

MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2023 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: L. Shaw, P. Brown, J. Peel, M. Pryce, A. Bing

D. Cllr: Absent

C. Cllr: T. Taylor (part)

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: There was one member of the public attending.

01/0923: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr A. Garner

02/0923: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0923: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One resident attended the meeting to directly address C. Cllr Taylor to ask for more intervention in finding a solution to clear flooding at Station Road and Willow Avenue. Blocked drains are full of rubble and need clearing, the two authorities responsible need to coordinate action.

04/0923: MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2023

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th July 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0923: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) District Councillor

Absent.

b) County Councillor

Devolution for the County authority is proceeding. Recruitment of senior officers is taking place and a new CEO has been appointed.

The STEP project for nuclear fusion at West Burton are now holding events to inform the public of the processes involved and residents are encouraged to attend.

The Hive Energy pulverised ash project at Idle Valley the applicant is progressing further assessment work and revising working and restoration plans. When available there will be a further public consultation.

The VIA EM consultation for lower speed limits between Ranskill and through Torworth has obtained the opinion of statutory consultees. 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.

There are no schools in Bassetlaw with an aerated concrete (RAAC) issue.

06/0923: CRIME AND POLICING

The latest crime figures for the beat of Ranskill & Lound to August reported 6 crimes of various types.

07/0923: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

a) Road disrepair in Ranskill is a major concern, especially Blyth Road. Cllrs enquired if we could be advised where Ranskill appears on the priority list.

b) A new speed watch team was formed with volunteers coming forward, Cllrs Shaw (leader), Pryce and Peel, together with a couple of residents. The Clerk was asked to contact Mattersey and Scrooby to ascertain if they wanted to combine with our team.

08/0923: FINANCE

- a) Cash at bank at 31st August: £100,964 of which £52,588 is restricted funds.
- b) Further CIL funding is expected to be received this financial year. The next precept payment will be early October.
- c) A report was considered, prepared by the Clerk, to open longer term deposit accounts to obtain a much improved rate of interest over NatWest. Cllrs agreed after discussion to the conclusion and place funds with Cambridge and Counties bank but preferred to be more cautious and place £30k on a 12 month deposit at 5.0% and £50k on a 6 month deposit at 4.3%. It was resolved to proceed with the relevant applications, proposed by Cllr Shaw and seconded by Cllr Brown. The Clerk will prepare the applications for signature by Cllrs.

09/0923: PLANNING

- a) Two new planning applications have been received, 23/00967/HSE and 23/01040/LBA both for a grade II listed building High House Farm, Blyth Road. After consideration, Cllrs decided that there were no objections.
- b) Following the refusal of planning 23/00382/HSE, Kaanjo, Great North Road, the applicant is proceeding with the erection of a double garage which is within general permitted development.

10/0923: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

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

11/0923: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

- a) The playground September safety report has not been received to date.
It was noted that a decision of the FCC Communities Foundation decision regarding our grant application for the playground was made on the 13th of September. Cllr Bing will be advised of that decision within the next 10 days.
- b) A resident has stated that the entrance to the playground from Mattersey Road is difficult for mobility scooters. This matter will be pursued along with the playground refurbishment.

12/0923: UPDATE ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE JBC

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

13/0923: CONSIDER ADOPTING A GRANT FUNDING POLICY

The further amendments were accepted and it was resolved to adopt this new policy. Proposed by Cllr Peel and seconded by Cllr Shaw. The Clerk will add this policy to our website.

14/0923 CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

The Clerk was requested to place a further article in The Star and on our website to try to encourage further applicants.

15/0923: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- a) A resident has written to the PC enquiring if we are able to clear the path between Arundel Drive and Oaks Close. The Chair will examine the issue and report.
- b) A resident has enquired about the opinion of the PC regarding the erection of a house on their land. Cllrs had several concerns about this possibility but felt unable to comment prior to a formal planning application being made.

c) The PC has just received a note from NALC regarding email addresses. It is now strongly recommended that a .gov.uk address is used and in no circumstances personal email addresses be deployed. We currently use .org.uk which a free service, however there is better security with a government address. The Clerk was asked to contact PCW our provider to determine the cost and procedure.

e) The PC has received an offer from the Retford Lions to provide free defibrillator training, providing we supply the venue and persuade up to 25 local residents to attend. Cllr Pryce offered to publicise the event.

16/0923: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

None

17/0923: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

11th October 2023.

Signed as a true record: -

Chair: D. Simpson