

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2021 at Rushton Village Hall immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Attendance

Cllr. P Hooton	Chairman
Cllr. R King	
Cllr. S Cruickshank	
Cllr. Mrs J Brightman	
Cllr. K O'Brien	

Mr Richard Reed	Clerk
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NNC Cllr. Jim Hakewill

Mr P Palmer

There were two members of the public in attendance

21/049 Apologies

Mr Neil Johnson MGL

21/050 Local Policing

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

21/051 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

Cllr. King discussed the latest report from the Environment Agency which had had previously been circulated to councillors. A copy is appended to these minutes.

21/052 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations on the agenda items at this time.

21/053 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 09.03.21

It was proposed by Cllr. Cruickshank and seconded by Cllr. King and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th March 2021 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

21/054 Matters arising

Following the presentation from Gary Kirk at the last meeting it was agreed to pursue the question of a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. O'Brien is to take the lead on this project and would contact parishes that have or are in the process of developing a plan. **Action: KOB**

The Clerk had received a copy of the sealed Deed of Surrender for the allotments from NNC.

21/055 Rushton Community Minibus

Toni Orwin had produced a draft questionnaire to be sent to residents to find what they required from the minibus service.

The Clerk presented the latest statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting owing to the Covid 19 situation.

Cllr. Cruickshank said that his MiDAS certification was due to expire soon. Other drivers are to be checked to determine refresher training needs. **Action: Clerk**

21/056 Highway Issues

Many if not all gullies in the village are blocked. NNC is aware but the Clerk is to contact Ian Boyes to see what the current situation with these is and also mention the grips on Storefield Road. **Action: Clerk**

21/057 Recreation Ground

Mr Gardiner spoke of recent works carried out to clean and tidy the park. It is understood that NNC inspects the park weekly and that records are available.

21/058 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King presented his report. At the last meeting it was agreed to fund the balance of the Village Sign cost and also fund a second sign at the opposite end of the village. Arrangements for this are to be discussed at the next meeting but in the meantime councillors are to consider a possible location. **Action: All/Clerk**

Installation of the first sign is to begin this week commencing on Thursday 13th May.

The current balance of the fund is £2783 which can be carried forward to the next year's allocation.

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21/059 North Northamptonshire Councillor

Cllr. Hakewill was welcomed to the meeting and he discussed arrangements that are emerging from the new authority. More details will be known after the first meeting of the council later in May.

21/060 Planning Report

This item was brought forward while Cllr. Hakewill was still in attendance.

Cllr. King presented his report which is appended to these minutes. Cllr. King also expressed concern over the lack of communication from NNC over planning matters since the start of the new authority. Currently there are five applications for which Cllr. King has not received notification.

21/061 To fill vacancies on the council by co-option.

Four seats are vacant on the council following the elections on 6th May.

Cllr. Mrs Brightman nominated Mr Peter Palmer and this was seconded by Cllr. King with all in favour. As there were no other nominations, Mr Palmer was therefore elected to become a Parish Councillor.

It was agreed to advertise the need for councillors on the village Facebook page, in The Triangle and on the website. **Action: All**

21/062 Village Sign

Installation arrangements discussed under 21/058.

21/063 to receive the annual Review of

Financial Regulations – to 2019 version. Clerk to review and reissue.

Risk Assessment - meets the council's needs

Internal Audit arrangements – meets the council's needs

Insurance cover – currently under long term agreement with Came & Co.

21/064 To approve the Internal Auditor's Report

It was proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr. O'Brien that the report be accepted.

21/065 To approve the Governance Statement of the Annual Audit Return

It was proposed by Cllr. Cruickshank and seconded by Cllr. King that the statement be approved.

21/066 To approve the Accounting Statement of the Annual Audit Return

It was proposed by Cllr. Wass and seconded by Cllr. O'Brien that the statement be approved

21/067 Parishioners Questions

The situation over Birchfield Springs was enquired about but nothing further had been heard.

