

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the full Parish Council meeting

held on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present

Councillors: Peter Hooton (Chair), Bob King (Vice Chair), Joy Brightman, Sandy Cruickshank, Beth Milne, Kevin O'Brien, Peter Palmer

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), NNC Councillor Jim Hakewill, 2 representatives from Camgrain and 3 members of the public.

21.113	The Chairman welcomed councillors to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Apologies were received from Cllr Wass.
21.114	There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
21.115	<p>Camgrain</p> <p>Philip Darke (Operations Director) and Reece Carpenter (Site Manager) attended to provide an update on the planned works to route utilities (water and gas) through Rushton to the Camgrain site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rushton will be primarily affected by the gas pipe installation.• Highways applications for the work have been submitted.• Re-surfacing work is due to take place in the village and the gas pipe installation will hopefully be completed at the same time to reduce disruption. The possibility of incorporating traffic calming measures on Desborough Road will be pursued.• There is a possibility that gas can be routed to the village houses by Fulcrum, who are managing the project. Reece will provide the Clerk's contact details to Fulcrum who will be in touch about whether this is possible and what would be required to initiate the supply of gas to Rushton residents.
21.116	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2021</p> <p>The approval of the minutes from 07.09.2021 was proposed by Cllr Cruickshank, seconded by Cllr O'Brien and approved unanimously as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
21.117	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Mick George/Queen's Canopy</p> <p>Cllr O'Brien updated the meeting on his visit to the Mick George site to discuss the Queen's Canopy tree project. Under the terms of the original development, Mick George must place trees on the area. Therefore, it was resolved for the Parish Council to consider the Queen's Canopy trees next year.</p> <p>Village Sign</p> <p>Clerk to check progress of the placement of the village sign. ACTION: Clerk.</p> <p>Wind Farm</p> <p>The grant money from the Wind Farm Fund has been received (fence repairs, decking installation) and the Clerk has been provided with a summary of costs thus far. 3 residents of the village will progress this work over the next few months.</p> <p>A Wind Farm Fund application is being submitted for the trimming of the trees by Cllr Brightman. Planning permission has been received. For information, the current balance of the New Albion Wind Farm Fund is £29,162.73.</p> <p>The Wind Farm Fund will be added as a standing agenda item. ACTION: Clerk.</p>

	<p>Pocket Park</p> <p>Cllr King is in negotiations with North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) to extend the management agreement between NNC and the Parish Council. The current agreement expires in July 2026.</p>
21.118	Cllr Hakewill provided updates on NNC matters. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.
21.119	<p>Rushton Community Minibus</p> <p>It was noted that no claims for funding had been submitted over the last 3 years to the County Council, now NNC. Toni Orwin is seeking to clarify this position. Cllr Hakewill will make enquiries about this and the Clerk will seek to establish when grant funding was last received. It is essential to ensure the service is viable. ACTION: Cllr Hakewill and the Clerk.</p>
21.120	<p>Highways/HGV Issues</p> <p>No issues have been raised by residents. It has been noted by Cllr Cruickshank that Mick George vehicles have been driving through the village. He has reported the incidents to Mick George and asked for any further incidents to be raised with him.</p>
21.121	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Brightman confirmed the mole removal was underway. He also updated that the issue of signage is still under review. He will clarify both the issues of signage requirements and insurance at the next meeting.
21.122	<p>Neighbourhood Plan (NP)</p> <p>It was confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NP Consultant, who met with some members of the Council recently, is paid via a grant system and the cost will not be met by Rushton PC directly. A NP would provide protection against unwanted, speculative development and would also identify areas for development. Engagement with residents is essential and we will need their support and input to progress. Cllr O'Brien will ask the Consultant what process we should be following, we will seek advice from NNC (Cllr Hakewill provided contacts) and we will clarify the Parish boundary. ACTION: Cllr O'Brien. It was resolved to protect development in the village by creating a Neighbourhood Plan.
21.123	<p>Climate Change and Environmental Policy</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr O'Brien's work on the policy will be shared with residents, and this in turn will link into the Neighbourhood Plan. ACTION: Cllr O'Brien.</p>
21.124	The Clerk's training course was approved.
21.125	The change to Unity Trust Bank for both bank accounts was approved. Cllrs Cruickshank, Hooton, King and Milne will be signatories. ACTION: Clerk.
21.126	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. NK/2021/0772 5 Manor Road: objection due to the harmful effect on the residential amenity of the neighbouring property.</p> <p>b. NK/2021/0791: Recreation Ground: has been approved.</p> <p>c. NK/2021/0772: Network Rail, Desborough Road: objection (full response sent).</p> <p>Cllr King updated that the owners of 4 Manor Road have appealed the decision to turn down their application for an extension.</p>
21.127	<p>Finance</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the following:</p> <p>a. Statement of accounts.</p> <p>b. Payments listed in Addendum A.</p>

	c. The 2% precept increase is insufficient to meet expenditure needs identified on the circulated draft budget. Cllr Hooton proposed a precept of £9,000 (based on the presented budget during the meeting), subject to the query of two items: Triangle printing costs, village sign placement costs. ACTION: Cllr King/Clerk.
21.128	It was agreed to consider next meeting how we can use the Speed Indication Device data to support traffic calming measures. ACTION: Cllr Wass.
21.129	<p>Public Open Forum</p> <p>Resident Nicola Dingle attended the meeting to discuss her concerns about safety and speed when accessing the school from the Desborough Road side of the village, on foot, during the school run. It was resolved for the Clerk to contact Ian Boyes (Highways) to see which options are available to us (including 20mph speed advisory signage), copying in Cllr Hakewill. The Clerk will also write to the School Headteacher to reiterate the Parish Council's concerns. ACTION: Clerk.</p> <p>With regard to Rob Gardiner's email regarding a metal memorial soldier, the Parish Council thanked him for his suggestion. We will concentrate on ensuring the War Memorial inscription repair works are completed as the first priority. ACTION: Clerk.</p>
21.130	The meeting closed at 10.25pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 24th January 2022 in the Village Hall.

Addendum A – The following payments were reviewed and approved,

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£22	NALC	Training for the Clerk	Cheque	LGA1972 S111
£60	Nineteen Bookkeeping	Half yearly payroll	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£70.48	Clerk	Expenses	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£20	Clerk	Reimbursement for poppy wreath	Cheque	LGA1972 s137
£486.56	Clerk	Salary (September and October)	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£121.60	HMRC	PAYE	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£20	Rushton Village Hall	Meeting (invoice 2021-42)	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£20	Rushton Village Hall	Meeting (invoice 2021-40)	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£40	Rushton Village Hall	Post Office (invoice 2021-27)	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£30	Rushton Village Hall	Post Office (invoice 2021-35)	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£126.00	The Play Inspection Co Ltd	Outdoor annual inspection	Cheque	LGA 1976 s19

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£68.77	Tyetune	Minibus repairs	Cheque	LG Rating Act 1997
£718.93	Tyetune	Minibus service plus repairs	Cheque	LG Rating Act 1997
£165	Richard Reed	Reimbursement for vehicle tax	Cheque	LG Rating Act 1997
£123	DACT	Driver training for M Brightman	Cheque	LG Rating Act 1997