

# **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> November 2020 virtually via the Zoom.**

### **Attendance**

Cllr. K Abraham	Chairman
Cllr. P Palmer	
Cllr. R King	
Cllr. S Cruickshank	
Cllr. P Hooton	
Cllr. Mrs J Brightman	
Cllr. Ms L White	
Cllr. K O'Brien	
Cllr. R Gardiner	

Mr Richard Reed	Clerk
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NCC Cllr. Jim Hakewill	Part meeting
KBC Cllr. David Howes	

Neil Johnson MGL	Part meeting
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Stacey Price North Northants First Responders part meeting

There was one resident in attendance

### **20/101 Apologies**

NCC Cllr. Hakewill may be late arriving

### **20/102 North Northants First Responders**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Stacey Price who gave an informative presentation about the activities of the team. She said that she would like to recruit a First Responder in Rushton and also arrange for a second defibrillator accessible for public use. She said that she would forward posters for display and answered questions from councillors. Cllr. Cruickshank suggested that a training sessions be arranged in Rushton.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Price for her presentation.

### **20/0103 Local Policing**

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

### **20/104 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update**

Mr N Johnson gave an update of activities at the site and discussed the Environment Agency's report which is appended to these minutes. The number of complaints was reducing. Mr Johnson said that there were no plans to expand the site once the existing area was completed in another 12 months or so after which the site would be restored to farm land. The recycling facility would continue to operate.

### **20/105 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Abraham declared an interest under item 16 as he is Vice-chairman of the PCC.

### **20/106 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 08.09.20**

It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Hooton and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

*The signing of the minutes will be carried out retrospectively upon return to face to face meetings.*

### **20/107 Matters arising**

The Clerk reported that notices regarding the casual vacancy created by Nigel Tye's resignation had been posted and if fewer than ten requests had been received by the end of the statutory advertisement period, mid-November, the council would be free to co-opt.

### **20/108 District Councillor**

Cllr. Howes said that there was nothing specific to report given the approach of the unitary authorities and the effect of Covid19.

Cllr. King spoke of the problems he was encountering getting planning officers to return telephone calls and Cllr. Howes said he would speak to the Head of Service.

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Cllr. Ms. White thanked Cllr. Howes for getting a new litter bin installed at the High Street/Manor Road junction and Cllr. O'Brien complemented her on her campaign over dog-waste issues.

*The County Councillor item was deferred pending the arrival of Cllr. Hakewill*

### **20/109 Rushton Community Minibus**

The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting owing to the Covid 19 situation. The vehicle had been taxed and Mr. Nigel Tye had arranged for the MOT to be carried out.

### **20/110 Highway Issues**

A resident had raised concerns over the dangers at the junction of Station Road by the railway bridge due to lack of advance warning and the poor condition of the road markings. A similar situation with the road markings existed at the other end of Station Road. Mr Ian Boyes had submitted proposals for the refurbishment of the road markings at the eastern end together with additional "SLOW" markings.

Cllr. Cruickshank spoke of the need for traffic calming measures. The VAS data has identified speeding issues and the HGV problems are well known. The additional housing in the area is going to generate more traffic problems. He suggested the setting up of a small sub-group to consider issues and would be prepared to take this forward. **Action: SC**

Cllr. Mrs Brightman also raised a number of concerns. Cllr. King was supportive of this proposal and had raised with NCC Cllr. Hakewill the matter of traffic calming and its implementation in other villages.

It was noted that Western Power would be undertaking works in Station Road shortly.

Cllr. O'Brien said that he would look at the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. **Action: KO'B**

Cllr. Cruickshank had attended a Zoom meeting of the Rothwell North Working Party and gave a report of the discussions. He would be acquiring a banner for display at the Oakley Road junction. **Action: SC**

It was again reported that areas of Oakley Road were breaking up due to the action of HGVs. To be reported to The Street Doctor. **Action: Clerk**

### **20/111 Recreation Ground**

Moles continue to be active but as an invoice had been received from Wayne Sumpter this matter may have been dealt with.

The dog-waste problems seem to have been resolved.

An additional bench ex-Pipewell has been installed.

### **20/112 New Albion Wind Farm**

Cllr. King presented his report. The balance of the fund currently stood at £33,788.13 and the original grant for Pipewell telephone kiosk is being refunded. New applications include £1200 for Pipewell telephone kiosk (updated estimate) and £12,000 for Rushton Cricket Club.

### **20/113 Allotments**

Following the decision at the last meeting to not renew the lease, KBC had contacted the Clerk offering to help with improvements and maintenance.

*8:50pm Cllr. Hakewill joined the meeting*

Following discussion it was agreed to stay with the original decision. **Action: Clerk**

### **20/114 Speed Awareness/VAS**

Cllr. Gardiner discussed the latest data from the VAS which he had previously circulated

### **20/115 Church Clock**

It was agreed to sign up for the 3-year SLA for clock maintenance with Smith of Derby, proposed by Cllr. Hooton and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner. **Action: Clerk**

In respect of the attention needed to the winding gear or the change to auto-winding, Cllr. Abraham is to take this up with the PCC at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020. **Action: KA**

### **20/116 Notice Boards**

The new notice boards are all in use and consideration was given to unlocking one side for use by the public. It was agreed to place a notice on the boards to advise people to contact Cllr. King in respect of the display of non-official notices.

