

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 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. Mrs Brightman
Cllr. P Hooton
Cllr. R Gardiner

KBC Cllr. David Howes
NCC Councillor Jim Hakewill Part meeting
Mick George Part meeting

There was one parishioner in attendance.

16/048 Apologies

Cllr. Spickett.

16/049 Local Policing

There had been no crime report submitted by the Police. Cllr. Gardiner said that he was unaware of any incidents in June.

16/050 Parishioners' Questions

Pending the arrival of Mick George this item was moved on the agenda

(i) There had been an increase in HGVs using Oakley Road, Pipewell recently. It was stated that this matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

(ii) It was reported that ditches had been dug on land adjacent to Oakley Road, Pipewell to ease flooding due to the possible disturbance of the water table by the construction of the wind farm. Mr Ronaldson was unsure who to contact over this matter. The Clerk suggested he spoke to the Environment Agency but Mr Ronaldson was of the opinion that this should be a matter for the Parish Council to deal with. It was agreed that the EA be contacted and the results reported at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Mick George arrived at 7:40pm

(iii) Cllr. Hooton spoke of concerns over Network Rail's proposals to demolish the accommodation bridge on GY13 over the Corby branch and replace it with a footbridge. This would cause problems for horse riders. The Clerk said he would contact the Definitive Map Team to get more information. **Action: Clerk**

16/051 Rushton Landfill Site Update

There are currently no applications in progress or proposed. Flooding issues on MG land are being addressed. Mick George said he would look into the matter of the increased number of lorries using Oakley Road, Pipewell. As far he was aware there were no current problems with the site. Bids for grants for the Village Hall were discussed.

Mick George left at 7:52pm

16/052 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

16/053 Minutes of the AGM held on 10th May 2016

It was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Palmer and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the AGM held on 10th May 2016 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting subject to the addition of apologies from Cllr. Hooton.

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16/054 Matters arising

There were no matters arising other than covered by agenda items.

16/055 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes had spoken to John Jefferis about the use of the minibus to serve other villages in view of the reduction in scheduled services. There were concerns over the demands this would put on drivers and the Chairman said that he would speak to John Jefferis. **Action: KA**

County Councillor Hakewill arrived at 7:57pm

16/056 County Councillor

Cllr. Hakewill had chaired the meeting in respect of the temporary 7.5 tonne AWR. He has asked for additional funds for repairs to the Rushton to Oakley Road.

16/057 Rushton Community Mini-bus

The Clerk presented the latest financial statement for the minibus.

Cllr. Gardiner said that Sunley Care Home had withdrawn its business as it required a back-up vehicle which the Parish Council could not provide.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs Pat Booth who has retired from driving the minibus. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks for her services over the years. **Action: Clerk**

16/058 Highway Issues

Cllr. King presented a report of the meeting with Northamptonshire Highways in respect of the temporary 7.5 tonne AWR. The weight restriction cannot be renewed in its present format but it was suggested that it could be renewed for a further 18 months but only for certain periods to share the problem with Desborough. The operating hours will be reduced. It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner that Rushton Parish Council agreed to a temporary lifting of the weight restriction for a period of 18 months but this will only be operational during the summer months. Thus the weight limit will be lifted for October 2016, re-instated from 1 November to 30 April 2017, and then lifted from 01 May to 31 October when the weight limit will again become operative until the temporary order expires on 31 March 2018. This being subject to Desborough Town Council being in agreement.

Action: Clerk

Cllr. Hakewill left at 8:22pm

16/059 Recreation Ground

Following damage to Cllr Hooton's boundary fence caused by trees in the Recreation Ground being brought down by gales, the Clerk had obtained a quotation for the repairs from Mancraft Fencing Ltd. for £590 + VAT. It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Palmer that the quotation be accepted and an order placed. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr. Thompson reported on discussions that he had had over an all-weather pitch. No costs were available at the moment but access for the removal and importing of materials was a problem.

KBC's report about dog control orders was discussed and it was noted that a consultation would take place later this month.

The purchase of picnic benches was considered and Cllr. King thought the funding for this may be something for the New Albion Wind Farm Fund. To be considered further at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

16/060 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King reported on the recent meeting with Northamptonshire Community Foundation and the next steps in setting up the panel for dealing with fund applications. It was agreed that the panel representatives be: Cllrs. King; Mrs Brightman; Gardiner; Tye; Hooton; Palmer and Spickett together with one resident each from Rushton and Pipewell. The first meeting is to be held on 19th September 2016.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. King for his work on this project.

16/061 Website

The Clerk gave an update on the current position. A development site is now available and a section for the Village Hall is to be included. **Action: RG/Clerk.**

16/062 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. A wayleave payment of £3.45 had been received from Western Power.

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

Minibus account-

AK Kettering Station Ltd. £70.49 Cheque No. 208

Ordinary account-

Mrs Abraham reimbursement of Queen's Birthday event costs ££66.00
Cheque No. 100769

Rushton Parish News Publications £500.00 Cheque No. 100770

Rushton Village Hall hire; £20.00 Cheque No. 100771

(iii) The Annual Audit is scheduled for 25th July 2016

16/063 Planning Matters

No planning applications had been received since the previous meeting.

16/064 Correspondence

Various items of correspondence were considered.

16/065 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

There was no date for the extension of the 30mph restriction at the moment.

Weed growth at the base of the wall to Rushton Hall is obstructing the footway on Desborough Road. To be reported to The Street Doctor. **Action: Clerk** *Subsequent note: report No. 822110 refers.*

The vegetation from the railway bridge to Oakley Road needs attention. This had been submitted for the attention of the Community Enhancement Gang.

In view of concerns over increased traffic through Rushton it was agreed to include an item on the next agenda for traffic calming. Cllr. Hakewill to be notified of this prior to the issue of the agenda. **Action: Clerk**

16/066 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th September 2016 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:13pm.