

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

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

Mick George (MGL) Part meeting

There were two parishioners in attendance.

17/066 Apologies

Cllr. Wass

17/067 Local Policing

In the absence of a Police representative, the Clerk presented the crime report for July and August.

17/068 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

This item was deferred pending the arrival of Mick George however it was noted that there had been reports of smells from the site during the past weekend.

17/069 Parishioners' Questions

(i) The footway by the railway bridge was obstructed by vegetation. This was on the list for the Community Enhancement Gang so the Clerk will contact Northamptonshire Highways.

Action: Clerk

(ii) The new bollards installed at the Triangular Lodge are painted black and have no reflectors making them a potential hazard to passing vehicles. Northamptonshire Highways will be contacted. **Action: Clerk**

17/070 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

17/071 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2017

It was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. King and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2017 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

17/072 Matters arising

There were no matters arising that were not covered by agenda items.

17/073 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes was not present.

17/074 County Councillor

Cllr. Hakewill was not present.

17/075 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. There had been private hire payments of £421.60 received since the last meeting.

Mr Jefferis was arranging training for a further four volunteers.

The Fuel Genie card was now with a number of drivers and had been used successfully.

Mick George arrived at 7:40pm

17/076 Mick George – Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mr George said that the next phase of development of the site including the access road off Oakley roundabout had received approval.

The recent fire at the site and the report of smells were discussed.

Cllr. Mrs Brightman spoke of mud on the road issues and Mr George explained the wheel washing arrangements.

The Chairman thanked Mr George for the grant towards the Village Hall improvements and Cllr. King spoke of the Pocket Park grant application.

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17/077 Highway Issues

Following concerns expressed at the last meeting, Northamptonshire Highways has agreed to provide advance warning signs on the A6003 advising drivers of the weight restriction along Storefield Road.

It was noted that the seasonal weight restriction changes through Pipewell take place in October.

In the absence of County Councillor Hakewill there was no update on the traffic calming situation.

17/078 Recreation Ground

Cllr. Gardiner reported that the moles were back and the grass was in need of cutting. The Clerk said he would arrange for these items to be attended to. **Action: Clerk.**

The old wooden benches were deteriorating and the picnic benches are required to place in the area vacated by the monkey bar equipment. The Clerk would send the original quote round to councillors again. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Gardiner spoke of an old bench in Desborough Road that had been revealed following the cutting back of vegetation. He would check it and see about cleaning it if in reasonable condition. **Action: RG**

Cllr. Hooton arrived at 7:55pm

17/079 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King said that £3,400 had been given to the Cricket Club and £13.027 to the Village Hall following the last meeting.

Cllr. Spickett said that BT had installed a Broadband box near Windy Ridge.

17/080 Allotments

The Clerk said that another plot had been let and there was interest in another. There was concern that the condition of the vacant plots were putting potential tenants off and Cllr. Mrs Brightman had obtained two quotes to clear the plots, both around £1000. The Clerk said he would approach KBC to see if it could offer assistance. **Action: Clerk**

17/081 Defibrillator

Cllr. Wass was not in attendance but had said that he would provide a progress report at the next meeting. **Action: PW**

17/082 Finance

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

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

Minibus account-

Retrospective 08.08.17 AK Kettering Station Ltd. £60.07 Cheque No. 225

Fuel Genie £44.50 direct debit

The Clerk was authorised to renew the vehicle tax and be reimbursed.
£167.50 Cheque No.226

Ordinary account-

Ladywell Accountancy Services £25.00 Cheque No.100799

HMRC PAYE £253.40 Cheque No.100800

R Reed £1131.35 Cheque No.100801

Rushton Village Hall hire; £90.00 Cheque No. 100802

(iii) Internal Audit: The Clerk outlined his proposals to carry out an internal audit after the first half-year. Cllrs. Gardiner and Tye would assist as non-signatories, subject to their availability, and the audit would be carried out prior to the start of the next meeting.

Action: RG/NT/Clerk.

(iv) Cllr. Gardiner asked if any enquiries had been made about an investment account for the minibus but it was considered that it would be unlawful to expose public funds to risk.

17/083 Planning Matters

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

Cllr. Gardiner asked if an application had been received for the school. Cllr. King said that nothing had been received but that this would be an NCC application and he would make enquiries. Action: BK

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17/084 Correspondence

Various items of correspondence discussed as per list.

17/085 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda

As the Chairman would not be available, Cllr. Spickett said he would lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday. Action: **CS**

17/086 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th November 2017 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8:25pm.