

Rampton Parish Council

MINUTES

Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of Rampton Parish Council held on **Tuesday 11th November 2025** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church End, Rampton.

Present:

Cllrs	P Dunkley (Chair)	J Garstang	S Dence
	M Drew	M Markey	S Allen
	Clerk M Mould		
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25/69. Chairperson's introduction and to accept apologies for absence.
Apologies received from Cllr A Osborne.

25/70. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensation requests.
None.

25/71. Questions from the public and / or press¹
None.

25/72. Minutes – to consider that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 of the Parish Council be signed as a correct record. **Signed as presented.**

25/73. Reports –

CCC - Cllr Deter

No comments were made on the report, although it was noted that no update had been provided over the re-organisation of the Highways Department within CCC.

SCDC – Cllr Wilson & Osborne

Rampton PC will be applying for the Community Watercourse maintenance grant to aid with the maintenance of the pond and surrounding drainage ditches. **ACTION - Clerk**

The six free trees for parish councils have been applied for.

Village Hall – Cllr Allen

It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) have instructed their insurers to investigate the subsidence cracking within the hall which is presumed to be caused by this year's extreme dry weather and encroaching tree roots.

Clarification was also received over the ownership of the village hall:

The land and the building are owned by and are the responsibility of the Trustees of the Village Hall (the registered charity) i.e. the Management Committee.

The Parish Council is Custodian Trustee and has no responsibility over the land or the hall.

The role of the Custodian Trustee is to hold on to the title documents for the life of the charity, and provide them if requested or similar.

Documentation regarding this matter is held by both the VHMC and RPC.

Safety & Inspection – Cllr Dunkley

Following the latest inspection it was noted that there are two areas of fencing that need attention. One has possibly been pushed down to allow access from a neighbouring garden. The clerk to investigate the cost of repairs and to write to the household to request they do not access this way.

It has previously been noted that the goalposts are not sufficiently concreted in. The Clerk to follow up with the ground maintenance company who had previously quoted to remedy the problem. It was agreed that if the repairs fall under the Clerks approved maintenance budget of £500 to go ahead with the works. **ACTION – Clerk**

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Skatepark – Cllrs Dunkley & Dence

The latest round of Co-op funding, £1301.00 has been received. This funding option has now ended.

It was agreed to move forward with planning permission as it is unlikely that permitted development will be agreed by South Cambs planning.

ACTION – Cllr Dunkley

Clerk report - It was noted that the Insurers have settled the claim for the bench that was demolished during the recent car accident. The excess is still being pursued from the 3rd party by the Insurers. It was agreed that the Clerk will proceed with the purchase of a new bench and having it sited in the original place.

ACTION - Clerk

25/74. Finance -

25/74a To agree payments and receipts as presented – reports provided.

25/74b Bank Statement – to acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of the previously circulated bank statement.

25/74c Circulation of the yearly spend to date 59.6%

25/74d First draft of the 2026/27 budget circulated for review.

The Clerk to investigate a potential increase of the precept for 2026/27. **ACTION - Clerk**

25/75. **Planning** - No new planning applications.

25/76. Sustainable Rampton (SR)

A report was provided detailing the recent and upcoming activities. No request for budget has been required, although it was agreed that SR will have allocated funding within the budget for the new financial year, value to be determined.

SR will provide an end of year report for NLOW.

The Clerk is obtaining quotes from local contractors to clear the area surrounding the pond. These quotes will be used to apply for the Community Watercourse maintenance grant. These works are over and above the planned pond tidy-up for the 16th November 2025.

25/77. Highways

It was agreed to proceed with a Local Highways Initiative (LHI) towards speed calming along the High Street. It was also agreed that 10% of the maximum £25K value of a LHI will be allocated within next years budget.

ACTION – Clerk / Cllr Dunkley

25/78. **Hendrys Field** – To discuss the long term future of the field.

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25/79. **Toddler Play area** – Review quotes provided for the relay of the surfacing within the play area.

It was agreed to proceed with the surface relay of the roundabout. The Clerk to confirm quote and proceed.

~~DEFER~~ **ACTION - Clerk**

25/80. **Village Xmas Tree** - To discuss the request from the Xmas Fairies for a donation towards this year's village tree.

Agreed to the value of £550.00.

25/81. **Dates of next scheduled meetings** – 13th Jan 2026, 10th Mar, 28th Apr (APM), 12th May (AGM), 14th Jul, 15th Sept, 10th Nov

25/82. **Close of meeting 2103**

Posted on 19th November 2025 by Moyra Mould, Clerk to Rampton Parish Council,
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Signed: P. Dunkley Chairperson

Date: 13/1/2026

25/74a. Receipts

19	29.09.2025	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	07.11.2025	Fees	L Burgess	Lloyds Current Account
20	13.10.2025	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	07.11.2025	Donation	Gareth Griffiths	Lloyds Current Account
21	23.10.2025	£1,301.12	£0.00	£1,301.12	07.11.2025	Donation	Coop	Lloyds Deposit Account (Skatepark)
22	09.10.2025	£6.32	£0.00	£6.32	07.11.2025	Interest	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Deposit Account (Skatepark)

25/74a. Payments

48	30.10.2025	£32.00	£0.00	£32.00	07.11.2025	Misc Maintenance	Jennie Coles	Lloyds Current Account
41	29.10.2025	£532.00	£0.00	£532.00	07.11.2025	Salary	Rampton Parish Council	Lloyds Current Account
42	29.10.2025	£93.94	£0.00	£93.94	07.11.2025	Misc Maintenance	Jennie Coles	Lloyds Current Account
43	29.10.2025	£75.18	£0.00	£75.18	07.11.2025	Fees	Karen Williams	Lloyds Current Account
47	28.10.2025	£4.75	£0.00	£4.75	07.11.2025	Fees	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Current Account
46	23.10.2025	£532.07	£0.00	£532.07	07.11.2025	Salary	HMRC	Lloyds Current Account
44	22.10.2025	£53.79	£0.00	£53.79	07.11.2025	Utilities	Pennon Water Services	Lloyds Current Account
35	29.09.2025	£269.00	£0.00	£269.00	07.11.2025	Fees	Joliffe Daking LLP	Lloyds Current Account
36	29.09.2025	£9.26	£0.00	£9.26	07.11.2025	Misc Maintenance	Peter Dunkley	Lloyds Current Account
37	29.09.2025	£1,140.00	£228.00	£1,368.00	07.11.2025	Misc Maintenance	Brookfield Groundcare	Lloyds Current Account
38	29.09.2025	£1,500.00	£300.00	£1,800.00	07.11.2025	Misc Maintenance	MD Contracting	Lloyds Current Account
39	29.09.2025	£210.00	£42.00	£252.00	07.11.2025	Fees	PKF Littlejohn	Lloyds Current Account
40	29.09.2025	£615.20	£0.00	£615.20	07.11.2025	Salary	Rampton Parish Council	Lloyds Current Account
45	29.09.2025	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25	07.11.2025	Interest	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Current Account

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