

# **RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Parish Council Meeting Minute Book**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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	
Cllr. Mrs Brightman	
Cllr. Tye	

There were four parishioners in attendance.

### **19/023 Apologies**

Police; KBC Cllr. Howes. Depending on other commitments, NCC Cllr. Hakewill will try and attend later.

### **19/024 Local Policing**

In the absence of a Police representative, the Clerk presented the latest crime report. It was noted that there were currently no significant crime issues in Rushton. Sgt. Offord had checked the drug offences recorded at the WWJC and where appropriate was asking for these to be reassigned to the location of the arrest.

### **19/025 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update**

Mr Neil Johnson was due to attend so this item was deferred pending his arrival.

### **19/026 Parishioners' Questions**

(i) Concern was raised over the overgrown state of areas of the allotments and in its present state was unlikely to attract new tenants. The Clerk said that KBC had indicated that some clearance work would take place in late 2017/early 2018 but nothing appeared to have been done. There were also problems over access, there only being a single hand gate. Cllr. Gardiner suggested that a sub-group be set up to oversee the allotments. It was agreed to contact KBC to request assistance and then provide an update at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

The poor condition of roads and the lack of street lighting in Pipewell was discussed. Highways was a matter for NCC and problems should be reported via The Street Doctor. The management and maintenance of the lighting rests with KBC.

### **19/027 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

### **19/028 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 08.01.19**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. King and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

### **19/029 Matters arising**

The Clerk said that KBC had been asked to look into the question of rubbish on land near the railway bridge. A gate has now been installed but the rubbish is still there and the site may be receiving more from Rothwell. KBC is to be contacted again. **Action: Clerk**

### **19/030 Ward Councillor**

Cllr. Howes had given his apologies.

### **19/031 Rushton Community Minibus**

The Clerk presented the response from Mr Jefferis on matters raised at the last meeting. The use of the minibus for travelling to the church was discussed and further volunteers would be welcomed.

The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. £263.20 in private hire fees had been received since the last meeting.

### **19/032 Highway Issues**

Cllr. Hooton gave an update on the street lighting situation.

The Clerk is to check the progress over the revised invoice for the speed restriction extension in Desborough Road.

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Cllr. Gardiner gave an update over the VAS project. Solar power now seems the preferred source.

### **19/033 Recreation Ground**

The Clerk said that the bid for the Big Lottery grant to fund the Summer Holiday Camps had been submitted. It is expected to take about ten weeks before a decision is given so the result is expected in the next week or two.

The Clerk had e-mailed Wayne Sumpter over the mole infestation. As no action appeared to have been taken a reminder would be sent. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Gardiner spoke of damage to the zip-wire and seat. It was not believed to be attributable to misuse.

### **19/034 New Albion Wind Farm**

Cllr. King said that £23,118 remains in the fund although there was some question over the true amount. A meeting is due in the next week or two when three bids for funds will be considered. If all are agreed this will leave approximately £10,000.

The bus shelter opposite the Thornhill Arms is in need of attention and this may be subject to a bid. It was suggested that Pete Abbott be contacted to advise. **Action: BK**

Another possible bid would be for the provision of High Speed Broadband for Storefield but the residents would have to submit a bid for this. Gigaclear will be asked at tomorrow evening's meeting if its project included Storefield.

### **19/035 County Councillor**

Cllr Hakewill not in attendance at this time.

### **19/036 Casual Vacancy**

The Clerk explained the current situation over the two vacancies. Notices inviting residents to request an election were posted on 28<sup>th</sup> February and the invitation is open until 20<sup>th</sup> March. If fewer than ten requests are received then councillors can co-opt to fill the vacancies. This can be done at the next meeting as long as candidates are available for nomination.

### **19/037 Annual Litter-pick**

This is scheduled for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 and a number of volunteers are coming forward. 30 sets of equipment have been requested from KBC.

### **19/038 Village Sign**

A location for the sign off the highway has been identified and the landowner's permission granted. It was agreed to order the sign and councillors would consider what local features they wanted to be represented on the sign. **Action: All/Clerk**

### **19/039 Finance**

(i) The current statement of accounts was presented by the Clerk. Since the last meeting, allotment rental of £20.00 had been received.

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

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

#### Minibus account-

R Reed £345.00 Cheque No. 239

Fuel Genie £86.02 D/D

#### Ordinary account-

Rushton Village Hall 4x invoices £110.00 Cheque No. 100841

Northamptonshire ACRE £35.00 Cheque No. 100842

CPRE £36.00 Cheque No. 100843

HMRC PAYE £257.20 Cheque No. 100844

R Reed £857.87 Cheque No, 100845

(iii) Ian Arnott, the Internal Auditor, had advised that his fees would be increased this year from £60 to £75. This was accepted.

(iv) A cheque payable to the Minibus account had been returned as it had been presented too late. Mr Jefferis was looking into this matter.

### **19/040 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report**

Cllr. King presented his report.

KET/2018/0980: Retrospective application for the erection of a woven hazel fence at 21 High Street: No objections

KET/2019/0019 & 0020: Lower Lodge Fm. Oakley Road, Pipewell: extensions and renovations: No objections

KET/2019/0124: Further application for the Paddocks, Pipewell, this time for a side extension. No planning objections but concerns over the lack of definitive plans for the site.

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**19/041 Correspondence**

As per list circulated to Members.

**19/042 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda**

(i) Cllr. Hooton asked if Gigaclear had the necessary permissions as work had started and the Parish Council had not been notified.

(ii) As there was no representative from MGL, the Clerk presented the report he had received from the Environment Agency.

**19/043 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in the Village Hall. This would follow the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm.

*NCC Cllr. Hakewill arrived just after the meeting was closed.*