21/068 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts for 2020/21 1st 2021/22 and the bank reconciliation statement for 2020/21. A grant of 33680 had been received from The Big Lottery fund for the summer Holiday Camps.

(ii) The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report for 2020/21

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

Ordinary account-

Retrospective

11.03.21 R Gardiner £269.68 Cheque No. 100911

Northants CALC £324.68 Cheque No. 100912

R Gardiner £122.03 Cheque No.100913

Came & Co. £1252.38 Cheque No. 100914

R Reed £8.34 Cheque No.100915

Rushton Village Hall £20.00 Cheque No. 100916

R Reed £20.55 Cheque No. 100917

Minibus Account

Retrospective

Bollington Insurance Brokers Ltd. £803.54 Cheque No. 253

(iv) There was no further financial business.

21/069 Correspondence

As per list circulated to Members.

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21/070 items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda

Cllr. Hooton asked that thanks be recorded in the minutes for those councillors who had stood down from the Parish Council at the elections.

Cllr. Cruickshank expressed appreciation for the work undertaken by Cllr. O'Brien in preparing the Risk assessment for this evening's meeting.

Mr Gardiner will arrange for the handover of the VAS to Cllrs. Wass and O'Brien

Next agenda: Amenity Weight Restriction and speeding issues. The Clerk was asked to obtain a map of the current AWR. **Action: Clerk**

21/071 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th July 2021 commencing at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

As there was no further urgent business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:15pm.

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Planning Report

KET/2020/0871 Camgrain Stores Ltd

This is a full application for a cereal processing plant at Newton Road Newton. It was reported at the last meeting that we had objected to it but since then several councillors have visited the site and our objections have all been answered. Our letter of objection has been withdrawn.

The Old School House Manor Road

Reported at the last meeting that I have had 2 complaints about a wooden structure erected on the top of the garage. KBC have launched an enforcement investigation. I am promised an update but am still waiting. Hopefully it will arrive before the meeting.

NK/2021/0053 Rushton Meadows Ltd.

I mentioned this at the last meeting. It is an application to make the field bought by 3 local residents (Springfield Farm) into a dog walking facility. It has, to everyone's surprise, been turned down. We said that we were strongly supportive.

NK/2021/0290

This is a full application for a medical facility just off the hamburger roundabout opposite the Argos warehouse. We had no objections.

NK/2021/0190 Unit 4 North Kettering Business Park

This is an application for a security fence and gate. We had no objections.

Storefield Aggregates Ltd

This is an application to the Traffic Commissioner spotted by Councillor O' Brien. They want to increase their fleet from 17 to 32 vehicles. We objected via KBC as Parish Councils can't object.

Rushton Landfill Site Update

Chairman

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Environment Agency
10th May 2021

Number of odour reports received

January - 26
February – 32
March – 44
April - 33

Odour reports

The majority of the recent odour reports have been local to the landfill mainly around Rushton and Storefield with a couple from Great Oakley and Rothwell.

Odour assessments

Odour assessments were conducted around the area on eleven days during March and April. Odours were noted on Oakley Road and the A6003 next to the site but no significant odours were noted around housing areas during these assessments.

Additional odour assessments have also been conducted around the AD plant outside Rothwell and while no odours were noted in Rothwell at the time, odours from the AD plant were noted on the A14.

Site Update

MGL are conducting a flux box survey across the site during May. This survey measures the amount of methane coming through the surface of the landfill and will show that the capping is adequately containing the landfill gas or highlight any areas where the capping might need to be improved.

The Environment Agency will be conducting a gas management audit in June with the aim of trying to identify any further improvements that could be made to the gas infrastructure and the site procedures for managing the landfill gas. Any improvements identified would also help to reduce the potential for odour from the site.

Odour assessments will continue through the summer months to keep track of any site odours and also to assess any land spreading odours if they are present.