

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

Cllr. K Abraham (Chairman)
Cllr. P Palmer
Cllr. Mrs Brightman
Cllr. P Hooton
Cllr. N Tye
Cllr. P Wass

NCC Councillor Jim Hakewill Part meeting

Mr Neil Johnson (Mick George Ltd) Part meeting

There were twelve parishioners in attendance for item 16/002, reducing to one for the rest of the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year

16/001 Apologies

Cllrs. King; Gardiner; Thompson & Spickett. KBC Cllr. Howes.

The Chairman closed the Parish Council meeting at this point and opened up the next item for discussion with the members of the public present.

16/002 To discuss planning application KET/0978: Proposed development oat Willowbrook Stud Farm, Rushton Road, Desborough.

The Parish Council's Planning Sub-group had obtained agreement from KBC for an extension of time to allow the application to be discussed at this meeting and the group had prepared a draft response which was presented to the meeting by the Clerk.

Following an open discussion it was agreed to add the following comments to the text of the response:

Rushton School is at capacity

There is no doctors' surgery in Rushton

There is no land available to extend school or health facilities in either Desborough or Rushton.

Rushton and Pipewell are already under pressure from traffic.

There is a need for a co-ordinated development plan.

The Clerk would add these items to the response and send it to KBC the next day. **Action: Clerk**

In response to a query, although there were no Desborough Town Council Members at this meeting, Rushton Parish Council had worked closely with DTC in preparing the response.

The Chairman closed the public session at 8:00pm

16/003 local Policing

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

16/004 Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mr Johnson gave an update on current activities at the site. The additional recycling work would commence later in the year and an application to receive arisings from road construction sites overnight had been submitted. Cllr. Hooton asked about the collecting of roadside rubbish. MGL carry out the collecting of litter and KBC should pick up the bags but they are often left for a long time before MGL remove them. It was agreed that MGL would undertake the removal of the bags on a more regular basis. **Action: MGL**

The poor condition of the Oakley Road was discussed and Cllr. Hakewill said that he would look into this and also asked about the possibility of the formation of a new access to the site. It was agreed that he would pursue this point. **Action: JH**

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Mr Johnson said that gas from the site was being dealt with by the generating engine and the flare was only used where the engine's capacity was exceeded or it was shut down for maintenance.

16/005 Parishioners' Questions

(i) It was felt that the Christmas skip kindly provided by MGL should be larger to accommodate all tipping as it had to be replaced this Christmas and the restricted space made it difficult to load the full skip and leave the replacement. This is to be considered next time.

(ii) It was noted that the clearance of vegetation from the footway alongside the estate wall had not been completed. The Clerk is to contact Ben Wright at Northamptonshire Highways to chase this and also include the section under the railway bridge. **Action: Clerk**

16/006 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

16/007 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th November 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr. Hooton and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th November 2015 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

16/008 Matters arising

It was noted that the road by the trout farm was deep in mud probably as a result of the incorrect positioning of a drain. The enforcement of the wheel washing condition was discussed.

The Clerk was waiting for a site meeting to be arranged with the Safer Routes to School officer from NCC to discuss the provision of a 20mph speed limit in Station Road.

It was suggested that photographs of the flooding in Storefield Road be acquired and sent to Northamptonshire Highways.

16/009 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes was unable to attend due to another commitment.

16/010 County Councillor

Cllr. Hakewill said that he would be happy to attend the meeting over the 20mph proposal at the school.

The recent accident at Pipewell was discussed.

NCC's budget for next year was out for consultation but was currently showing overspending.

Cllr. Hakewill said he would look into the enforcement of the conditions imposed on the Operator's Licence for the Trout Farm.

16/011 Rushton Community Mini-bus

The Clerk presented the latest financial statement and budget monitoring.

A meeting of the working group would be arranged in due course.

16/012 Highway Issues

With regard to Pipewell traffic issues, it was intended to include the village in the next Community Speed watch session.

The Clerk had obtained a design, proposed siting and estimate from NCC for a sign to Pipewell Church. Cllrs. Howes and Hakewill to be asked if they could contribute towards the cost from their respective empowerment funds. **Action: Clerk**

The proposed extension of the 30mph speed limit over the bridge towards Rothwell Road was out for consultation. The Clerk is to ascertain when it is likely to be implemented. **Action: Clerk**

There were concerns over the recent roadworks at the Blue Bridge and the associated emergency road closure.

16/013 Community Speed Watch

Kamila Kemblowska of Northants Police has been invited to the March meeting to discuss the initiative. Cllr. Wass expressed concerns that the Parish Council did not seem to be getting anything out of its actions.

16/014 Recreation Ground

Discussions about an all-weather pitch were deferred to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

The failed equipment has been removed on the grounds of safety and Raybell notified about the need for adjustment on the gate catch.

Wayne Sumpter had carried out further mole treatment.

16/015 New Albion Wind Farm

The Chairman reported on the recent meetings regarding the Community Benefit Scheme and an official letter was awaited. The Chairman said he would chase that up. **Action: KA.**

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16/016 Desborough Road – Bus Shelter

In Cllr. Thompson's absence this item was deferred to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

16/017 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Cllr. Wass had spoken to neighbours to see what sort of events they would be interested in and it had been suggested that residents could bring their own picnics with a live band being provided for the entertainment. The date is to be determined and the Cricket Club is to be approached to see if it would be available. **Action: PW**

16/018 Website

The Clerk had John Jefferis' article about the minibus together with photographs of the vehicle and he would forward these to Adam Curtis along with some village notes. **Action: Clerk**

16/019 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. £10.00 had been received for allotment plot rental.

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

Minibus account-

Tyetune Auto Services (Retrospective 23.11.15) £103.62 Cheque No. 197

AK Kettering Station Ltd. (Retrospective 17.12.15 £47.98 Cheque No. 198

AK Kettering Station Ltd. £47.06 Cheque No. 199

Ordinary account-

Rushton Village Hall hire; Wind Farm meeting (Retrospective 23.11.15)

£20.00 Cheque No. 100750

Playground Supplies Ltd. (Retrospective 17.12.15) £234.00 Cheque No. 100751

Rushton Village Hall hire for Jan. £20.00 Cheque No. 100752

Wayne Sumpter Mole treatment £70.00 Cheque No. 100753

(iii) 2916/17 budget and precept. Following the November meeting, the Clerk had amended the budget in accordance with the discussions at that time and this was agreed. It was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Wass to set the precept at £5,400.00. This would be submitted to KBC. **Action: Clerk**

(iv) The Clerk presented NCALC's e-mail concerning the changes to the external audit arrangements. It was proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr. Hooton that the Parish Council would have its external auditor appointed by the SLB.

(v) The Clerk gave details of the forthcoming KBC Budget Consultation meeting.

16/020 Planning Matters

The Clerk presented Cllr. King's planning report a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

It was agreed to add the extra points raised in minute 16/002 to the draft response for the Gladman development and submit this to KBC **Action: Clerk**

16/021 Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were considered.

16/022 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

Next agenda: Community Speed Watch; All-weather pitch for the recreation ground; Desborough Road bus shelter.

16/023 Date of next meeting

7:30pm Tuesday 8th March 2016 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:40pm.