

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 31st March 2016.

Signed

Date