

# **RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Parish Council Meeting Minute Book**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 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  
Cllr. P Wass  
Cllr. Mrs J Brightman

KBC Cllr. David Howes  
NCC Cllr. Jim Hakewill

Part meeting

There were six parishioners in attendance.

### **17/087 Apologies**

Cllr. Thompson

### **17/088 Local Policing**

In the absence of a Police representative, the Clerk presented the crime report for September and October.

### **17/089 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update**

Ms. Kay Ware of Storefield Cottages had requested to speak on this item and presented a report of concerns over the last five years regarding a variety of problems associated with the landfill site including smells, fires and fly infestation. At many times the problem was so bad that she and her neighbours have been unable to enjoy their garden or have house windows open during the summer. Although her report related to the last five years, these problems have been present for the past eight years. Numerous reports had been made to the Environment Agency who had subsequently visited the site and found waste stock piled and not covered, gas vents not capped off and the site not sprayed with insecticide to control flies and larvae. All reports have been logged and the records will be passed to the Clerk. In the absence of a representative from Mick George Ltd it was agreed that the Clerk would contact him for his comments. **Action: Clerk**

### **17/090 Parishioners' Questions**

(i) It was noted that the problems of the landfill site affected the whole community. There was also a problem with litter spread from the site in high winds with no measures being taken when these are forecast nor clearance of the A6003.

(ii) Thanks were given to KBC for the prompt clearance of sites following reports of fly-tipping.

### **17/091 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

### **17/092 Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Tye and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

### **17/093 Matters arising**

Cllr. Hooton said that there did not appear to have been any work carried out by the Community Enhancement Gang and this would be followed up. **Action: Clerk**

### **17/094 Ward Councillor**

Cllr. Howes had nothing in particular to report but invited questions on KBC activities. Cllr. Hooton asked if there were any financial issues coming to the Borough Council. Cllr. Howes said that there could be knock on effects from NCC.s budget cuts.

### **17/095 Rushton Community Minibus**

The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. There had been private hire payments of £102.50 received since the last meeting.

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There were now 11 trained volunteer drivers. The Clerk was asked to notify those whose MiDAS training expired next year. **Action: Clerk**

The use of the Minibus for the Wilbarston area was discussed.

#### **17/096 Highway Issues**

The forthcoming road closure to enable bridge repairs to be undertaken was noted.

The changes to the Amenity Weight Restriction was noted and issues over HGVs breaching the restriction were discussed. The Police have spoken to the operators.

Cllr. Hooton said that he was chasing up street light issues with KBC.

Cllr. Palmer spoke of concerns over the inadequate signing at the Station Road/Oakley Road junction where vehicles were regularly over shooting the junction and into the hedge and fence opposite. Northamptonshire Highways are to be asked to investigate. **Action: Clerk**

*8:10pm Cllr. Hakewill arrived*

There is only a cardboard sign for Eastfields Crescent and KBC is to be asked to provide a proper street nameplate. **Action: Clerk**

It was reported that lorries were over-riding the edge of the newly reconstructed Oakley Road on the first bend after the roundabout. It was considered that action by Northamptonshire Highways now could save more expense at a later date. **Action: Clerk**

#### **17/097 Recreation Ground**

The WI had asked to plant a horse chestnut tree in the Recreation Ground to commemorate 100 years of the WI. It was agreed that this could go ahead subject to agreement over the location. Cllrs. Gardiner and Hooton are to liaise with the WI. **Action: RG/PH**

Cllr. Gardener had stripped down the benches and estimated that materials to the value of £200-300 would be required to restore them. It was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Wass that Cllr. Gardiner should proceed with the repairs. **Action: RG**

#### **17/098 New Albion Wind Farm**

Cllr. King gave a report of recent grants: £10,000 to the PCC to repair a wall; £1,146 to the Village Hall for the purchase of benches. £5,675 remained in the fund until the end of September 2018.

