

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

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

KBC Councillor David Howes
NCC Councillor Jim Hakewill Part meeting
Steve Hodges (MGL) Part meeting

There were two parishioners in attendance.

17/044 Apologies

Cllrs. Mrs Brightman and Mr Thompson

17/045 Local Policing

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

17/046 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mr Hodges spoke of a small fire that had occurred at the weekend. General waste was involved and although the Fire Brigade attended it was dealt with by MGL staff. There were no further development proposals at the moment other than those outlined by Mick George recently. Mr Hodges apologised for a recent breach of the weight restriction due to driver error by an operative unfamiliar to the area.

17/047 Parishioners' Questions

There were none at this time.

17/048 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

17/049 Minutes of the AGM held on 9th May 2017

It was proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr. Hooton and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the AGM held on 9th May 2017 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

17/050 Matters arising

The Clerk said that he had spoken to Ian Arnott who was now recovering and would be available for next year's Internal Audit.

In light of development proposals in the area, it was noted that funding was available for Neighbourhood Plans and Cllr Howes provided some information on these. An item is to be placed in The Triangle to see if there were residents interested in joining a group to work on a plan for Rushton. **Action: KA**

17/051 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes had nothing specific to report affecting Rushton. He answered questions on Hanwood Park, (Kettering East).

17/052 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.

The Clerk reported that AK Kettering Station Ltd. was closing the fuel account as the small spend on it made it uneconomical. It was agreed to set up a fuel card and the Clerk was asked to follow this up. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk was asked to check with John Jefferis what the situation is with the training of the remaining new recruits. **Action: Clerk**

17/053 Highway Issues

Owing to other commitments there had been no progress on the traffic calming research.

Following the recent accident at The Triangular Lodge Northamptonshire Highways are proposing additional signage and road markings which councillors agreed upon. It was also

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considered that visibility could be significantly improved if the hedge to the side of the access was cut back. Details of the landowner were not known and the Clerk will make enquiries.

Action: Clerk

HGVs were reported as coming through the village as the weight limit signs at Storefield were not visible to drivers until they had turned into the junction. The Clerk is to ask NCC for advance warning signs to be provided on the A6003. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Gardiner is to provide a note for The Triangle regarding HGVs through the village.

Action: RG

17/054 Recreation Ground

Cllr. Gardiner reported that the new hedge plants were in need of weeding as they were being choked. Also some of the older Wicksteed equipment was looking shabby.

17/055 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King said that £3618 still remains for the current year which ends on 1st. September.

17/056 Allotments

The Clerk said that three plots were still vacant and it was agreed to contact Desborough to see if anyone would be interested in taking on a plot.

17/057 Defibrillator

Cllr. Wass presented his report on the research that he has carried out. Cllr. Howes suggested that it may be beneficial to speak to one or two parishes that have just acquired defibrillators and would provide contact details. **Action: PW/DH**

17/058 Rights of Way Improvement Plan

NCC required a response in respect of this by 1st August. The Clerk is to resend the Definitive Map pdf. **Action: Clerk**

17/059 Website Access

The Clerk said that there should be someone else who could access and update the website if he was indisposed. Cllrs. Tye and Gardiner offered to take this on and the Clerk would forward details of the username, password and guide notes. **Action: Clerk**

County Councillor Hakewill arrived at 8:35pm.

17/060 County Councillor

This item had been deferred pending the arrival of Cllr. Hakewill.

Cllr. Hakewill had been unable to make progress with the issue of traffic calming but hoped to soon get the questionnaire started.

He discussed the Gladstone appeal which had been dismissed by the inspector.

Oakley road repairs had now been completed using a new process of recycling.

In answer to a question he said that the reopening of the A6 at Desborough was expected in September.

17/061 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. A cheque for £3.45 had been received from Western Power Distribution as the annual wayleave payment for cables under a corner of the recreation ground.

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

Minibus account-

Retrospective 13/04; 27/04 Daventry Area Community Transport £306.00
Cheque No.223

AK Kettering Station Ltd. £75.60 Cheque No. 224

Ordinary account-

Rushton Village Hall hire; £110.00 Cheque No. 100795

Cheques 100796 & 100797 void

Northants CALC £162.00 100798

(iii) The Clerk will be sending the Annual Audit report for the external audit scheduled for 24.07.17 **Action: Clerk**

17/062 Planning Matters

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

The application for changes to an access in Station Road now withdrawn.

17/063 Correspondence

Various items of correspondence discussed as per list.

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17/064 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

Given the amount held in the minibus account, (for vehicle replacement in due course), it was suggested that an amount could be put in an interest earning account although given the current interest rates any return would be small.

17/065 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th September 2017 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:25pm.