scheduled meetings – Bi-monthly on the second Tuesday **Dates:** 14th Jan, 11th Mar, 13th May (AGM), 08th Jul, 09th Sept, 11th Nov. **Annual Village Meeting:** 22nd April **RESOLVED**

24/85. Close of meeting
The meeting closed at 20.45.

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Chairperson

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