

# Ranton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2016 AT RANTON VILLAGE HALL

### **PRESENT:**

Cllr. N. MacLeod (Chair)  
Cllr. J. Forrester  
Cllr. D. Batchelor  
Cllr. S. Williams

### **16/00 Apologies**

Cllr. M. Winnington

### **16/01 Declarations of Interest**

None to hand

### **16/02 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 18th February 2016 were accepted.  
They had included the fact that there was still no power to the broadband box. The Chairman hoped that discreet enquiries could be made.

### **16/03 Seighford Airfield**

Nothing to hand

### **16/04 Finance**

The following accounts have been approved for payment:

1025 Ranton Village Hall – Hire of hall £64.00  
1026 Stafford Borough Council – J Hill salary £133.35  
1027 HMRC PAYE Oct – March £33.33

The accounts for March were accepted.

It was decided by the council that a separate line for £5,000 towards a new mower should be kept in the finances.

The council would look at an estimate for grass mowing at the school.

Stafford Railway to be put on the agenda on a six monthly basis.

### **16/05 Reports**

i) Mowing – the grass is still very wet as there has been rain practically every day.

ii) Highways – the large hole at Hextall bridge will shortly be filled by Staffordshire County

Council. The clerk will send an email to Cllr Mark Winnington regarding the overhanging silver birch and bushes that require cutting back.

iii) Footpaths – nothing to report.

## **16/06 Chairman's Questions**

Cllr. Williams, Graham Ashford and Leslie reported the school's reputation was higher now

and there were lots of children following the Facebook campaign. The school had been

in touch with returning armed forces and there were now 42 pupils from different levels. There

will be over 50 pupils shortly. There will be a primary school from September.

The council is looking to place the defibrillator outside the village hall.

## **16/07 Website**

Receipts and payments will be included in all items to the website.

## **16/08 Broadband**

There was nothing to report at the moment.

## **16/09 Public Questions**

Nothing to hand.

## **16/10 Planning**

Planning application 16/23823/FUL – Old Stables, Brook Lane

The council objected because the proposed new barn was too large for the purpose of storing

foodstuff for horses. Also its location on the road was not appropriate to the surrounding

properties. It was also felt that a height of 6.5m would block light to the property across the road.

## **16/11 Date of next meeting**

**The next meeting will be held on 21 April 2016.**

The meeting was closed by the Chairman, who was reminded by the clerk that she was retiring as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

Signed .....

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