

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

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

NCC Cllr. Jim Hakewill
Neil Johnson MGL

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There was one parishioners in attendance.

18/023 Apologies

Cllrs. Abraham, Hooton and Tye. KBC Cllr. Howes.

18/024 Local Policing

There was no report to hand. Following recent changes notified by Sgt. Rob Offord, crime statistics are available from the Police website.

18/025 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mr Johnson discussed current activities at the site. Currently, there is the potential for smells originating from the site but MGL is working on the situation. Cllr. Mrs Brightman spoke of mud being brought on to the road from the site. Mr Johnson said that MGL were cleaning the road as necessary and had a sweeper operating. Following the recent high winds there were litter issues with fields and hedges being affected. Mr Johnson said that the company would clear the litter and contact details for access had been sent to MGL. The Clerk presented updates from the Environmental Agency in respect of air pollution date and a recent inspection of the site.

In respect of a site meeting, it was agreed to leave this until April when the ground conditions should have improved. Councillors are to provide suitable dates, (Saturdays), for liaison with MGL. **Action: All/Clerk**

Cllr. Hakewill had discussed with Jo Gossage of MGL the introduction of a mandatory speed restriction for MGL vehicles and also tree planting with John Gough. He proposed to speak about these at the Community Meeting to be convened shortly. **Action: JH**

18/026 Parishioners' Questions

There were no issues at this time, the question of litter having been discussed under 18/025.

18/027 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

18/028 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2018

It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Wass and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2018 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

18/029 Matters arising

The Clerk reported that Mr Paddock had taken on a half plot of the allotments and when writing to the tenants regarding the annual rent, he had suggested that the tenant of the first plot may wish to take on this as a half plot.

18/030 County Councillor

This item was brought forward to allow Cllr. Hakewill to depart

As a result of NCC's budget situation, the Members' Empowerment Fund has been closed so Cllr. Hakewill would not be able to fulfil his offer of a contribution towards the defibrillator. He discussed highway issues and the situation with Mr Thomas's operations. He still has concerns over these and would be convening a meeting with NCC and KBC. The Government Inspector's report of NCC's financial situation was due to be published on 16th March.

Cllr. Hakewill left at 8:00pm

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18/031 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes had informed the Clerk that there were no particular issues affecting the Parish at this time.

18/032 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. There had been private hire payments of £348.20 received since the last meeting.

Nothing had been heard about the annual grant and it must be assumed that this will no longer be available.

18/033 Highway Issues

Following consideration of NCC's policy in respect of Quiet Lanes, Ms. Barton had decided not to pursue the matter at the moment.

The request for an extension of the speed restriction towards Desborough has been agreed to be NCC but a similar request for Station Road/Oakley Road was not considered justified although improvements to the give way signs was proposed.

The proposals for additional markings at the Station Road/Chapel Lane junction were approved. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk had made a further report to The Street Doctor over graffiti on a sign at Oakley roundabout.

18/034 Recreation Ground

There were no issues arising. Members discussed ownership of the land. The Clerk confirmed that it was owned by the Parish Council.

18/035 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King said that approximately £5,675 remained in the fund until the end of September 2018. An application for a grant for the defibrillator was made in November and this would be discussed at the meeting scheduled for 4th April 2018.

18/036 Defibrillator

Further progress would follow the approval of the grant.

18/037 General Data Protection Regulations

NCALC is keeping councils updated on this matter. The Clerk would be attending a NCALC course in April.

18/038 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. A contribution of £50.00 had been received towards the defibrillator from a resident.

(ii) Members considered the budget monitoring report presented by the Clerk.

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

Minibus account-

Fuel Genie £47.14 direct debit

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Ordinary account-

CPRE Membership £36.00 Cheque No.100813

Rushton Village Hall 3 x invoices £110.00 Cheque NO. 100814

HMRC PAYE £253.40 Cheque No.100815

R Reed Clerk's half-year salary etc. £1458.82 Cheque No.100816

Northamptonshire ACRE Membership £35.00 Cheque No. 100817

(iv) The Clerk spoke of the new audit arrangements for this year and the option for the Parish Council to apply for an exemption to the submission of the returns to the external auditor.

18/039 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report

Cllr. King had received one application, KET/2018/0098: Brooklands, Pipewell. Two storey side extension and bay window to rear, porch and replacement first floor window to front.

There were no objections.

18/040 Correspondence

As per list circulated to Members.

18/041 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda

Cllr. Spickett spoke of the damage being caused to trees by horses in a field owned by Pipewell Hall. KBC to be asked for comments as TPOs are involved. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Gardiner produced an ancient document concerning Rushton that had been passed to

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Cllr. Tye. It was agreed that this would be displayed in the Village Hall along with a translation from the Latin text. **Action: RG**

Following last year's successful litter pick, it was agreed to arrange this year's for 21st April, (Rushton), and 22nd April, (Pipewell). KBC to be contacted for equipment, sacks, etc. **Action: Clerk**

18/042 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th May 2018 in the Village Hall. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:47pm.