

Ranton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015

AT RANTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Cllr. D. Batchelor (outgoing Chairman)
Cllr. J. Forrester
Cllr. S. Williams
Cllr. N. MacLeod (Chairman)
Cllr. M. Winnington

15/01 Election of chairman – Cllr. N. MacLeod was proposed by Cllr. Winnington and seconded by Cllr. J. Forrester. As there were no other nominations Cllr. MacLeod was appointed chairman.

15/02 To resolve upon other matters

i) Election of vice chairman – Cllr. J. Forrester was proposed by Cllr. MacLeod and seconded by Cllr. Winnington. As there were no other nominations, Cllr. Forrester was elected as vice chairman.

ii) Co-option – it was agreed by the councillors that David Batchelor and Shane Williams be co-opted onto the council. Mr Batchelor and Mr Williams agreed to be co-opted.

iii) Election of other officers – Cllrs. MacLeod and Forrester agreed to serve on the Village Hall Committee.

15/03 Apologies – there were none.

15/04 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Williams declared an interest in Ranton House Farm

15/05 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 23 April 2015 were accepted as a true record.

15/06 Seighford Airfield

Stunt driving was now being done as it is allowed under the the original inspector's documents.

The clerk was requested to ask Cllrs. Stephen Leighton and Ray Sutherland to come to the next meeting in order to find out what is going on. Pressure needed to be kept on.

15/07 Finance

An invoice for payment of £31.93 had been received from Haughton PC regarding photocopying from November 2012 – May 2015.

It was decided that £5,000 should be moved to Stafford Railway so that some interest would be received.

The Annual Return including the accountancy statements and the annual governance statement was signed by the clerk and the chairman before it was sent on to Grant Thornton.

15/08 Reports

i) Mowing, etc. – nothing to report.

ii) Highways – the general situation is improving except for a specific few.

iii) Footpaths – were still in good condition.

15/09 Clerk's Report & Correspondence

Plan for Stafford Borough – Part 2 Proposals and Community Infrastructure Levy

The Pensions Regulator regarding workplace pensions – the clerk to investigate.

15/10 Website

In future all agendas, minutes and financial statements will be passed to the website.

15/11 Public Questions

There were none.

15/12 Chairman's Questions, etc

Broadband may be available some time between June and December.

A defibrillator for Ranton has been suggested by a parishioner. The council felt that money should be raised from outside.

It was noted that the issue of grit for the car park at the Village Hall has returned. The council feels this is the Village Hall's responsibility.


15/13 Planning

Mr P Jones of Ranton House Farm has applied for alteration to a garage door to provide a window and build a vehicle shelter. The council had no comment.

15/14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 25 June 2015.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman.

Signed 

Date 16/7/15