

Ranton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2015

AT RANTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

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

14/84 Apologies

None.

14/85 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

14/86 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 15 January 2015 were accepted as a true record.

14/87 Seighford Airfield

Cllrs Batchelor and Williams attended a meeting with R. Simpson, A. Price and J. Holmes of the Borough Council on 26th February. It was noted that the hub at Driveme had originally been scheduled to start being built in December 2015. This was felt to be unlikely.

John Holmes of the planning department said he would seek legal advice regarding the vehicle high noise exceedences and there was more evidence available.

Andy Price would use a monitor to check exceedences.

A further meeting was to be arranged.

14/88 Finance

a) The following accounts had been paid or were approved for payment :

1006	Information Commissioner	£35.00
1007	Borough Council civic amenity visit	£103.00
1008	J Hill – clerk's salary & exes	£85.52
1009	HMRC – Jan-March PAYE	£22.60
1010	Ranton Village Hall – hire of hall	£60.00

b) The financial statements for March 2015 were accepted.

14/89 Reports

- i) Mowing, etc. – clerk to organise grass cutting
- ii) Highways – there are still bad holes in the lanes and a clean-up is expected in April.
- iii) Footpaths – community paths offering finance.

14/90 Clerk's Report & Correspondence

The clerk's report for the civic amenity van and for elections was accepted.

14/91 Website

The clerk was requested to send the January 2015 minutes to Mr Knight for the website.

14/92 Broadband

Broadband is still expected to be available by June. Difficulties have been experienced as trenches have been opened on parishioners' land. This is now being undertaken by Western Power Distribution.

14/93 Public Questions

There were none.

14/94 Chairman's Questions, etc

A newsletter will be sent out shortly so that parishioners will be aware of the Parish Assembly on 16th April that will take place before the Parish Council meeting. All members of the parish are entitled to attend and have their say.

14/95 Planning

A planning application had been received as follows:

15/21844/FUL Land Adjacent To White House, Butt Lane
Proposed development – access track, hardstanding, erection of polytunnel, one net tunnel, one secure tool store and one small shed.

Cllr. Winnington stated he had an interest in the application.

Local parishioners had objections regarding the proposed development including visual intrusion, negative impact on the countryside and increased traffic. It also transpired that work had started on the site before an application had been put forward.
After discussion Cllrs. Batchelor, Forrester and Williams were not in favour of the application.
Cllr. MacLeod was in favour.

14/96 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 16th April 2015.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman.

Signed

Date