

# **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> November 2019 in the Village Hall.**

### **Attendance**

Cllr. K Abraham	Chairman
Cllr. R Gardiner	
Cllr. Mrs Brightman	
Cllr. B King	
Cllr. N Tye	
Cllr. P Palmer	
Cllr. S Cruickshank	

NCC Cllr. Hakewill	Part meeting
Mr Neil Johnson MGL	Part meeting

There were six parishioners in attendance.

### **19/114 Apologies**

Cllrs. Hooton, Thompson and KBC Cllr. Howes.

### **19/115 Local Policing**

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

### **19/116 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update**

Ms. Wellings of Oakley spoke of problems being experienced locally with odours from the landfill site. She had been a resident since 2001 and the problem was worsening. The Chairman referred to the discussions at Parish Council meetings over the last few years and Mr Johnson responded and spoke of gas issues. He confirmed that the Environment Agency visits the site or the area following receipt of complaints. He said that as it currently stands, the site has about 12-18 months of landfill. Regarding the fire during the summer, he clarified the sequence of events having studied CCTV images and considered that the cause was due to lithium batteries igniting.

### **19/117 County Councillor**

*This item had been moved up the agenda to allow Cllr. Hakewill to leave.*

Cllr. Hakewill discussed concerns over the Lyndon Thomas court case, traveller issues, NCC budgets and the bus grant. Concerns over the recent temporary rescinding of the AWR and the need for statements to enable the Police to take action over breaches of orders by HGVs.

### **19/118 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

### **19/119 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

It was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. King and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

### **19/120 Matters arising**

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

### **19/121 Ward Councillor**

Cllr. Howes was not in attendance.

### **19/122 Rushton Community Minibus**

The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. £449.60 in private hire fees had been received since the last meeting.

Mr John Jefferis had returned two of the cancelled fuel cards to the Clerk and the third had been destroyed.

In response to an enquiry about the cleanliness of the vehicle, Cllr. Tye said that he had recently steam cleaned it.

### **19/123 Highway Issues**

Following discussions at the last meeting, the Clerk had contacted Highways regarding pedestrian safety on the Blue Bridge and warning signs would be provided when funds were available.

The new markings at Pipewell had been ordered.

Highways was arranging for the clearance of vegetation at the bus stop on the A6003.

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Concerns had been raised about the lack of adequate street lighting in Pipewell there being only three lamps leaving areas in the dark. An addition two units are required. It was explained that KBC had the responsibility of parish lighting and that authority would be contacted about the provision of additional lamps. Action: Clerk

#### **19/124 Recreation Ground**

Cllr. Gardiner suggested that additional equipment be considered at an estimated cost of £15,000 funded by Grantscape and the Wind Farm fund.

#### **19/125 New Albion Wind Farm**

Cllr. King gave an update on the fund which stood at £31,638.50. A meeting of the board was scheduled for the next day when three applications were to be considered.

#### **19/126 2020/21 Budget**

The Clerk had circulated the first draft of next year's budget and this was discussed by Members. Some amendments were made and the revised version is to be approved at the January meeting when the precept for 2020/21 would be set. **Action: Clerk**

#### **19/127 To Consider the Need to Promote Candidacy at the May 2020 Elections**

The indications were that there was likely to be a 100% increase in the number of councillors standing down over previous elections and there was a need to encourage candidates to come forward. Cllr. Abraham is the place an article in The Triangle. **Action: KA**

#### **19/128 Allotments Update**

The Clerk said that all plots were now tenanted.

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

#### **19/129 VE Day Celebrations 2020**

Cllr. Abraham spoke of the proposed arrangements which would be in line with national events. Various suggestions were discussed.

#### **19/130 Parishioners' Questions**

Mr Anthony Shemilt spoke of the Pipewell Village Committee and made a number of suggestions including having a dedicated councillor for Pipewell and a change of the Parish Council's title to Rushton, Pipewell and Glendon Parish Council. It was pointed out that there existed a vacancy on the Parish Council and perhaps the Committee could put forward a candidate for this post. Mr Shemilt asked the Parish Council to consider the matter. **Action: All/Clerk**

#### **19/131 Finance**

- (i) The current statement of accounts was presented by the Clerk. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report for members' consideration.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, Proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner:

##### Minibus account-

Retrospective:

01.10.19 Fuel Genie. £66.71 D/D

Fuel Genie £92.01 D/D

Tyetune Auto Services £194.05 Cheque No. 245

DACT £30.00 Cheque No. 246

##### Ordinary account-

Retrospective:

Glynn Mould £238.50 Cheque No.100862

The Play Inspection Co. Ltd. ££78.00 Cheque No. 100863

Rushton Village Hall 3 x invoices £100.00 Cheque No. 100864

Finding Fitness Ltd. £360.00 Cheque No. 100865

PKF Littlejohn LLP £240.00 Cheque No, 100861

- (iv) The Clerk discussed the recent telephone interview he had undertaken with HSBC as part of the formers updating of information to prevent money laundering issues.

#### **19/132 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report**

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

**KET/2019/0637:** Application for a porch to the front of 2 Manor Road. No objections.

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**KET/2019/0640:** Retrospective application for LBC for the replacement of 6 windows. No objections.

**KET/2019/0627:** Application for two storey side extension, a single storey rear extension, removal of 2 trees and widening of drive. Object for a number of reasons the main being that it would virtually double in size the ground floor and would destroy the symmetry of the row of semi-detached houses.

**KET/2019/0665:** Application for the erection of an outbuilding at 21 High Street. Not yet determined.

**KET/2019/0006:** Amended application following completion of a bat survey. No objections.

**19/133 Correspondence**

As per list circulated to Members.

It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Brightman that KBC's revised Code of Conduct be adopted by the Parish Council, amended to relate to the Parish Council.

**Action: Clerk**

The missing stile on public footpath GY2, reported by a resident is to be reported to The Street Doctor. Action: Clerk *Subsequent note: Reference 1883621*

**19/134 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda**

It was noted that Gigaclear had carried out remedials in the last day or so.

Road markings need refurbishment throughout the village.

It was suggested that an additional High Street sign at the Station Road junction would be beneficial as delivery drivers seem to be having difficulty finding the road. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Tye is to follow up the Pullman Close sign.

KBC is pursuing the matter of the tip adjacent to the Station House.

**19/135 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25pm.