

# **RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Parish Council Meeting Minute Book**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in the Village Hall.**

### **Attendance**

Cllr. Abraham (Chairman)  
Cllr. D Palmer  
Cllr. Thompson  
Cllr. P Palmer  
Cllr. Hooton  
Cllr. Mrs Brightman  
Cllr. Wass

Richard Reed (Clerk)

KBC Councillor David Howes )  
NCC Councillor Jim Hakewill ) Part meeting  
Ch. Supt. Paul Fell and PCSO Northamptonshire Police )  
There were three parishioners in attendance

### **15/001 Apologies**

Cllrs. King and Gardiner

### **15/002 local Policing**

The Chairman introduced Ch. Supt. Fell who spoke of the Parish Constable initiative that is being introduced in the county and answered a number of questions from Members and residents. It was resolved that the Parish Council would endorse the Parish Constable scheme, proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr. D Palmer. The latest crime report was presented and discussed.

The Chairman thanked the officers for attending the meeting.

### **15/003 Rushton Landfill Site Update**

No report had been received by the Clerk.

### **15/004 Parishioners' Questions**

With the imminent commencement of the windfarm, it was suggested that the Storefield Road should be gritted in view of the increased traffic generated by this and the Corby Link Road. Northamptonshire Highways is to be contacted to see if this is possible. **Action: Clerk**

### **15/005 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

### **15/006 Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

It was proposed by Cllr D Palmer and seconded by Cllr. Wass and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

### **15/007 Matters arising**

The Clerk reported on various issues from the last meeting:

Mud on the road: this was still a problem and the Clerk is to contact the EA again.

**Action: Clerk**

It was noted that further work was proposed on Oakley Road followed by surface dressing in due course.

The situation regarding the highway boundary on Rushton Road Desborough was noted.

The signs for the recreation ground had been ordered by NCC and were expected late February, early March.

### **15/008 County Councillor**

Cllr. Hakewill spoke of the current budget issues and the savings that are required.

Cllr. Hakewill asked to be kept updated over the situation with high speed broadband in Rushton. **Action: All**

Following the discussion about gritting Storefield Road, Cllr. Hakewill said he would see what the situation was with the proposed 7.5t AWR.

**Chairman**

**Date**

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Cllr. D Palmer raised the issue of surface water run-off from Storefield Plant (Wrights). Cllr. Hakewill and Cllr Palmer are to discuss the matter outside the meeting.

Regarding Street lighting, a report was awaited from KBC.

In respect of support from his Empowerment Fund, Cllr. Hakewill was thanked for his contribution towards the recreation ground signage.

#### **15/009 Ward Councillor**

Cllr. Howes spoke of his discussions with Cllr King in respect of the windfarm. Some work has commenced and Cllr King has requested a meeting with John Hill of KBC Planning as developer has not complied with conditions.

The debate over the windfarm community fund payment is continuing.

#### **15/010 Rushton Community Mini-bus**

The Clerk presented the current financial statement. Since the last meeting £358.50 had been received in private hire fees.

#### **15/011 Rushton Allotments**

The fencing work had been completed by KBC along with some tidying of the neglected plots and removal of asbestos but some rubbish remained. It was agreed to ask for this to be cleared before signing the agreement. **Action: Clerk**

#### **15/012 Traffic Calming**

The Clerk had obtained details of a number of speed indicator devices and tabled a cost comparison chart of the various models. Further consideration is to be given to the unit most suited to the needs of the Parish Council and funding sources are to be looked at. **Action: All/Clerk**

#### **15/013 Community Speed Watch**

The requisite number of volunteers have been identified and the number of pledges is increasing with hopes that the necessary number will be obtained shortly. Gary Wright (Police) is to be updated on the situation. **Action: Clerk**

#### **15/014 Recreation Ground**

Three quotes had been received in respect of the resurfacing of the access footpath. In ascending order these are:

£3185.00

£3400.00

£5300.00

In alphabetical order, firms quoting are:

Bosworth's Landscaping

Carl Beasley Builders

Raybell & Sons

It was agreed to contact Bosworth's over the level of contribution for causing the damage, see if the insurers and KBC could advise over the legal aspects in view of the damage and also look at the availability of grants towards the work. **Action: Clerk**  
Mr Sumpter of DKS Pest Control had quoted £250.00 to clear the mole infestation from the recreation ground. It was felt that this was reasonable as the number of mole hills had significantly increased and it was proposed by Cllr. Thompson and seconded by Cllr. Hooton that an order be placed with DKS. **Action: Clerk**

#### **15/015 Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities (via NCALC)**

The Clerk spoke of the new legislation that would be coming in to effect in April. There is a requirement for councils to publish various data sets, agendas, minutes, etc. on their web sites. Although KBC has said that it would publish this information, it will be necessary to have a Parish Council web site. The Clerk mentioned [www.Parishcouncil.net](http://www.Parishcouncil.net) as one firm offering the setting up of sites.

#### **15/016 Surface Water Run-off: Storefield Plant – Cllr. D Palmer**

This matter was discussed under item 15/008 and subsequently outside of the meeting.

#### **15/017 Community Governance Review**

It was noted that KBC had approved the transfer of that area of Pipewell in Wilbarston parish to Rushton following the May elections. The Clerk spoke of the situation with the process following his telephone conversation with Ian White of KBC.

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## **15/018 Finance**

- (i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts and the budget monitoring statement. There had been £200 received from NCC towards the recreation ground signs since the previous meeting with the ordinary account.
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, Proposed by Cllr. Thompson, seconded by Cllr. Hooton:
  - Minibus account-
  - Tyetune Auto Services (Retrospective 03.12.14) £173.92 Cheque No.178
  - AK Kettering Station Ltd (Retrospective 03.12.14) £60.29 Cheque No. 179
  - Cheque No. 180 void
  - AK Kettering Sta. Ltd £29.95 Cheque No. 181
  - Ordinary account-
  - Rushton Village Hall £20.00 Cheque No. 100721
  - Northamptonshire ACRE £35.00 Cheque No. 100722
- (iii) The Clerk presented the amended draft budget for 2015/16 and it was proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr Hooton that this be accepted and the precept set at £3900. **Action: Clerk**
- (iv) KBC's budget consultation meeting has been arranged for 22.01.15
- (v) Applications for KBC's Community Fund grants are to be made early.

## **15/019 Planning Matters**

In his absence, the Clerk presented Cllr. King's report regarding applications considered since the last meeting.

## **15/020 Correspondence**

Various items of correspondence were brought to the attention of Members by the Clerk. It was agreed to adopt KBC's protocol for recording at meetings once it had been adapted to meet the Parish Council's requirements. **Action: Clerk**

## **15/021 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda**

None.

## **15/022 Date of next meeting**

7:30pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10:00pm