

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2015 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

Cllr. Abraham (Chairman)
Cllr. Thompson
Cllr. P Palmer
Cllr. Mrs Brightman
Cllr. R King

Richard Reed (Clerk)

KBC Councillor David Howes
NCC Councillor Jim Hakewill) Part meeting

PCSO Northamptonshire Police) Part meeting
There were eight parishioners in attendance

15/023 Apologies

Cllrs. Gardiner; Hooton; Wass and D Palmer. Mick George.

15/024 local Policing

The latest crime report was discussed and the Police officer gave further details. In response to a question from Cllr. King, he confirmed that parking offenders were being issued with Fixed Penalty Notices. Cllr. Abraham raised the problem of lorries passing through the village.

15/025 Rushton Landfill Site Update

The Clerk presented Mick George's report and it was noted that there had been no significant complaints of late.

15/026 Parishioners' Questions

Concerns over the damage to the highway by HGVs working at the trout farm site and the revoking of the Amenity Weight Restriction, (AWR), through Pipewell with the associated safety issues were discussed.

15/027 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

15/028 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Brightman and seconded by Cllr. P Palmer and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2015 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

15/029 Matters arising

The Clerk updated the Council over the gritting of Storefield Road; the encroachment onto the highway on Desborough Road and the treatment of the mole infestation in the Recreation Ground.

15/030 Ward Councillor

Pending the arrival of County Councillor Hakewill, the Chairman invited the ward Councillor to speak.

Cllr. Howes discussed issues over the New Albion Wind Farm Community Fund and his discussions with Marlies Koutstaal following her meeting with officers of KBC. The proposals put forward by the Parish Council to manage the fund were discussed and it was resolved that "Rushton Parish Council fully supports the management of the New Albion Wind Farm Community Fund for the community by the Parish Council." This resolution was proposed by Cllr. Thompson, seconded by Cllr. P Palmer and carried unanimously. The Clerk was asked to write to Marlies Koutstaal advising her of the resolution. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Mrs Brightman spoke of other sites within the Borough where the community fund has gone to the local community.

The Parish Council extended its appreciation to Cllr. Howes for his work on this matter.

Cllr. King updated the meeting on the current situation with the wind farm.

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Cllr. Howes spoke of the current situation with Midland Cottages which was progressing slowly.

15/031 New Albion Wind farm Community Fund

This item was covered under 15/030 above.

15/032 County Councillor

Cllr. Hakewill spoke of legal options that may be open to the Wind Farm Action Group. Cllr. King gave assurance that the group was independent of the Parish Council and no costs would be incurred by the latter.

The proposed revoking of the AWR was further discussed and Cllr. Hakewill gave his understanding of the matter. The Parish Council expressed concerns that it had not been notified of the proposal. Cllr. Hakewill said that he wanted to look further into the question of planning permission for the trout farm.

Cllr. Hakewill had discussed a possible new access to the land fill site with Cllr Bill Parker, (NCC), but there appeared to be land ownership issues.

15/033 Rushton Community Mini-bus

The Clerk presented the current financial statement. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.

15/034 Rushton Allotments

It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Thompson that the lease for the allotments be accepted. **Action: Clerk.**

15/035 Traffic Calming

It was agreed to defer this issue until after the introduction of the Community Speed Watch initiative.

15/036 Community Speed Watch

The necessary number of pledges and volunteers have now been achieved. The Co-ordinator will be Cllr. Wass and the deputy Cllr. King. Cllr. Wass is to send the pledges to the Clerk for passing on to ACRE. **Action: PW/Clerk.**

15/037 Recreation Ground

Quotations

The amended quotations which include concrete edgings and two bench seats have now been received from Raybell and Bosworth's. Two other companies were invited to quote but have declined. The preferred quote is still too low to attract a grant and it was agreed to ask for a self-closing gate at the Desborough Road end. **Action: Clerk.**

The signage in Desborough Road is now in place but there are issues over the one opposite the Church which is quite large. Cllr. Abraham is to look at an alternative location for this sign. **Action: KA**

15/038 Community Governance Review

The order to transfer Pipewell to Rushton in its entirety was made on 2nd February 2015 and came into effect the next day when a number of assets were transferred to Rushton Parish Council. The Clerk had made arrangements for revised insurance cover and is in the process of collating the various licences and consents. It was agreed to sign the s.144 agreement with NCC in respect of the Village Sign. **Action: Clerk.**

15/039 Parish Council Elections

The Clerk confirmed the deadline date for the nomination papers to be hand delivered to KBC as 4pm Thursday 9th April. The papers are held by the Chairman from whom copies can be obtained. **Action: All**

15/040 To Approve and Adopt Recording at Meetings Protocol

Following the introduction of new regulations in respect of the above, the Clerk had adapted KBC's protocol. Cllr King proposed that this be adopted and this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Brightman.

15/041 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts and it was noted that the account had now been credited with £200 from KBC and £200 from NCC as contributions towards the recreation ground signage.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report and this was noted.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, Proposed by Cllr. P Palmer and seconded by Cllr. King

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Minibus account-

Tyetune Auto Services (Retrospective 10.02.15) £94.51 Cheque No.182

CTA Membership £24.50 Cheque No. 183

AK Kettering Station Ltd £46.33 Cheque No. 184

HMRC PAYE £138.80 Cheque No.185

R Reed part-salary £185.00 Cheque No. 186

Ordinary account-

Broker Network Ltd. (Retrospective 10.02.15) £25.00 Cheque No. 100723

Wayne Sumpter (Retrospective 17.02.15) £250.00 Cheque No. 100724

Smith of Derby £424.80 Cheque No, 100725

NCC Signs £662.72 Cheque No. 100726

Rushton Village Hall £20.00 Cheque No. 100727

NCALC £39.00 Cheque No. 100728

R Reed Part-salary and expenses £592.85 Cheque No. 100729

(iv) Mr Ian Arnott had offered to undertake the internal audit at last year's price.

15/042 Planning Matters

Cllr. King presented the planning report. The applications had only been considered in the last few days and were therefore unable to be included on the agenda notices.

15/043 Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were brought to the attention of Members by the Clerk.

15/044 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

The Clerk spoke of the updating of the street lighting inventory to which Cllr. Howes gave further information. He gave an assurance that parish councils will not be forced to take on the systems although they can if they wish.

15/045 Date of next meeting

7:30pm Tuesday 19th May 2015 in the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the AGM

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:33pm.