

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

Cllr. K Abraham	Chairman
Cllr. P Palmer	
Cllr. R King	
Cllr. P Wass	
Cllr. Mrs Brightman	
Cllr. P Hooton	
Cllr M Thompson	

Neil Johnson MGL	Part meeting
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Sgt. R Offord Northamptonshire Police	Part meeting
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There were five parishioners in attendance.

18/091 Apologies

Cllr. Tye (away); Cllr. Gardiner (other commitments); Cllr Spickett (other commitments)

The Local Policing item was deferred until late pending Sgt Offord's arrival

18/092 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mr Johnson gave an update on the situation with the gas engine and the flares and the arrangements with Aurora. Regarding the site meeting scheduled for 9:00am 5th October, Mr Johnson said that although numbers were not restricted he would appreciate details the day before. Cllr King said he would coordinate this. **Action: RK**

Kim Hendle spoke on behalf of the Storefield residents. At her request, Mr Johnson apologised on behalf of MGL for the problems that the residents have had to endure. Following discussions over the gas collection process, Mr Johnson said that in his opinion David Cross of Aurora should attend the Parish Council meeting to respond to questions about gas collection as that firm operates independently of MGL and is better placed to answer queries over this aspect.

Mr Johnson left at 7:45pm

18/093 Parishioners' Questions

(i) The condition of the footway on the Rothwell and Desborough roads and the section of footway east of the railway bridge in Station Road was raised. In respect of the former, the Clerk said that he had again reported this to the Street Doctor only a few days previously. Regarding Station Road, the Clerk spoke of a recent telephone discussion which he had with Lee Thorpe from the station house.

(ii) An update over the extension of the zig-zag markings outside the school to deter parking adjacent to Chapel Lane junction was requested. The Clerk replied that these markings could not be extended as they are at their maximum length but Northamptonshire Highways proposed putting a white line covering the junction and the section up to the markings. It was not known when this may be carried out due to the current situation with NCC's finances.

18/094 Local Policing

Sgt Offord discussed recent incidents and the annual crime rates which have shown a slight increase over last year but some of the increase is the way incidents are reported and recorded. He spoke of Operation Viper and the Neighbourhood Alert initiative. There is a local issues questionnaire now available and he encouraged as many as possible to complete this. HGV issues were raised and Cllr. King spoke of parking issues in the village due to the absence of clear markings.

Sgt. Offord left at 8:12pm

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18/095 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

18/096 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th July 2018

It was reported that Cllrs. Mrs Brightman and Mr Thompson had not been recorded as attending this meeting. With this noted, it was proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr. King and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th July 2018 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

18/097 Matters arising

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

18/098 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes was not present.

18/099 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. There had been private hire payments of £279.40 received since the last meeting.

It was noted that Jackie Hands and Rob Gardiner were both retiring from driving duties this year. The Clerk is to liaise with John Jefferis over the question of drivers. **Action: Clerk**

18/100 Highway Issues

The Clerk referred to his conversation with Lee Thorpe and the latter's proposal to cut back the hedge alongside the footway near the railway bridge and access the land behind. Councillors had no objection to the cutting back of the hedge but agreed that it would be at Mr Thorpe's risk. Reference was made to Mr Thorpe burning rubbish at the Station House and the Clerk said he would raise this with him. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Hooton spoke of the lack of action over issues raised during the recent walkabout.

The extension of the speed restriction on Desborough Road was still outstanding and the Clerk said he would find out what the situation was with this. **Action: Clerk**

Loose stone has been used to fill the overridding on Oakley Road and traffic was causing this to be spread across the road creating a hazard. The Clerk would report this to Cllr. Hakewill together with the problem of vegetation on the footways on the Rothwell and Desborough roads. **Action: Clerk**

18/101 Recreation Ground

In Cllr. Gardiner's absence, the Clerk presented his report. The application for a grant for the picnics tables was progressing. It was noted that the park had been well used during the holidays.

18/102 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King said that there had been no change in the fund since the last Parish Council meeting and there was a meeting of the fund administrators due shortly.

The Clerk presented Cllr. Gardiner's report regarding the acquisition of three speed indicator devices at a cost of approximately £10,000 depending on NCC's licencing requirements. It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Palmer that it should be agreed in principle for Cllr. Gardiner to proceed. **Action: RG**

18/103 Defibrillator

Cllr. Wass had taken delivery of the mounting post and the defibrillator was due to be installed during w/c 24.09.18.

18/104 County Councillor

Cllr Hakewill had informed the Clerk that he would endeavour to get to the meeting if he could get away in time from Rothwell.

18/105 General Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk informed councillors that the various documents approved at the last meeting were now on the website.

18/106 Winter Maintenance

The Clerk had reviewed NCC's proposed changes to the winter maintenance service and reported that Desborough Road from the Station Road junction towards Desborough and the road to Glendon from the Rothwell Road junction would be deleted from the precautionary gritting routes and would only be treated in prolonged adverse weather. There were no grit bins effected by the changes.

18/107 Finance

(i) The current statement of accounts was presented by the Clerk. Since the last meeting, £150.00 had been received from Cllr Tye as a contribution towards the defibrillator and £3.45 wayleave payment from Western Power Distribution.

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

Minibus account-

Retrospective 14.08.18 Fuel Genie £87.81 D/D

Fuel Genie £80.01 D/D

Tyetune Auto Services £402.89 Cheque No. 233

R Reed reimburse for road licence £167.50 Cheque No. 234

R Reed 1/3 half-yearly salary etc. £343.00 Cheque No. 235

Ordinary account-

Retrospective 23.07.18 The Community Heartbeat Trust £2,120.00 Cheque No.100825

Retrospective 23.07.18 Syspal Ltd. £236.40 Cheque No. 100826

Rushton Village Hall 4x invoices £120.00 Cheque No. 100827

Ladywell Accountancy Services £25.00 Cheque No. 100828

HMRC PAYE £257.00 Cheque No.100829

R Reed 2/3 half-yearly salary etc. £686.56

(iii) There was no other financial business.

18/108 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report

Cllr. King presented his report.

KET/2018/0098: Extension, porch, etc., to Brooklands, Pipewell. Application now approved.

KET/2018/0308: Application to LBC to 1 Rose Cottage, Pipewell. No objections and now approved.

KET/2018/0478 and 0480: Variation of condition 2 of KET/2017/0600 and retrospective planning approval for a greenhouse, the Paddocks, Pipewell. It was felt that the stringent conditions of the original planning permission should be adhered to. No reply received from KBC and understood that permission has been granted.

15/00086/WASVOC, proposed variation of conditions 7,8,12,31 & 32 and 15/00087/WASVOC, proposed variation of conditions 18,19,24 & 25, Rushton Landfill site to permit night working. Letter sent to NCC giving Parish Council reservations given the current ongoing problems and before any decision is taken interested parties should be given the opportunity to speak.

18/109 Correspondence

As per list circulated to Members.

18/110 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda

It was suggested an item be put in The Triangle regarding dogs barking. **Action: KA**

Recent events at the Cricket Club had resulted in some disturbances.

Cllr. Abraham would be speaking at Desborough Heritage Centre on 29th October.

18/111 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th November 2018 in the Village Hall.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm.

Chairman

Date