

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

Cllr. K Abraham (Chairman)
Cllr. P Palmer
Cllr. N Tye
Cllr. Gardiner
Cllr. C Spickett
Cllr. R King
Cllr. P Hooton
Cllr. P Wass
Cllr. M Thompson

KBC Cllr. David Howes
NCC Cllr. Jim Hakewill Part meeting
Mick George & Neil Johnson MGL Part meeting
Samantha Clayton & Adam Pawson Environment Agency Part meeting

There were nine parishioners in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed the protocol for speaking at the meeting.

18/001 Apologies

Cllr. Mrs Brightman. Cllr Wass would have to leave at 8:30pm.

18/002 Local Policing

There was no report to hand. Following recent changes notified by Sgt. Rob Offord, crime statistics are available from the Police website.

18/003 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mr George and Mr Johnson responded to the issues raised by Ms. Kay Ware at the last meeting. Residents reported that smells from the site were continuing. Mr Johnson said that he was arranging for the gas machine to be checked to ensure it was working correctly but queried whether this was the cause of the smells as methane is odourless. Ms. Ware said that she reported all events to the Environment Agency (EA) with details of weather and wind conditions. Residents feel that they are being made responsible for monitoring the situation rather than MGL. Reference was made to air pollution maps and their availability to the Parish Council. Mr Pawson said he would consult over the maps. Mr Johnson spoke of the daily monitoring arrangements for the site. Cllr. Wass asked the EA how it rated the Rushton site. Mr Pawson said that it had improved and that there were better and worse sites. In response to queries over improvements to the site, Mr Pawson said that prompt construction of cells would help. He said that he meets regularly with MGL and inspects the site quarterly. He have the EA Hotline number as 0800807660 for 24 hour reporting of issues. Residents stated that the problems have been over the last eight years although MGL said they existed before that time. It was stated that waste deposited in cells was covered each day. Cllr. Tye referred to litter during the recent windy weather. It was agreed that a site visit be convened in the near future which the EA would also attend.

Mr George, Mr Johnson, Ms. Clayton and Mr Pawson left at 7:56pm.

18/004 Parishioners' Questions

(i) Cllr. Wass raised a concern on behalf of Mr Brown of Chapel Lane regarding parking at the end of the school zig-zag markings obstructing visibility and movements of vehicles entering Station Road from Chapel Lane. This had been discussed with Highways previously but it was agreed to raise the matter again. **Action: Clerk**

(ii) Following funding from the Albion Wind Farm, faster broadband is now in Pipewell but not working due to flooding. Cllr. Spickett said that this would be resolved and all outlying properties would be connected in due course.

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18/005 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

18/006 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2017

It was proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr. Hooton and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2017 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

18/007 Matters arising

It was noted that there had still been no action by the Community Enhancement gangs.

Action: Clerk.

Cllr Hakewill said he would follow up the overriding issue on Oakley Road. **Action: JH**

18/008 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes said that there were no particular issues affecting the Parish at this time.

18/009 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. There had been private hire payments of £450.40 received since the last meeting.

There still had been no payment of NCC's annual grant and there had been no notification that it had ceased.

18/010 Highway Issues

Following discussions at the last meeting, the Clerk reported on the signing proposals for Station Road/Oakley Road junction.

It was agreed that a request be submitted to the Speed Restriction Panel for the extension of the 30mph limit in Desborough Road through to its junction with Pipewell Road and also along Storefield Road to the transport depot and into Oakley Road. Cllr. Hakewill said he would try and attend the panel meeting and support the proposals. **Action: Clerk/JH**

It was noted that the road markings at the Station Road/High Street junction by the PH were in need of refurbishment. *(Subsequent Note: Street Doctor Ref: 913168)*

18/011 Recreation Ground

Cllr Gardiner had cleared the fallen branches.

The area where the climbing frame had been removed was becoming overgrown and Cllr. Gardiner suggested that this could be utilised for picnic benches.

A site for the WI centenary commemorative tree had yet to be determined. Cllrs. Hooton and Gardiner to follow up. **Action: PH/RG**

18/012 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King said that £5,675 remained in the fund until the end of September 2018. An application for a grant for the defibrillator was made in November but Cllr. King was still waiting for a date for the next meeting.

18/013 Allotments

Mr Chris Paddock had expressed an interest in taking on half of a plot. There were concerns over the request to plant fruit trees but these would be acceptable if they were of a dwarf variety.

18/014 To Approve the 2018/19 Budget and Precept

The draft budget had been circulated by the Clerk. It was agreed that the purchase of the defibrillator package would only go ahead if the grant application was successful.

It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr Gardiner that the budget be approved and the precept set at £5,800. Agreed unanimously.

18/015 Defibrillator

Cllr. Wass said that there would be no further progress until the grant was approved.

Cllr. Wass left at 8:27pm

18/016 County Councillor

Cllr. Hakewill invited comments and said that he would assist with the broadband issues.

He offered a contribution of £200 towards the defibrillator from his empowerment fund and would send the papers through to the Clerk. **Action: JH/Clerk**

Development issues at Desborough were discussed including the approval by the Planning Inspectorate of the Desborough south proposal.

NCC budget issues were discussed and further discussions are to take place over the situation with libraries.

Cllr Hakewill left at 8:45pm

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18/017 General Data Protection Regulations

It was agreed that the Clerk should attend a course run by NCALC in April. **Action: Clerk**
E-mail addresses were discussed and consideration is to be given to setting up Parish Council specific ones on the website.

18/018 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.
- (ii) Members considered the budget monitoring report presented by the Clerk.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, Proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner:

Minibus account-

Fuel Genie £76.77 direct debit

Fuel Genie £50.73 direct debit

Ordinary account-

Retrospective 22.11.17 Cllr. Gardiner £216.38 Cheque No.100810

Retrospective 04.12.17 D & CD Cunningham Surveyors Ltd. £5,000 Cheque No.100811

Rushton Village Hall 3 x invoices £60.00 Cheque NO. 100812

- (iv) The Clerk had received a letter from HMRC regarding changes to the VAT reclaim IT systems. He would not be making a claim before the end of the financial year so hopefully the new systems would be in place by the end of the financial year.
- (v) Details of KBC's Budget Consultation meeting were noted.

18/019 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report

Cllr. King presented his report.

KET/2017/0812: Extension and conversion of outbuildings at Park House, Rushton Road, Rothwell. There were no objections.

18/020 Correspondence

A letter had been received from Mr David Palmer regarding flooding on Storefield Road.

Details are to be passed to Northamptonshire Highways. **Action: Clerk**

18/021 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda

Following roof damage caused by the skip lorry, now settled by MGL, alternative sites for the Christmas skip were discussed including the Cricket Club.

18/022 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th March 2018 in the Village Hall.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:04pm.