

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

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

KBC Cllr. David Howes
NCC Councillor Jim Hakewill Part meeting

Mr Andrew Budd, Grantscape Part meeting

There were nine parishioners in attendance for item.

16/024 Apologies

Cllrs. Gardiner; Hooton & Mrs Brightman. Mick George.

As Kamila Kembrowska was not in attendance, the Community Speed Watch item was deferred.

16/025 Grantscape: Mr Andrew Budd

The Chairman welcomed Mr Budd to the meeting who then spoke of the Mick George Community Fund and the criteria governing the award of grants. Projects need to satisfy amenity, heritage or nature conservation themes and Grantscape would welcome more applications from Rushton. Mr Budd then took questions from those attending.

16/026 Local Policing

In the absence of a Police representative, the Clerk presented the latest crime report.

16/027 Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mick George was unable to attend but asked that any problems be forwarded to him for attention.

16/028 Parishioners' Questions

(i) There were concerns over the application for extended hours at the landfill site although it was understood that this would not involve additional traffic. There was also a continuous noise from the site. MGL to be asked to confirm the existing and proposed hours and also investigate the source of the noise. **Action: Clerk**

(ii) There were complaints about dog-fouling on the routes to the school and also in the recreation ground and it was questioned why dogs were permitted in this area. It was agreed that this should be addressed and a sign prohibiting dogs displayed. There was also a lack of dog-waste bins although ordinary bins can be used for disposal. KBC is to be contacted over a sign prohibiting dogs from the recreation ground and also to see if signs can be put on bins indicating dual use. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Howes offered to supply spray paint to highlight areas of fouling.

(iii) It appeared that some areas were still suffering from poor Broadband speeds.

16/029 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

16/030 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2016

It was proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr. Thompson and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th January 2016 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

16/031 Matters arising

The Clerk gave an update on the street naming at Midland Cottages and the situation of mud on the road associated with the Trout Farm.

16/032 Ward Councillor

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Cllr. Howes said that he had nothing specific to report. The speeding in Desborough Road was discussed and the possible introduction of a roundabout at the Station Road junction. Northamptonshire Highways is to be asked to comment on this. **Action: Clerk**
The County Councillor item was deferred pending the arrival of Cllr. Hakewill

16/033 Rushton Community Mini-bus

The Clerk presented the latest financial statement and budget monitoring for the minibus. Councillors were appreciative of the inclusion of the Rushton Community Minibus in the will of Miss Judy Beswick as a potential beneficiary.

16/034 Highway Issues

The Clerk gave a report of his meeting with Northamptonshire Highways officers to discuss the implementation of a 20mph speed restriction by the school. Councillors were unhappy with the reported outcome and raised further queries. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed to proceed with the order for the St Mary's church sign at Pipewell at a quoted cost of £383.40 + VAT. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. King had received a complaint of parking near the junction of Woodyard Close obstructing visibility of drivers entering Station Road. It was agreed to ask Northamptonshire Highways for a prohibition of waiting order at this location. **Action: Clerk**

Issues arising from vehicles parked on the footway were discussed and it was agreed that this was a Police matter.

16/035 Recreation Ground

Cllr. Thompson was seeking prices for an all-weather pitch and this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk spoke of the arrangements for the removal of the fallen tree once ground conditions had improved.

16/036 New Albion Wind Farm

The Chairman reported on the recent meetings regarding the Community Benefit Scheme. It was noted that Northamptonshire Community Foundation would manage the fund and a meeting is to be convened with NCF in April. Cllr. King is to form a small sub-group and Cllrs. Tye and Spickett offered to join the sub-group. **Action: RK**

Cllr. Howes said that he was pleased that the fund has ended up with the community.

16/037 Desborough Road – Bus Shelter

As discussed under Agenda item 16/026, the proposed bus shelter does not qualify for funding from Grantscape. Manufacturers Littlethorpe had quoted £8600. Possible funding could be arranged through the New Albion Community Benefit scheme and Cllr. Howes spoke of KBC's Community Fund.

16/038 Allotments: Members' Application Forms and Rules

It was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Thompson that the forms prepared by the Clerk are to be adopted.

16/039 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Rushton Cricket Club has difficulty accommodating the village celebrations on that weekend. The 11th June is a match day and the 12th would have to be after 12:30pm. The school playing field is a possibility. Cllrs Abraham and Wass to look further over the arrangements.

Action: KA/PW

16/040 Website

The Clerk gave an update on the current position. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the domain name and hosting plan. **Action: Clerk**

16/041 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. £50.00 had been received for allotment plot rental and £150 from KBC as a contribution towards the Pipewell sign cost.

(ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, Proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Thompson:

Minibus account-

AK Kettering Station Ltd. (Retrospective 18.02.16) £10.00 Cheque No. 200

AK Kettering Station Ltd. £42.46 Cheque No. 201

R Reed Part salary £568.00 Cheque No. 202

Ordinary account-

Rushton Village Hall hire; £20.00 Cheque No. 100754

Cheques 100755 & 100756 cancelled

Northamptonshire ACRE £35.00 Cheque No. 100757

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R Reed part half-yearly charges £194.66 Cheque No. 100758
HMRC PAYE £142.00 Cheque No. 100759

(iii) There was no other financial business.

Cllr. Hakewill arrived 8:50pm

16/042 County Councillor

Cllr. Hakewill spoke of the enforcement of the Operator's Licence conditions, situation not improving and potholes are forming. Everyone is encouraged to use the Street Doctor.

Street lighting – there are issues between KBC and NCC over street lighting.

The County Council's budget was discussed.

A case is to be made to reverse the decision over the weight restriction.

Cllr. Thompson spoke of flooding problems in High Street/Manor Road and the fact that gullies were not scheduled for attention until July. Cllr Hakewill to follow this up and the possibility of a broken drain.

Cllr. Hakewill left at 9:00pm

16/043 Planning Matters

Cllr. King presented his planning report a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

16/044 Community Speed watch

Kamila Kembrowska did not arrive for the meeting. Cllr Spickett spoke of speeding issues in Pipewell.

Cllr. Wass said that Kamila Kembrowska had written about this year's programme of the CSW. A training date had been arranged for 18.06.16. More volunteers are required, three are available from Pipewell. An item is to be published in The Triangle.

16/045 Correspondence

There were no correspondence items.

16/046 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

Next agenda: Defibrillator; All-weather pitch.

16/047 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th May 2016 in the Village Hall. This will be the AGM and will follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:15pm.