

# RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the Village Hall.

### Attendance

Cllr. K Abraham	Chairman
Cllr. R Gardiner	
Cllr. P Hooton	Part meeting
Cllr. Mrs Brightman	
Cllr. B King	
Cllr. N Tye	
Cllr. P Palmer	
Cllr. M Thompson	
Cllr. S Cruickshank	

There were eight parishioners in attendance.

### 19/090 Apologies

Neil Johnson, MGL; Cllr. Hakewill may not be finished at Rothwell in time to attend.

### 19/091 Local Policing

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

### 19/092 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

The Clerk presented the Environment Agency's report that had been provided by Greg Wilkinson. Mrs Smith had requested to speak under this item and queried the explanation given in the report about the fire at the tip in July. The fire was seen to have started outside the building and this fact had been reported to the EA. MGL's poor response to e-mails continues to give concern and it was noted from the recent report in the Evening Telegraph that more areas were being affected by the site. Cllr. Hooton confirmed that the fire had started outside the building and Cllr. King said that an explanation was required over the fact that two fires had occurred within a short space of time. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Cruickshank asked that a copy of the minutes, etc., be sent to Joe Gossage as well as just to MGL. **Action: Clerk**

In response to a question, Cllr. King said that NCC had not yet determined the application for overnight deliveries to the site pending the Coroner's verdict in respect of the fatal accident.

### 19/093 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

### 19/094 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

It was proposed by Cllr. Hooton and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

### 19/095 Matters arising

There were no matters arising other than those covered by agenda items.

### 19/096 Ward Councillor

Cllr. Howes was not in attendance.

### 19/097 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. £173.80 in private hire fees had been received since the last meeting.

The additional fuel cards had now been received and distributed and the withdrawn cards cancelled.

### 19/098 Highway Issues

Cllr. Palmer spoke of the safety issues when pedestrians cross the Blue Bridge due to the lack of footway and the increased height of the parapets restricting visibility. Northamptonshire Highways are to be made aware of the situation. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Tye had reported concerns over the overgrown vegetation at the bus stop on the A6003 northbound at Storefield. It was understood that Northamptonshire Highways are to inspect the location.

It was reported that the bridleway opposite Thornhill Arms is also overgrown. (*Subsequent note: Street Doctor Ref: 1770279*)

Cllr. Mrs Brightman said that the weed problem on the Rothwell Road and Desborough Road footways remains.

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NCC was monitoring Oakley Road for loose stones from the verges where there were still occasions where material was being scattered across the carriageway.

It was noted that Gigaclear had reinstated the road markings disturbed by their works. The Clerk discussed his and Cllr. King's meeting with a representative of the company.

The Clerk spoke of his meeting with Ian Boyes of Northamptonshire Highways and explained why priority changes at Station Road/High Street, Rushton and Desborough Road and Rushton Road Pipewell were not viable. It was agreed to ask Ian Boyes to go ahead with the proposed markings at Pipewell. **Action: Clerk**

It was felt that many road markings were in need of refurbishment.

Cllr. Hooton gave an update on the situation with street lights.

The Clerk was asked to find out about progress over the speed restriction extension in Desborough Road. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr King said that the gullies had not been cleared and now many in Rushton were blocked.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **19/099 Recreation Ground**

Cllr. Gardiner said that the grass had been cut recently but there continued to be problems with mole activity. **Action: Clerk**

#### **19/100 New Albion Wind Farm**

Cllr. King gave an update following the last meeting of the Board held on 24<sup>th</sup> July. The new year's contribution had been received making a balance of £32,376.50.

#### **19/101 To Approve the Refurbishment of Pipewell Telephone Kiosk**

A quotation of £832 had been received for this work and it was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Tye that an application for a grant be submitted and the work programmed.

#### **19/102 Resolution to Adopt NALC's Model Financial Regulations 2019**

The Clerk recommended that the updated regulations be adopted by the council. The document will be adapted to suit the Parish Council and then formally adopted at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

*Cllr. Hooton left at 8:15pm*

#### **19/103 County Councillor**

Cllr. Hakewill may arrive later.

#### **19/104 To Determine Membership of the Planning Sub-group**

It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Gardener that Cllr Cruickshank be elected as a member of the sub-group.

#### **19/105 To Determine the Second Representative for the Village Hall**

It was proposed by Cllr. Abraham and seconded by Cllr. King that Cllr. Gardener be elected as the second representative for the Village Hall.

#### **19/106 Allotments Update**

The Clerk said that another plot had been tenanted leaving just a half plot remaining.

The Clerk had still to look into the provision of a gate to the site. **Action: Clerk**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. King that Cllr. Cruickshank be elected to join Cllrs. Hooton and Gardiner on the Allotment Sub-group.

#### **19/107 VE Day Celebrations 2020**

Cllr. Abraham is to include an item in The Triangle regarding this event which will be in line with national arrangements. Pipewell will be holding a service. **Action: KA**

#### **19/108 Parishioners' Questions**

i) In response to a question regarding the land adjacent to the railway, it was reported that an enforcement notice had been served and was going through the necessary process.

ii) Following a fallen tree in Pipewell, the Clerk spoke of NCC's process in clearing the highway.

iii) Trout Farm. Nothing further on this matter for which a court hearing was pending.

#### **19/109 Finance**

(i) The current statement of accounts was presented by the Clerk. Receipts of £763.45 had been received since the last meeting being £3.45 western Power, £750 New Albion Fund and £10 allotment rental.

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

**Chairman**

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### Minibus account-

#### Retrospective:

01.08.19 Fuel Genie. £116.50 D/D

Fuel Genie £59.78 D/D

R Reed third of half-yearly salary £350.00 Cheque No. 243

R Reed £165.00 Cheque No. 244 (Reimburse for vehicle tax)

### Ordinary account-

HMRC PAYE £264.20 Cheque No. 100856

R Reed 2/3 half-yearly salary and expences £908.94 Cheque No. 100857

Ladywell Accountancy Services £25.00 Cheque No. 100858

Rushton Village Hall 3 x invoices £110.00 Cheque No. 100859

Finding Fitness Ltd. £5040.00 Cheque No. 100860

PKF Littlejohn LLP £240.00 Cheque No, 100861

- (iii) The Annual Audit Report was presented by the Clerk. It was noted that the auditors had found no issues of concern It was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner that the report be approved.

### **19/110 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report**

Cllr. King's presented the Planning Report as follows.

**KET/2019/0394:** Full application to replace an existing car port with a garage at 13 High Street. No objections.

### **19/111 Correspondence**

As per list circulated to Members.

### **19/112 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda**

Following the last meeting, Cllr. King had written to KBC regarding the Pocket Park but had received no reply to date. He is to write again. **Action: BK**

### **19/113 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:32pm.