

# **RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Parish Council Meeting Minute Book**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Village Hall.**

### **Attendance**

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

KBC Cllr. David Howes

There were six parishioners in attendance.

### **20/001 Apologies**

Cllr. King; NCC Cllr. Jim Hakewill; Police

### **20/002 Local Policing**

The latest crime report had been forwarded to councillors by the Clerk who presented the Police priorities for the next month or so.

*Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update; this item was deferred until later pending the arrival of Neil Johnson.*

### **20/003 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

### **20/004 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gardiner and seconded by Cllr. Tye and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

### **20/005 Matters arising**

The need for an additional street nameplate at the High Street/Station Road junction had been reported to KBC and it had been agreed to provide two more signs.

### **20/006 Ward Councillor**

Cllr. Howes spoke of KBC's budget for 2020/21 and the start of the consultation period. He discussed the forthcoming unitary authorities and the planned May elections. KBC will continue in its current role for the next 12 months. Concerns were raised over the departure of the Enforcement Officer who had been dealing with the HGV issue but Cllr. Howes gave assurances that the situation is under continual review by the enforcement team.

### **20/007 Rushton Community Minibus**

The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. £329.60 in private hire fees had been received since the last meeting.

Mr Paddock had raised concerns over the condition the vehicle had been left in by some hirers and also them not being on time for pickup, etc. It was agreed to refer the matter to the committee for consideration.

Mr Jefferis had asked to retire from his role as administrator from the end of March. Future arrangements are to be considered by the committee and a meeting was scheduled for 7:00pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall. **Action: KA**

### **20/008 Highway Issues**

Cllr. Hooton reported on the recent meeting with KBC over additional street lighting in Pipewell. It had been agreed to provide an additional lamp opposite the church.

All parish lighting was now working but it was reported that two street lamps were not working on the A6003 at Storefield Cottages. **Action: Clerk**

The clearance of the vegetation around the Storefield bus shelter was still outstanding.

**Action: Clerk**

The Clerk is to enquire over the situation with the speed restriction extension in Desborough Road. **Action: Clerk**

**Chairman**

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The VASs are now in place and working. Cllr. Gardiner presented data from a sample week at each site. The Clerk has notified the insurers and the signs are now covered but there will be no increase in the premium until the next renewal.

#### **20/009 Recreation Ground**

Cllr. Gardiner has applied for grants to cover the purchase of additional equipment for the Recreation Ground.

#### **20/010 New Albion Wind Farm**

On behalf of Cllr. King, the Clerk gave an update on the fund situation. Following the last PC meeting, grants were made for the renovation of Pipewell's telephone box, (£825), the building of a new outdoor classroom at Rushton Primary School, (£6000) and an upgrade to the lighting in Rushton and Pipewell Churches, (£5229.43). This leaves a balance of £18,584.07 available.

#### **20/011 Notice Boards**

The notice board in Chapel Lane is in need of replacement, the Desborough Road board lets in water, the Storefield board is in need of attention and Pipewell currently shares the one owned by the church. Consideration is to be given to purchasing four new boards with "RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL" header. Action: RG

#### **20/012 2020/21 Town & Parish Council Elections**

Cllr. Abraham has placed an item in The Triangle and encouraged Pipewell residents to seek a candidate.

#### **20/013 VE Day 75 Celebrations**

Cllr. Abraham said that the WI was interested in providing a 1940s tea backed with music from the era. Cllr. Abraham is to contact the MP to request the presentation of a toast.

Action: KA

#### **20/014 To Approve the 2020/21 Budget**

The Clerk had circulated the second draft of next year's budget and this was discussed by Members. Some amendments were made and it was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner that the budget be approved as amended. Carried unanimously. Action: Clerk

#### **20/015 To Approve the 2020/21 Precept**

It was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Hooton to set the precept at £6,700. Carried unanimously. Action: Clerk

#### **20/016 County Councillor**

Cllr. Hakewill had sent his apologies.

#### **20/017 Mick George – Rushton Landfill Site Update**

*There was no MGL representative present*

Cllr. Hooton had spoken to Neil Johnson recently regarding odour from the site. The Clerk presented the report from the Environment Agency. The current and recent situation was discussed. There were concerns that there may be seepage from the cells into ground water and it was asked if soil samples were taken. The Clerk is to pursue these concerns with the EA. Action: Clerk

#### **20/018 Parishioners' Questions**

- i) There was concern that Lynden Thomas was looking for permission to route HGVs through Pipewell. It was also understood that his Operator's Licence had been revoked.
- ii) The problems with blocked drains in Pipewell were being dealt with.
- iii) There were a number of potholes in Oakley Road Pipewell.
- iv) There are some benches in Pipewell that may be available for the Recreation Ground.
- v) A Neighbourhood Watch representative had attended the last meeting of the Pipewell Village Committee. A request was made for a contribution from the Parish Council towards the cost of heating and lighting at future meetings. The Clerk explained that this was not a permitted use of public funds.

*9:15pm Cllr. Mrs Brightman left the meeting*

#### **20/019 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. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Hooton:

**Chairman**

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### Minibus account-

#### Retrospective:

02.12.19 Fuel Genie. £81.50 D/D

31.12.19 Fuel Genie £0.00 D/D

### Ordinary account-

#### Retrospective:

Wayne Sumpter £70.00 Cheque No.100866

RBL Poppy Appeal £40.00 Cheque No. 100867

Mr R Gardiner. £664.50 Cheque No. 100868

Rushton Primary School £1020.00 Cheque No. 100869

Rushton Village Hall 3 x invoices £80.00 Cheque No. 100870

Northamptonshire ACRE. £35.00 Cheque No. 100871

Rushton Parish News Publications £750.00 Cheque No, 100872

(iv) The Clerk gave details of KBC's Budget Consultation meeting.

### **20/020 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report**

The Clerk presented Cllr. King's Planning Report as follows.

**KET/2019/0681:** Application for a porch to the front and single storey rear extension at 15 High Street. No objections and subsequently approved.

**KET/2019/0765:** Application for LBC Lower Lodge Farm, Oakley Road, Pipewell. No objections and subsequently approved.

**KET/2019/0665:** Application for the erection of an outbuilding at 21 High Street. Supported by the Parish Council but subsequently refused. It was considered that there was no point in an appeal.

**18/00028/WASVOC:** This is still awaiting the Coroner's verdict before being determined.

The Clerk was asked to seek an update from KBC regarding the land at the side of the railway line east of the bridge. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk had received a paper copy of KBC's Site Specific Consultation which was handed to Cllr. Hooton.

### **20/021 Correspondence**

As per list circulated to Members.

### **20/022 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda**

There appeared to have been no attention to the blocked gullies in Rushton. **Action: Clerk**

The damage to the lane opposite the Church has not been repaired by Gigaclear. The Clerk was asked to report this to the company. **Action: Clerk**

### **20/023 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

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