

Ranton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2015

AT RANTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Cllr. N. MacLeod (Chairman)
Cllr. J. Forrester
Cllr. D. Batchelor
Cllr. S. Williams
Cllr. M. Winnington (part of meeting)

Borough Cllrs. Stephen Layton, Ray Sutherland also present.

15/39 Apologies

Cllr. Mark Winnington

15/40 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. S. Williams has an interest in a small part of Ranton House Farm.

15/41 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16th July 2015 was now agreed after two small changes.

15/42 Seighford Airfield

Borough Cllr. Sutherland had decided to spend some time at Driveme listening to decibels. The local man in charge had not heard any increase in decibels and representatives of the company talked about and took advice on noise levels. The SBC enforcement officer had not visited the site during July and August. There had been no updates regarding Driveme for some time. The noise level is not breeched very often but should still be reduced. Cllrs. Forrester, Batchelor and Williams had arrived at SBC for a meeting on 16th September but only one person, Mr Allman a new noise expert, was in the building. Borough Cllrs. Layton and Sutherland agreed to put together a range of dates so that a formal meeting could be held at the Borough Council.

15/43 Finance

Cheques for payment of the clerk and to HMRC would be signed at the next meeting. The accounts had not changed from the last meeting. Stafford Railway had changed some of its accounts which will be reviewed.

15/44 Reports

- i) Mowing – has been going well through the summer.
- ii) Highways – some of the local potholes have been marked for work to be done. Cllr. Sutherland mentioned that if safety is an issue on a pothole this can be reported to the police to pass on.

iii) Footpaths – Cllr. Williams reported that the paths had not been redone after the cutting.

15/45 Clerk’s Report & Correspondence

The 2014-15 year end audit had been signed off by Grant Thornton and returned. The risk assessment paperwork had also been signed off and returned.

There is now a Transparency Code for Smaller Councils in Staffordshire which means that all agendas, minutes and financial statements will be added to the Ranton website.

15/46 Website

The parish council thanked Ian Knight for all the work he has done on the website and will make sure that he receives all the council data as soon as possible.

15/47 Public Questions

Mrs Edwards of Church Farm informed the meeting that trees on the side of the road between the small path to the church and the Church Farm entrance were overgrown, especially the silver bark tree that was very high and leaning over the road. The clerk was asked to find out more about the trees ownership and to contact the new co-ordinator.

15/48 Chairman’s Questions, etc

Defibrillator – the clerk was requested to make an application to County Cllr. Mark Winnington for £500 towards the purchase of a defibrillator.

15/49 Planning

The following planning application had been received from SBC planning:

15/22757/HOU Ranton House Farm, Long Compton – alteration of existing garage to a bedroom – amended plans received.

The parish council had no comments.

15/50 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 15 October 2015.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman.

Signed

Date