

# **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> May 2020 virtually via the Zoom platform and following the Annual Meeting.**

### **Attendance**

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

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| Mr Richard Reed | Clerk |
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County Councillor Jim Hakewill

There were no residents observing the meeting

### **20/045 Apologies**

Police

### **20/046 Local Policing**

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

### **20/047 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update**

There was no MGL representative in attendance.

The Environment Agency's report was discussed. Although the new flare had been installed and is working the odour nuisance does not seem to have been reduced. Due to the current situation, the meeting with the EA and the Parish Council on 4<sup>th</sup> May had been cancelled and the next is scheduled for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Cllr. Hakewill said that he was making enquiries over the problems with the site. There had been no further news over any future extension of the site and the outstanding planning permission remains undetermined pending the outcome of the fatal accident inquiry.

### **20/048 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations in respect of the agenda items.

### **20/049 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10.03.20**

It was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Brightman and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

### **20/050 Matters arising**

Following the deferment of the local elections to next year, any vacancies have to be advertised with a note that elections will not be held prior to those scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Councils will be able to co-opt following the period of advertisement.

Cllr. Hakewill gave an update on the County Council's budget situation and the cost of dealing with Covid19 together with progress on the creation of the unitary authorities. KBC has a virtual planning meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May to look at how it will deal with planning matters during the pandemic. It was noted that the Rural Forum had temporarily been suspended.

He was unable to give any update on the Enforcement Notice situation regarding Lyndon Thomas as this was a KBC matter.

### **20/051 Rushton Combined Charities**

Cllr. Abraham present the annual report.

### **20/052 Rushton Community Minibus**

The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. £145.60 in private hire fees had been received since the last meeting.

The minibus was taken out of service at the start of the present crisis to ensure the safety of the drivers and passengers. Cllr Tye regularly checks it over and takes it for a run to ensure it is fully serviceable when needed again.

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### **20/053 Highway Issues**

The extension to the speed restriction in Desborough Road is still outstanding. The Clerk is to contact NCC to ascertain when this may be carried out. **Action: Clerk.**

A quote has been requested for the relocation of the VAS post in Pipewell.

Cllr. Gardiner has had details of the data from the devices printed in The Triangle.

Cllr. Cruickshank has reported two apparent infringements of the weight limit and asked if dash cam footage can be provided if possible. **Action: All**

### **20/054 Recreation Ground**

The Recreation Ground remains closed to avoid the use of the play equipment. A deposit for the outdoor gym equipment has been paid.

### **20/055 New Albion Wind Farm**

Cllr. King said that the balance remains as last time but there is an application for a grant towards the new notice boards which will reduce this to about £900. This year's income is due at the end of July/early August.

### **20/056 To receive the Annual Review of:**

Financial Regulations: The Clerk suggested that these be reviewed in respect of banding for tendering etc. **Action: Clerk**

Risk Assessment: Considered to meet the council's needs

Internal audit arrangements: Considered to meet the council's needs.

Insurance cover: Cover is satisfactory and the council is in a 3-year long term agreement.

### **20/057 To approve the Internal Auditor's Report**

It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Tye that the Internal Auditor's report be approved.

### **20/058 To approve the Governance Statement of the Annual Audit Return**

It was proposed by Cllr. Tye and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Brightman that the Governance Statement be approved.

### **20/059 To approve the Accounting Statement of the Annual Audit Return**

It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Palmer that the Accounting Statement be approved.

### **20/060 Finance**

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts for 2019/20 and 2020/21. In 2019/20, since the last meeting receipts totalling £14,485 had been received in the form of grants for Pipewell telephone box, £825 and £13,660 for the Outdoor Gym. In 2020/21 a total of £10,352.41 had been received comprising £6700 precept and £ 3652.41 VAT refund.

(ii) The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation statement for 2019/20

(iii) The Clerk presented the final budget monitoring report for 2019/20.

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

Ordinary account-

Retrospective:

25.03.20 Rushton Village Hall March Post Office £20.00 Cheque No. 100881

30.03.20 The Great Outdoor Gym Co. Ltd. £10,000 Cheque No. 100882

Northants CALC £319.32 Cheque No. 100883

Came & Co. £858.25 Cheque No. 100884

R Reed Reimburse for Zoom upgrade £143.88 Cheque No. 100885

Ian Arnott £75.00 Cheque No. 100886

R Reed (Website domain) £8.34 Cheque No, 100887

Adam Curtis £165.00 Cheque No. 100888

(iv) There was no other financial business.

### **20/061 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report**

Cllr. King presented his report.

KET/2020/0121: Application in neighbouring parish for warehouse and ancillary works. No objections raised but it had been pointed out that it may generate extra traffic for Rushton.

KET/2020/0060: Swimming pool and gazebo at The Paddocks, Rushton Road, Pipewell. A reply was due over a month ago but nothing has been received. Cllr. King is waiting a call from KBC.

### **20/062 Correspondence**

As per list circulated to Members.

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**20/063 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda**

Cllr. King said that the trees between the Church and Desborough Road were choked with ivy and there may be some branches that needed looking at. Cllr. Abraham said that he would speak to the owner. **Action: KA**

Cllr. Gardiner said that the bench outside the pub was also covered in ivy from the adjacent hedge. He said he would check this. **Action: RG**

Cllr. Cruickshank said that some fencing of the rear gardens of the Desborough Road bungalows had been carried out and accesses provided into the allotments. Garden waste was also being tipped against the fence and this was encroaching on the access to the plots. A 4 foot high fence had also been erected at the front of one of the properties. The Clerk said he would check with KBC to see if the bungalows were still in that authorities ownership. **Action: Clerk**

**20/064 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 commencing at 7:30pm. Whether via Zoom or in the Village Hall depended on the restrictions prevailing at the time.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm.