

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

Cllr. K Abraham	(Chairman)
Cllr. P Palmer	
Cllr. N Tye	
Cllr. P Hooton	Part meeting
Cllr. Mrs Brightman	
Cllr. Gardiner	
Cllr. C Spickett	
Cllr. P Wass	
Cllr. R King	

NCC Councillor Jim Hakewill	Part meeting
Steve Hodges (Mick George)	Part meeting

There were three parishioners in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and reminded everyone of the speaking protocol for members of the public.

17/001 Apologies

Cllr. Thompson; Cllr. Hooton would have to leave early: KBC Cllr. Howes.

17/002 Local Policing

In the absence of a Police representative, the Clerk presented the crime reports for November and December. It was understood that there had been an unsuccessful attempt at car theft over the weekend.

17/003 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mr Hodges reported on the current situation with the site and the lorry situation was discussed. The Parish Council offered thanks for the provision of the skip after Christmas which had been popular as always. Cllr. Hooton expressed concern over the condition of Oakley Road but MGL understood that Northamptonshire Highways would be carrying out overnight repairs in the near future.

17/004 Parishioners' Questions

(i) The Parish Council was asked why copies of the agenda were not available as those attending did not know what was to be discussed. The Clerk said that copies were posted on the notice boards as well as the web site.

(ii) Further concerns were raised over the condition of Oakley Road. Residents were using Storefield Road as an alternative but this was not gritted. It was agreed to ask NCC if gritting could be transferred to Storefield Road pending repairs to Oakley Road. **Action: Clerk**

(iii) Desborough Road continues to have problems with mud in the vicinity of the trout farm.

17/005 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

17/006 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2016

It was proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2016 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

County Councillor Hakewill arrived at 7:45pm

17/007 Matters arising

Following a recent telephone conversation between the Clerk and a Post Office representative, the future of the Post Office service in Rushton was discussed.

Cllr. Wass said that the quote for the picnic benches would be held and sources of funding are to be considered. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Hooton gave an update on street light repairs.

Chairman

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17/008 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes had informed the Clerk that he now had the spray paint cans.

17/009 County Councillor

Cllr. Hakewill spoke of the availability of member empowerment Funds. The cut-off date for 2016/17 is 28th February. Application forms will be sent to the Clerk to bid for funds for the picnic benches. **Action: JH/Clerk**

Cllr. Hakewill discussed NCC's budget demands and the future of Wooton Hall when the Police vacate the building.

The issues over lorry movements associated with the trout farm together with other businesses being operated from the site. Cllr. Hakewill is dealing with the mud on the road and KBC to be asked to comment on the operation of businesses. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr Hakewill expressed an interest in volunteering to drive the minibuss and the Clerk said he would pass details to John Jefferis. **Action: Clerk**

17/010 Highway Issues

This item was brought forward to enable Cllr. Hakewill to leave.

Cllr. Hakewill reported on discussions over traffic calming and has identified various development areas that are likely to have an effect on traffic movements through Rushton and the surrounding areas. He suggested that a working group be set up to ease the demands on the Parish Council enabling it to deal with its usual business. Cllr. Abraham said that he would consider putting an article in The Triangle and then arrange a date for interested parties to get together at a public meeting. **Action: KA**

Cllr. Hooton left at 8:25pm

Cllr. Hakewill confirmed that repairs to Oakley Road are to take place over night under a road closure. A date for this is awaited.

Cllr. Hakewill left at 8:37pm

17/011 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. Since the last meeting the NCC grant of £3354 and £15.60 in hire fees had been received.

Cllr. Gardiner said that four new drivers had volunteered and John Jefferis was arranging training.

Cllr. Tye considered that the current hire charge is too low, particularly for short journeys. It is currently £10 plus 80p/mile and he felt this could be increased to £20 plus 80p/mile. A meeting of the Minibus Sub-group is to be convened to consider the rates. **Action: Clerk**

17/012 Recreation Ground

See minute 17/007 regarding the benches.

The mole infestation had been dealt with for now.

17/013 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King gave an update on the latest grant to The Triangle.

17/014 Website

The Clerk is now maintaining the web site under the guidance of Adam Curtis, the site designer.

17/015 Defibrillator

No further progress at the moment.

17/016 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. Since the last meeting the cheque from Rushton Primary School for £100 towards the defibrillator had been paid into the account. In addition there had been a VAT refund of £1837.01 and £40 in allotment rents. A £5000 credit had entered the account but this is believed to be an incorrect transfer and the Clerk was making enquiries. **Action: Clerk**

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

Minibus account-

Retrospective 05.12.16 AK Kettering Station Ltd. £72.89 Cheque No. 214

Tyetune Auto Services £98.28 Cheque No. 215

AK Kettering Station Ltd. £61.54 Cheque No. 216

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Ordinary account-

Retrospective 14.12.16 Wayne Sumpter £70.00 Cheque No. 100782

Northamptonshire ACRE £35.00 Cheque No. 100783

Rushton Village Hall hire; £20.00 Cheque No. 100784

(iii) 2017/18 Budget: It was agreed to increase the contribution for The Triangle to £750, proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner.

The 2017/18 precept was agreed as £5,600, proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner.

(iv) It was noted that KBC would be holding a Budget Consultation meeting later in the month.

The Clerk had received advice from NCALC about the new external auditor for 2017/18/

17/017 Planning Matters

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

Cllr. Spickett spoke of the renovation of Abbey House in Pipewell and he and Cllr. King would look into the proposals. Action: CS/RK

17/018 Correspondence

Details of works were required for the Community Enhancement gangs.

A copy of CPRE's Countryside design Guide was passed to Cllr King.

17/019 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

There were no items at this time.

17/020 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th March 2017 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:14pm.