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### **20/117 Litter Pick**

Cllr. O'Brien proposed that arrangements be made for a litter pick in the New Year. Once a date has been agreed the Clerk will contact KBC for the supply of equipment and the subsequent collection of the collected refuse. **Action: KOB/Clerk**

### **20/118 County Councillor**

Cllr. Hakewill discussed the meeting with MGL and Corby councillors, highway issues, s.106 contributions and unitary authority issues.

### **20/119 Review of Clerk's Salary**

It was noted that the workload is exceeding the Clerk's contracted hours. The Clerk is to forward details of the salary scales to the Chairman for further consideration. **Action: KA/Clerk**

### **20/120 2021/22 Budget**

The Clerk had previously circulated the initial draft budget. Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk with comments so that the draft can be updated prior to approval at the January meeting. **Action: ALL/Clerk**

### **20/121 Parishioners Questions**

There were no comments at this time.

### **20/122 Finance**

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts, the budget monitoring report and the bank reconciliation statement. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.

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

#### Minibus account

Tye Tune Auto Services £59.55 Cheque No. 251

#### Ordinary account-

##### Retrospective

24.09.20 NCALC £44.00 Cheque No. 100896

24.09.20 PKF Littlejohn LLP £240.00 Cheque No. 100897

08.10.20 Mr Adam Curtis £390.00 Cheque No.100898

29.10.20 Wayne Sumpter £70.00 Cheque No. 100899

29.10.20 The Community Heartbeat Trust £104.40 Cheque No. 100900

RBL Poppy Appeal £40.00 Cheque no.100901

(iii) The Clerk presented the External Auditor's report. It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner that the report be accepted and approved.

The Clerk will post details on the website. **Action: Clerk**

### **20/123 Planning Matters: To Receive the Planning Report**

Cllr. King presented his report.

The following applications had been considered by the Planning Sub-group:

KET/2020/0658: Porch to the side of Styles Cottage, Rothwell Road. No objections.

KET/2020/0436: Application for the replacement of the front porch, soffits and fascias, change windows to sash and cut out and insert wall to front of 17 High Street. No objections.

KET/2020/0565 & KET/2020/0566: Application for the conversion of a barn to a one bedroomed annex to the main dwelling at Lower lodge Farm, Oakley Road, Pipewell. Also application for listed building consent. No objections.

The following applications had been identified on KBC's weekly list but the PC has not yet been asked to comment:

KET/2020/0667: Further work by Network Rail to the "Blue Bridge." A call is awaited from KBC.

KET/2020/0514: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an outbuilding in the garden of 9 High Street.

KET/2020/0691: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a caravan at Styles Lodge on Rothwell Road.

Cllr king had tried to contact KBC but received no response regarding an application for an Operator's Licence at Glendon. Now approved.

Further applications had been received for consideration and reporting at the next meeting.

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**20/124 Correspondence**

As per list circulated to Members.

**20/125 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda**

There were no items at this time.

**20/126 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 commencing at 7:30pm. Whether via Zoom or in the Village Hall depending on the restrictions prevailing at the time.

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:45pm.

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**Rushton Landfill Site Update**

Environment Agency

9th November 2020

**Number of odour reports received**

July - 57

August – 47

September – 36

October - 17

**Odour reports**

The odour reports have been dropping month on month. The majority of the recent reports have been from areas close to the landfill though a few have been received from Great Oakley and from Rothwell.

**Odour assessments**

The Environment Agency has conducted twenty odour assessments between July and October. The majority of these have not detected any odours but some occasional odours have been noticed around Storefield and the housing estate behind Aldi. These odours have generally been low level and intermittent.

**Site Inspections**

The new flare continues to operate and all the site leachate wells are also now connected to it. This should help reduce any fugitive emissions and odours from these points.

Recent site inspections have concentrated on the tipping face and ensuring that waste is being covered promptly in order to reduce odours. The tipping face was seen to be small in size and well controlled. Stockpiles of cover materials are stored next to the tipping face so that the waste can be covered quickly in an attempt to reduce odours.

Discussions have been held on how best to further control potential odours coming from the current tipping cell. Plans are being drawn up to install more temporary gas wells into the current tipping cell to help collect any landfill gas and burn it in the site flare. Once the cell is full it will be capped off and permanent gas wells will be installed in line with the rest of the landfill.

It is impossible to say how long it will take to fill the current tipping cell as it all depends on how quickly waste is brought onto the site for disposal. Current projections imply the cell will be filled by the end of 2021 but that timescale is subject to change.

The company are looking to find another area to use as a landfill and so the future of the Rushton landfill is dependent on how quickly this happens.