

MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 12th JULY 2023 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: L. Shaw, P. Brown, J. Peel

D. Cllr: Absent

C. Cllr: T. Taylor (part)

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: There were two members of the public attending.

01/0723: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs M. Pryce, A. Bing, A. Garner

02/0723: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0723: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two residents attended the meeting representing the Bowls Club. They presented a request for a street sign at the top of Station Road indicating the direction of the club. C. Cllr Taylor indicated that she would enquire about an installation licence and cost to be paid by the club.

04/0723: MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 7TH JUNE 2023

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th June 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0723: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) District Councillor

Absent.

b) County Councillor

The Hive Energy pulverised ash project at Idle Valley consultation now closed and no further progress.

The VIA EM consultation for lower speed limits between Ranskill and through Torworth is still open. The PC has commented that an apparent legacy short section of 40mph immediately after the 30mph ends from Ranskill should be removed at the same time.

FCC Environment at Daneshill have submitted an appeal against the Environmental Agency's refusal of a permit for sorting asbestos contaminated soil.

06/0723: CRIME AND POLICING

The latest crime figures for the beat of Ranskill & Lound to June reported 9 crimes of various types.

07/0723: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

The PC has been advised by VIA EM that gully clearance works in the village has now been completed.

08/0723: FINANCE

a) Cash at bank at 30th June: £105,710 of which £54,065 is restricted funds.

b) It was resolved to accept the Internal Auditor's report 2022-23, proposed by Cllr Peel, seconded Cllr Shaw.

c) It was resolved to accept the Annual Governance Statement, proposed by Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Brown.

- d) It was resolved to accept the Annual Accounting Statement, proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded Cllr Peel.
- e) A report was submitted by Cllr Bing in her absence. Replies to our consultation in The Star and social media for the type of equipment to support the proposed playground grant application were very low in number. An ongoing consultation with parents at the school using a google survey has seen more responses, 25 to date and is still running. The application has been submitted, more information supplied such as copies of accounts and the survey is the final supporting document. The PC agrees that up to 10% of the grant total can be funded from reserves.
- f) We are waiting for BDC to supply a forecast of CIL for the coming financial year.
- g) It was resolved that Cllrs Simpson and Bing together with the Clerk are appointed as signatories to the application. Proposed by Cllr Shaw, seconded by Cllr Peel and approved.
- h) An annual request for funding from First Responders was received. Normally the PC donates £100, it was decided to increase the grant to £150.

09/0723: PLANNING

- a) One new planning applications has been received, 23/00626/HSE, for a large outbuilding on Field View Gardens. The PC thoroughly discussed the submission and decided to object.
- b) The planning refusal for application 23/00382/HSE was upheld by BDC.

10/0723: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

- a) The relocation of signage is under consideration by NCC Highways.

11/0723: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

- a) The Playground June Safety Report: no issues reported.
- b) The steel climbing frame in the playground is showing signs of excessive corrosion and perforation in places. It was decided to ask N. Notts for a quote to safely remove this item.

12/0723: UPDATE ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE JBC

- a) The proposed meeting between the two respective PC chairs to pursue this matter will be held shortly.

13/0723: CONSIDER ADOPTING A GRANT FUNDING POLICY

Further amendments were suggested and a revised plan will be considered at the next meeting.

14/0723: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

A resident has written to the PC enquiring if we are able to buy a small parcel of the land for sale on Great North Road with the intention to eventually build a village hall. The clerk will write back with the latest position.

15/0723: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

None

16/0723: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

13th September 2023.

Signed as a true record: -

Chair: D. Simpson