#### **17/099 Allotments**

The Clerk spoke of his recent meeting with Rob Burton of KBC who had agreed to cut down the vegetation on the vacant and recently let plots followed by spraying when the new growth emerges. There was a problem with access to the allotments being restricted to a single hand gate. It was noted that only half of the first plot was cultivated and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the tenant to see if they would be prepared to give up the unused part so that a wider access could be created. The rental would then be reduced to £8.00/year. **Action: Clerk**

An item is to be included in The Triangle offering half-plots at £8.00. **Action: KA**

#### **17/100 Defibrillator**

Cllr. Wass spoke of his research into this item and the quote from Community Heartbeat giving three options, buy outright, lease or (preferred) managed solution agreement. The latter costs £2200 with £126 annual maintenance. Community Heartbeat would carry out all responsibilities. Suggested location was the Village Hall.

Councillor Hakewill suggested a Community Safety Meeting in January, which he would arrange, and which could include a discussion over the defibrillator. He may be able to make a contribution towards the costs. **Action: JH**

Following consideration, Cllr. Wass proposed that the Parish Council proceeds with the acquisition of a defibrillator, seconded by Cllr. Gardiner. **Action: PW/RG**

An item on the proposal is to be included in the next edition of The Triangle. **Action: KA**

#### **17/101 Midland Cottages: Progress and residents' Access Update**

The Chairman spoke of the current situation over the construction work. The completion is still delayed but access had been provided although further closures due to resurfacing work.

*8:50pm Cllr. Spickett left*

#### **17/102 County Councillor**

Cllr. Hakewill spoke on a number of issues including highways and HGV problems. Referring to the Rural Forum and the Police item, he spoke of the need for a co-ordinated approach by the Police to deal with crime in the area such as the recent burglary in Station Road.

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Regarding the County Council's budget, the consultation is now open and the various options were discussed. The County Council will be meeting in February to approve the budget.

#### **17/103 County Council Medium Term Financial Plan**

Discussed under the above item. It was suggested that councillors respond to the consultation individually and the Clerk is to resend the link to the consultation. **Action:**

**All/Clerk**

#### **17/104 Finance**

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

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

##### Minibus account-

Tyettune Auto Services £187.54 Cheque No. 227

Fuel Genie £58.00 direct debit

Fuel Genie £52.41 direct debit

DACT MiDAS Training £246.00 Cheque No.228

DACT Affiliation Fee £30.00 Cheque No. 229

C Paddock Medical £60.00 Cheque No. 230

##### Ordinary account-

Retrospective 19.10.17 Wayne Sumpter £70.00 Cheque No.100803

BDO LLP £120.00 Cheque No.100804

The Play Inspection CO. £78.00 Cheque No.100805

Smith of Derby £565.20 Cheque No. 100806

RBL Poppy Appeal £40.00 Cheque No. 100807

Rushton Village Hall 2 x invoices £40.00 Cheque NO. 100808

Rushton Parish News Publications £750 Cheque No. 100809

- (iii) The Clerk gave a report of the internal audit checks carried out by him and Cllr Gardiner prior to the meeting.
- (iv) The Annual Audit Report was presented and it was noted that there were no issues arising. It was proposed by Cllr Tye and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner that the report be approved.
- (v) The draft budget was discussed having previously been circulated. It was agreed to add the cost of the defibrillator and grant. The budget and Precept will be finally approved at the January meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- (vi) The Annual Audit arrangements for 2017/18 were discussed. The Clerk will be attending a NCALC course in February over the new arrangements.
- (vii) The Clerk presented the Budget Monitoring report to the end of October, a copy of which had previously been circulated.

#### **17/105 Planning Matters**

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

#### **17/106 Correspondence**

Correspondence as per list. There were no items to be discussed that were not covered by agenda items.

#### **17/107 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or for the next agenda**

None

#### **17/108 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:30pm.

**Chairman**

**Date**