

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2019 in the Village Hall following the Annual Meeting.

Attendance

Cllr. K Abraham	Chairman
Cllr. R Gardiner	
Cllr. P Hooton	
Cllr. Mrs Brightman	
Cllr. Mrs Barton	

Mr Neil Johnson Mick George Ltd.	Part meeting
David Howes KBC Councillor	Part meeting
Jim Hakewill	Part meeting

There were seven parishioners in attendance.

19/067 Apologies

Cllrs. King, Tye, Cruickshank, Palmer, Thompson.

19/068 Local Policing

The latest crime report had been forwarded to councillors by the Clerk.

19/069 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mr Neil Johnson said that the company had dealt with the issues concerning its vehicles and the situation continued to be monitored. The Clerk said that Cllr. Cruickshank wished to convey his thanks to Joe Gossage for his attention to this matter. Regarding the landfill, Mr Johnson gave a report on current activities. The Clerk presented the Environment Agency's report, a copy of which had been received by MGL. In response to a question, Mr Johnson said that the proposed new access off Oakley Road depended on a number of issues and was unlikely in the foreseeable future. It was noted that the number of complaints were high in May. Mr Johnson said that there had been no change in the method of working to cause this and it may be due to atmospheric conditions. The Storefield residents reaffirmed their concerns over the continuing problem of odours from the site. Cllr. Mrs Barton asked for clarification over "low level permit breaches" in the EA's report. Mr Johnson said that these would be items such as litter, mud on the road, odour etc. The emergency number on the gate had now been updated and Mr Johnson could be contacted direct on 07753864839. This number is to be published in The Triangle. He said that he would also follow up the lack of responses to e-mail complaints. It was confirmed that the application for the site extension had not been finalised.

Mr Johnson left at 7:50pm

19/070 Parishioners' Questions

(i) There were concerns over the use of un-bound aggregate on the verges in Oakley Road. The Clerk had contacted highways over this and the site was being monitored. It was understood that a heavy roller had been used to compact the stone recently. It was agreed to contact Highways again. **Action: Clerk**

(ii) Residents asked if this item could be moved further down the agenda so that they could comment on items discussed during the meeting. It was agreed to place this item before Finance in future. **Action: Clerk**

19/071 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

19/072 To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held on 14th May.19

It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Hooton and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th May 2019 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

19/073 Matters arising

NCC has been sent a cheque for half the cost of extending the speed restriction in Desborough Road and the work will be programmed in due course.

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Councillors discussed other speed issues including the need for remarking the arrows on the road humps. *(Subsequent note: Cllr. Hakewill looking to see if Gigaclear could do this when reinstating markings disturbed during its works)*

The reinstatement of roads and footways following Gigaclear's works was discussed and the Clerk said that he would be happy to carry out an inspection following completion of the work. An item is to go in The Triangle inviting residents to report defects caused by these works.

Action: KA/Clerk

It was noted that Lynden Thomas was still operating and his drivers ignoring the weight restrictions. It is believed that the court hearing is later this year.

19/074 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes spoke of discussions with Cllr. King in respect of the Pocket Park proposals which he supported.

The forthcoming Unitary Authority arrangements were discussed.

Cllr. Hakewill arrived at 8:30pm

Cllr Howes left at 8:32pm

19/075 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. £123.20 in private hire fees had been received since the last meeting.

Following the retirement of Cllr. Gardiner and Mrs Hands, the Clerk would be arranging for additional fuel cards. **Action: Clerk**

19/076 Highway Issues

Cllr. Gardiner asked if consideration could be given to reversing the priorities in Station Road/High Street. The Clerk will investigate. **Action: Clerk**

The introduction of a 20mph zone was discussed and the Clerk set out the County Council's current policy although it was noted that a scheme had just been introduced in Geddington. Clarification is to be sought on this point. **Action: Clerk**

NCC's invoice for the VAS posts had now been received and payment would be authorised later. Cllr. Gardiner said that there would be some funds left over from the grants and asked if a laptop could be purchased to enable the data from the signs to be downloaded. This was agreed. **Action: RG**

Cllr. Mrs Barton spoke of speeding issues on Oakley Road Pipewell and the need for the 40mph restriction to be reduced to 30mph. This had been looked at by the Speed Limit Panel and was not approved. It was felt that the data from the VAS could back up the claims of speeding. Cllr. Mrs Barton asked about a priority change at the staggered junction and this would be looked at. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Hooton said that KBC had corrected some defects with street lighting but others were outstanding.

