

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 in the Village Hall.

Attendance

Cllr. K Abraham	Chairman
Cllr. P Palmer	
Cllr. R King	
Cllr. R Gardiner	
Cllr. P Hooton	
Cllr. M Thompson	

Jack Hubbard: Sports Holiday Club	Part meeting
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NCC Cllr. J Hakewill	Part meeting
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There were seven parishioners in attendance.

The Chairman wished all a Happy New Year and welcomed them to the meeting.

19/001 Apologies

Cllrs. Mrs Brightman and Mr Tye; Police; KBC Cllr. Howes. NCC Cllr. Hakewill was unsure if he would be in time to attend the meeting.

19/002 Mr Jack Hubbard: Sports Holiday Club

The Chairman introduced Mr Hubbard who spoke of the Sports Holiday Club which delivers PE activities during term time and holiday clubs during the summer. Lottery funding is available for the Parish Council and assistance would be given for the completion of the bid. Funding is usually around £4 - 5000 and covers staff costs and venue. It would not be exclusive to Rushton village but the school had said that it would be happy to host the events which would be restricted to about 20 children per day. It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. King that the Parish Council would apply for funding with Mr Hubbard liaising with the Clerk over the preparation of the application form. **Action: Clerk**

19/003 Local Policing

Sgt. Offord had sent his apologies but said that there were no major issues. Councillors remain concerned that logging of crimes at the Police Station would adversely affect Rushton. The Clerk was asked to check with Sgt. Offord that he continues to filter these incidents from the parish crime record. **Action: Clerk**

19/004 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

The Clerk presented the report from the Environment Agency and it was agreed to ask the EA for similar reports for future meetings. **Action: Clerk**

Residents agreed that there had been a reduction in the number of complaints at the end of last year but there had been an increase over the last week or so. Complaints had been made to both the EA and MGL but nothing had been heard back so far.

Notices of the forthcoming site visit are to go on the notice boards and Facebook. Those wishing to attend were asked to contact Cllr. King.

There were a number of queries to be raised with MGL, namely: the hours of night working, general site opening hours, litter on Oakley Road and the A6003 and the policy for covering cells at night. These and other issues can be raised at the site meeting.

It was reported that there were still instances of HGVs speeding but it was pointed out that MGL can only take action in these cases where the company's lorries are involved. Ideally offending vehicles need to be followed and details recorded on dash cams. A note of the procedure was suggested for The Triangle.

It was considered that the wheel washing facilities were not effective.

19/005 Parishioners' Questions

- (i) It was felt that the Police reports are not as used to be issued.
- (ii) Cllr. King presented an update on the Lyndon Thomas situation received from Peter Chaplin at KBC.

19/006 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

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19/007 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13.11.18

It was noted that item 18/128 should state that Cllrs. King and Hooton attended a meeting at Cottingham Village Hall regarding the Corby West development and that NCC Cllr. Hakewill was looking into arranging a further exhibition at Rushton. With these amendments, it was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. King and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th November 2018 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

19/008 Matters arising

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

19/009 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes was not present.

19/010 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented the current statement of accounts. There had been private hire payments of £182.40 received since the last meeting.

Cllr. Hooton said that he was still awaiting refresher training. The Clerk said he would contact John Jefferis to get dates arranged. **Action: Clerk**

Mr Cruickshank said that he was struggling at times to cover regular trips. It was suggested that an item be placed in The Triangle inviting volunteers to become drivers. The Clerk is to contact John Jefferis over this. **Action: Clerk**

The question of concessionary fares was discussed and the Clerk said he would ask John Jefferis for an update on this matter. **Action: Clerk**

19/011 Highway Issues

The Clerk said that NCC could not move the proposed speed restriction terminal points in Desborough Road further out so as to utilise existing posts but did offer match funding if the Parish Council paid half the costs. It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Thompson to go ahead on this basis. **Action: Clerk**

Regarding the flooding in Storefield Road, Cllr. Palmer said that he would take some photographs when the problem next occurred. **Action: PP**

19/012 Recreation Ground

Cllr. Gardiner announced that the benches were now in place.

19/013 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King said that there had been no action since the November meeting and £21,380.26 remains in the fund.

19/014 County Councillor

Cllr. Hakewill not in attendance at this time. See later.

19/015 Casual Vacancy

Cllrs. Wass and Spickett had tendered their resignations from the Parish Council. KBC had confirmed that it would be necessary to post notices inviting residents to consider requesting an election to fill the vacancies. If fewer than ten residents make such a request then the Parish Council can co-opt. The Clerk is to contact KBC to start the process. **Action: Clerk**

19/016 Approval of 2019/20 Budget

It was agreed to list the speed restriction in Desborough Road and the Village Sign but at this time make no allocation pending the possibility of grant funding. On this basis, Cllr. King proposed that the budget be approved and this was seconded by Cllr. Palmer.

19/017 Approval of 2019/20 Precept

Following approval of the 2019/20 budget it was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Palmer that the precept for 2019/20 be set at £6,000. **Action: Clerk**

19/018 Finance

(i) The current statement of accounts was presented by the Clerk. Since the last meeting grants of £1620.74 (benches) and £10,948 (VAS) had been received.

(ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report to the end of December.

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

Minibus account-

Retrospective

05.12.18 DACT £30.00 Cheque No. 237

05.12.18 CACT £246.00 Cheque No. 238

Fuel Genie £73.35 D/D

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Ordinary account-

Retrospective

26.11.18 NCC £300.00 Cheque No.100835

29.11.18 RBL Poppy Appeal £40..00 Cheque No. 100836

05.12.18 Rushton Village Hall 2x invoices £70.00 Cheque No. 100837

05.12.18 Cllr. Gardiner £204.06 Cheque No. 100838

05.12.18 Marmax Products £1420.74 Cheque No. 100839

Rushton Village Hall 2x invoices £50.00 Cheque No. 100840

(iii) There was no other financial business.

19/019 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report

Cllr. King presented his report.

KET/2018/0840: 9 High St. Rushton. Extension, driveway and rendering of extension. No objections, now approved.

KEY/2018/0866: Grain store at new roundabout A43/A6003 (Neighbouring ward). No objections.

KET/2018/0808: Glendon Farm. Change of use from storage barn to temporary dwelling. Only received just before the New Year

KET/2018/0876: Pipewell hall. Non-illuminated pole mounted sign. Again, only just received.

19/020 Correspondence

As per list circulated to Members.

19/021 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda

Cllr. Hooton spoke of a number of street lighting issues and would provide details to the Clerk so that they can be reported to KBC. Action: PH/Clerk

Concerns were expressed over the containers and rubbish alongside the railway line and the worry that they may attract vermin. The Clerk was asked to report this to Environmental

Health. **Action: Clerk**

NCC Councillor arrived and gave an update on the current situation with NCC and discussed progress over the unitary authority arrangements.

Regarding the Corby West presentation, Cllr. Hakewill is trying to get the event at Rushton.

19/022 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th March 2019 in the Village Hall.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:29pm.

Chairman

Date