

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

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

KBC Councillor David Howes
NCC Councillor Jim Hakewill Part meeting
Mick George & Steve Hodges (MGL) Part meeting
Mr Lyndon Thomas Part meeting

There were two parishioners in attendance.

17/021 Apologies

Cllr. Hooton.

17/022 Local Policing

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

17/023 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mr George spoke of future proposals to construct a haul road off the public highway from the Oakley Hay roundabout to the landfill site so as to remove HGVs from Oakley Road. Once in place this would open up further development opportunities at the site. The Parish Council welcomed the proposal which Mr George hoped to implement in about a year's time.

Cllr. Hakewill arrived at 7:40pm.

17/024 Lyndon Thomas – Trout Farm Update

Mr Thomas presented an update on progress at the site. Highways have been asked to deal with drainage problem to alleviate flooding. The last lake is due for completion towards the end of 2017 although some site works will extend into 2018. Cllr. Gardiner presented photographic evidence showing the condition of the road with mud, etc. Mr Thomas said that a sweeper was on site and undertook an hourly sweep when required. He said that when there are concerns over the road condition the site office can be contacted to request action. Cllr. Hakewill asked about Easimix using the site for its operations. Mr Thomas stated that the firm was providing concrete for the site works.

Cllr. Howes arrived at 7:45pm

Cllr. Hakewill said that the plant hire operations were causing problems. Mr Thomas said that the plant was only brought back to the site when not on hire and is used for development work on the site. Mr Thomas was asked to ensure that the wheel washing facility was used at all times.

Messrs George, Hodges and Thomas left at 7:52pm

17/025 Parishioners' Questions

There were none at this time.

17/026 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

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17/027 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2017

It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Wass and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2017 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

17/028 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

17/029 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes had no items to report affecting Rushton.

Cllr. King raised the issue of noise from the windfarm and KBC's lack of action in following up conditions. Cllr. Howes said that he would look into this. **Action: DH**

Cllr. Spickett spoke of outstanding problems with street lighting in Pipewell. Cllr. Howes to follow this up. **Action: DH**

17/030 County Councillor

Cllr. Hakewill said that he was certain that Easimix was operating out of the trout farm site and was working with NCC Planning and the Environment Agency to investigate the situation. He discussed funding for adult social care and the A6 road closure and its effect on the surrounding road network. He is preparing a list of damage for subsequent repairs.

He gave a report of the Gladman Inquiry.

17/031 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. Since the last meeting £106.40 had been received in hire fees had been received.

The insurance renewal premium had been received and it was noted that it had increased by approximately £30 from last year.

Following a meeting of the Minibus Sub-group, it had been agreed to increase the hire rates to £20.00 standing charge and 80p/mile.

At the same meeting, John Jefferis asked that consideration be given for his successor in due course. **Action: All**

Cllr. Gardiner asked about training for the new volunteer drivers. The Clerk said he would contact John about the arrangements for this and also remind him of Cllr. Hakewill's offer to volunteer as a driver. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Howes said that there was an increasing demand from Wilbarston PC for additional services. It was agreed that Cllr. Howes could contact John Jefferis direct. **Action: DH**

17/032 Highway Issues

The item in The Triangle had resulted in four parishioners prepared to assist with the traffic calming project. Details are to be passed to Cllr. Hakewill. **Action: KA**

Due to the forthcoming elections, progress was on hold for now. Cllr. Howes suggested a leaflet drop/public meeting by late May.

Cllr. Spickett spoke of speeding around Pipewell with the Community Speed Watch team identifying 30+ vehicles an hour exceeding the speed limit. Cllr. Hakewill said he would see what can be done. **Action: JH**

Cllr. Hakewill said he could pass on information of abandoned vehicles requiring removal on receipt of details. **Action: CS/JH**

Cllr. Hakewill left at 8:40pm

17/033 Recreation Ground

Cllr. Gardiner said that Wayne Sumpter appeared to have successfully dealt with the moles as there was no evidence of them now.

A complaint had been received by KBC about barbed wire on the fence bordering the Recreation Ground. Cllr. Hooton had been notified of this. It was agreed that Cllr. Hooton be asked to remove the wire and consideration be given to restoring the existing hedge. **Action: Clerk**

17/034 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King said that £3618 was left for the current year.

17/035 Allotments

The Clerk said that four plots were still vacant and only one response had come from the article in The Triangle and although details had been sent there had been no follow-up. It was agreed to place another article in The Triangle. **Action: KA**

17/036 Defibrillator

No further progress at the moment.

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17/037 Rushton Post Office

The Thrapston Postmaster had been in contact over use of the Village Hall but expected there to be no charge. Consideration could be given to the Parish Council contributing to the hire of the hall, 2 hours, 1 day/week, cost £20.00. Cllr. Mrs Brightman suggested a trial period although there were doubts about the viability of the project. Cllr Tye offered use of office space for a trial period and he and Cllr. Gardiner are to liaise over this. Action: **NT/RG**

17/038 Litter and Fly Tipping

Mr John Miles on had registered with the Clerk to speak on this item.

Mr Miles on spoke of the problems of litter in the area and the lack of support from the respective authorities. He considered that there was a need for the community to deal with the problem. Various issues were discussed including the need for a Police presence when carrying out litter picking due to traffic hazards. Cllr. Abraham suggested the formation of a sub-group to look into the matter and come up with actions. Cllr. Howes said he would provide details of other communities taking similar action. It was agreed to hold the annual litter pick on Sunday 30th April between 10:00am and noon. Mr Miles on agreed to provide an article for The Triangle. Action: **All**

17/039 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. A cheque towards the picnic benches had been received from Cllr. Hakewill's MEF. The Clerk had been to HSBC over the unidentified £5000 credit but they were unable to provide any further details. Cllr. King took details of the remitting bank and would make enquiries. Action: **BK**

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

Minibus account-

Tyetune Auto Services £80.60 Cheque No. 217

R Reed Part of Clerk's salary £390.00 Cheque No. 218

Bollington Insurance Brokers Ltd £1179.90 Cheque No. 219

Ordinary account-

CPRE Subs. £36.00 Cheque No. 100785

Rushton Village Hall hire; £20.00 Cheque No. 100786

HMRC PAYE £245.80 Cheque No. 100787

R Reed Part Clerk's salary £776.85 Cheque No. 100788

(iii) There was no other financial business.

17/040 Planning Matters

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

17/041 Correspondence

Various items of correspondence discussed as per list.

17/042 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

Cllr. Wass reported that the litter bin by the church was overflowing and didn't seem to be emptied. The Clerk would report this to KBC for attention. Action: **Clerk**

It was noted that the village sign was currently in storage.

Local crime issues were discussed.

17/043 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th May 2017 in the Village Hall. **This will be the Annual Parish meeting followed by the AGM**

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