The Clerk referred to the consultation over the draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

It was reported that the weeds at the rears of the footway in Rothwell Road and Desborough Road were again obstructing the footway. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed to arrange a further litter pick on Saturday 21st September 2019. Arrangements to be made with KBC for the supply of equipment. **Action: Clerk**

19/077 Recreation Ground

Cllr. Gardiner reported that the area was being well used.

There was evidence of mole activity. **Action: Clerk**

19/078 New Albion Wind Farm

The Clerk presented Cllr. King's report. There is currently £8268 available and bids for the bus shelter repairs, (£750), and Rushton Cricket Club, (£6700), would be considered at the meeting of the Selection Panel scheduled for 24th July. This will leave £818 but the next tranche of funding is now due.

Northants Community Foundation had said that the responsibility for selecting a new panel member from Pipewell rested with them.

19/079 County Councillor

Cllr Hakewill presented his report and discussed various county related issues.

Cllr. Hakewill left at 9:10pm

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19/080 To Determine Membership of the Planning Sub-group

19/081 To Determine the Second Representative for the Village Hall

It was agreed to defer both of the above agenda items to the next meeting due to the number of councillors in attendance. **Action: Clerk**

19/082 VE Day Celebrations 2020

Cllr. Abraham spoke of the national events being scheduled for Friday 8th May next year, the May Bank Holiday having been moved to this date. It was agreed to consider ideas at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

19/083 Pocket Park

In respect of Cllr. King's report on the proposal to ask KBC to transfer ownership of the Pocket Park land to the Parish Council, previously circulated, it was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Hooton that this be agreed. **Action: RK**

19/084 Pipewell Churchyard Maintenance

Cllr. Mrs Barton spoke of the cutting of the grass in the Churchyard. Following Colin Spickett's departure, it is occasionally cut by volunteers but she wondered if the Parish Council could make a financial contribution to enable someone to be paid for the work. It was felt that this was outside the Parish Council's authority and that the responsibility probably rested with the PCC.

19/085 Finance

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

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

Minibus account-

Retrospective:

10.06.19 DACT £123.00 Cheque No. 242

03.06.19 Fuel Genie £83.04 D/D

Ordinary account-

Retrospective:

30.05.19 NCC £802.05 Cheque No. 100852

Rushton Village Hall 3 x invoices £100.00 Cheque No. 100853

NCC £3731.42 Cheque No. 100854

P Abbott £750.00 Cheque No, 100855

(iii) The accounts have been submitted to the external auditors.

(iv) HSBC had written about increased charges but the Clerk did not believe they affected the Parish Council.

19/086 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report

The Clerk presented Cllr. King's report as follows.

KET/2019/0394: This is an application to demolish the property at 1 Oakley Road Pipewell and build a new house in its place. It is the third attempt to produce plans that are acceptable to KBC. The first application was refused and the second withdrawn. Members of the planning sub group were fully supportive of this application.

KET/2019/0206: application for extension and double garage at Windy Ridge, Pipewell mentioned at May meeting, has been approved.

KET/2019/0232: application for construction of a barn at Rawcroft, Glendon Road, Glendon discussed at May meeting has been approved.

KET/2019/0124: application for an extension to the Paddocks, Rushton Road, Pipewell, raised at the March meeting was approved by Planning Committee on 02 July, albeit with some changes to the original application.

18/00027/WASVOC & 18/00028/WASVOC: these are applications to NCC to vary the terms of working – including introducing night time working - at the landfill site. They were submitted about a year ago. NCC has delayed making a decision until the results of the Coroner's enquiry into the fatal accident on the Oakley Road, is known. Target decision date is 25 October 2019.

KET/2019/0141: application, mentioned at the May meeting, for change of use to nursery school at the Loft, Glendon Lodge Farm has been withdrawn.

Chairman

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19/087 Correspondence

As per list circulated to Members.

19/088 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda

Next agenda: Allotment Sub-group, VE Day Celebrations 2020, Pipewell Telephone Kiosk.
Cllr. Mrs Barton said that she would be submitting her resignation from the Parish Council.

19/089 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th September 2019 in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:47pm.