

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minute Book

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at Rushton Village Hall.

Attendance

Cllr. P Hooton
Cllr. R King
Cllr. Mrs J Brightman
Cllr. K O'Brien
Cllr. P Wass
Cllr. P Palmer
Cllr. S Cruickshank
Cllr. Mrs B Milne

Chairman

Mr Richard Reed
Clerk

Ms. Emma Fontaine: New Clerk
Mr M Brightman
Mr Neil Johnson MGL (Part meeting)
NNC Cllr. Mrs C Brown

There were two members of the public in attendance

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Cllr. Mrs B Milne, Ms. Emma Fontaine and NNC Cllr. Mrs. C Brown

21/092 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

21/093 Local Policing

The latest crime report had been forwarded to councillors by the Clerk together with the latest update from Sgt. Mark McNulty.

21/094 Mick George-Rushton Landfill Site Update

Mr Johnson gave an update of current works on site. The flares were working well and the number of complaints about odours appeared to be reducing. Cllr. King said that no report was available from the Environment Agency for this meeting. Mr Johnson said that some filling remained but the site should be completed next year. He welcomed offers to assist with tree planting as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project and Cllr. O'Brien would liaise with him over this. The current import of clay had come to an end but more would be needed for the final capping next year. Cllr. Cruickshank asked that the Parish Council be notified of the haulage arrangements prior to the start of this work and this was agreed by Mr Johnson.

21/095 Declarations of Interest

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

21/096 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13.07.21

It was proposed by Cllr. Cruickshank and seconded by Cllr. King and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th July 2021 and previously circulated to Members, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

21/097 Matters arising

The Clerk is to follow up Glyn Mould's proposed site visit to check the viability of the site for the second Village Sign.

21/090: Cllr. King had spoken to Lynne White about the Woodyard Close sign. This was not an official sign but had been provided by the residents of the Close.

21/077: The Clerk had updated the website and would provide login details to Emma.

21/098 NNC Councillors

Cllr. Mrs Brown spoke of the developments under the new council and the harmonisation of staff from the previous districts. Parish and Town Council responsibilities are to be resolved and Cllr. Mrs Brown agreed to find out when discussions are due to start. In view of the date clash with Rothwell Town Council which is attended by all three NNC councillors, consideration is to be given to changing the date of the Parish Council meeting.

Chairman

Date

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21/099 Rushton Community Minibus

The Clerk presented that latest statement of accounts. Toni Orwin has spoken to John Jefferis regarding the journey records and once these are to hand a bid will be placed for the grant. The minibus is starting to be used again and additional drivers were joining the team.

21/100 Highway Issues

The footways on Rothwell and Desborough roads have now been sprayed but due to the late timing of the work the vegetation is still standing. NNC to be asked to remove the dead weeds. **Action: Clerk**

It was noted that some repairs had been carried out to the damage caused by HGVs.

It was noted that carriageway repairs were scheduled for Pipewell and these should be carried out prior to the road markings the order for which has been re-issued. **Action: Clerk**

Mrs Barton spoke of speeding issues in Pipewell. Cllr. O'Brien asked for a contact with the Speed Awareness team. **Action: Clerk**

The latest data from the VAS indicated that some drivers were still travelling at excess speeds. NNC to be asked again to consider 20mph zones, chicanes and additional signage.

Action: Clerk

21/101 HGV Issues

HGVs are still breaching the Amenity Weight Limit. Cllr. Cruickshank asked for details of the companies involved and he would then contact them. **Action: All**

It was noted that Lyndon Thomas has been disqualified as a vehicle operator for twelve months.

The following agenda item had been brought forward

21/102 New Albion Wind Farm

Cllr. King has now completed his checks of the situation with the fund and £42897.73 was now available. The forthcoming meeting of the board would consider bids for the school and the Parish Council's Recreation Ground.

21/103 Recreation Ground

Mr Brightman spoke of five trees that required attention to lower branches and a quote had been requested. Mr Brightman was advised that planning consent may be required. There is no proper signage at the park and Mr Brightman is to produce a design for a general sign. There was also a need for warning/advisory signs on the fitness equipment. Mr Brightman discussed his suggestions for fencing, gate and stile improvements. He was asked to produce details and costings of the proposals and then they would be considered by Cllrs. Hooton and King. **Action: MB/PH/BK**

The Clerk had spoken to Wayne Sumpter and the latter intended visiting the park next week to deal with the mole infestation.

21/104 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr. O'Brien gave an update on progress and spoke of his meeting with Gretton PC. Cllr. Mrs Milne suggested contacting ACRE and Cllr. Cruickshank said he would welcome a further meeting with Gary Kirk, outside of the Parish Council meeting to develop proposal before reporting to full council. Cllr. O'Brien to arrange. **Action: KOB**

21/105 Environmental Policy

Cllr. O'Brien discussed his previously circulated draft which he saw as becoming part of the Neighbourhood Plan in due course. Cllr. O'Brien is to liaise with fellow councillors. **Action: KOB**

21/106 Parishioners Questions

Mr Gardiner said that the speed data is shared with Steve Barber at Kierwsp.

Mrs Barton expressed a view over the ineffectiveness of planning enforcement.

21/107 To Receive and Approve the External Auditor's Report

The Clerk had received the External Auditor's Report from PKF Littlejohn LLP which he presented to the meeting. There auditors had found no issues of concern and there were no matters they felt should be drawn to the attention of the council. It was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Cruickshank that the report be approved. **Action: Clerk**

21/108 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. Since the previous meeting £5145.00 from the Wind Farm Fund had been received for the two village signs.

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

Chairman

Date

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Ordinary account-

Retrospective

22.07.21 Glyn Mould £2221.50 Cheque No. 100922

PKF Littlejohn LLP £240.00 Cheque No. 100923

Mr M Brightman £37.53 Cheque No. 100924

Rushton Village Hall £90.00 Cheque No. 100925

Finding Fitness Ltd £3600.00 Cheque No. 100926

R Reed £875.57 Cheque No. 100927

HMRC £317.00 Cheque No. 100928

Minibus Account

Daventry Area Community Transport £123.00 Cheque No. 255

R Reed £530.00 Cheque No. 256

(iii) There were no other financial matters.

21/109 Planning Report

Cllr. King presented his report as follows:

NK/2021/0394

This is a resubmitted application for a single storey front extension to Rowan House, Desborough Road. No objections.

NK/2021/0490 & 0492

Extension to the Leisure facilities Rushton Hall. No objections.

NK/2021/0290

Amended plans for proposed new medical facility in Glendon. No objections.

Approvals had been received for the erection of cereal processing plant at Camgrain Stores Ltd and the dog walking facility at Rushton Meadows between Rushton and Glendon.

21/110 Correspondence

As per list circulated to Members.

21/111 Items requiring urgent attention, for information or the next agenda

Cllr. King said that David Paine had suggested an area of the dog walking facility could be used for the Queens Jubilee celebrations. Mr Gardiner and Mr Brightman agreed to lead on this with assistance from others.

21/112 Date of Next Meeting

To avoid a clash with Rothwell Town Council's meetings, the next meeting is to be on Wednesday 10th November 2021 commencing at the earlier time of **7:00pm** in the Village Hall

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