

## Rushton Parish Council

### Minutes of the full Parish Council meeting

held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 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 (plus Mike Brightman and Bill Parker – see item 2)

**In attendance:** Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), NNC Councillor Joseph Smyth, Neil Johnson (Mick George update)

1	Apologies were received from Cllr Wass.
2	<b>Vacancies and Co-option</b> Mike Brightman and Bill Parker were welcomed to the meeting prior to their proposed co-option. Cllr Hooton proposed the co-option, Cllr King seconded. The Clerk will ensure all appropriate paperwork is completed and sent to NNC. <b>Action: Clerk.</b>
3	There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.
4	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b> The approval of the minutes from 08.11.2021 was proposed by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr O'Brien and approved unanimously as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
5	There were no members of the public present for the Public Open Forum.
6	<b>Matters Arising</b> Cllr Cruickshank raised the issue of the number of accidents along Oakley Road. He will investigate the possibility of a 40mph speed limit. <b>Action: Cllr Cruickshank.</b> Cllr O'Brien expressed his thanks to Cllr Smyth in relation to his work on the Trout Farm issue. It was resolved to donate £50 to Parishioner Rob Gardiner, for the purchase of the commemorative soldier silhouette (Remembrance Sunday/war memorial). <b>Action: Clerk.</b> At the next meeting, the issue of receipt of money for telegraph poles in the Pocket Park will be reviewed. <b>Action: Clerk.</b> Addition of a page on the Rushton website for the Minibus. <b>Action: Cllr M Brightman and Clerk.</b> Addition of section in The Triangle from the Parish Council. <b>Action: Cllr King and Clerk.</b>
7	<b>Councillor and Clerk Reports</b> We will keep in touch with Glyn Mould re the village sign design and placement. <b>Action: Clerk.</b> We will speak to Douglas Wright at Storefield regarding the floodlight brightness and water run off. Also, contact Highways and the Environment Agency to discuss both issues. <b>Action: Clerk.</b>
8	<b>NNC Councillor Update</b> Cllr Smyth provided updates on NNC matters. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance. Cllr Smyth agreed to look into whether the Storefield Road can be gritted (in light of the Storefield Aggregates water run off issue). <b>Action: Cllr Smyth (NNC).</b>
9	<b>Local Issue Update</b> <b>a. Policing Update:</b> The Clerk will ask if the policing statistics can be amended to ensure Rushton's data doesn't include the Police station, as this skews our figures. <b>Action: Clerk.</b> <b>b. Mick George:</b> Neil Johnson confirmed that litter picking in the area has re-started. There have been a few odour complaints. They expect to finish the infill in 2022 and will then work to restore the site.

	<p><b>c. Camgrain:</b> Cllrs Hooton and King have spoken to Phillip Darke regarding the gas pipe installation through the village. Cllr King will write an article for the next Triangle to ask residents if they would be interested in obtaining a gas supply for the village. <b>Action: Cllr King.</b></p> <p><b>d. Speed Sign Data:</b> The Clerk will ask another Parish for advice on obtaining additional data from the speed sign. Additionally, Cllr Cruickshank will enquire re mobile speed cameras. <b>Action: Cllr Cruickshank/Clerk.</b></p> <p><b>e. Roads/HGVs:</b> Cllr Cruickshank confirmed that he has reported a number of vehicles travelling inappropriately through the village.</p>
10	<p><b>Community Minibus</b></p> <p>It was confirmed the Clerk is in regular contact with NNC regarding the claiming of grants and concessionary fares dating back a number of years. Cllr Hooton expressed his thanks to Cllr M Brightman for his work on providing the necessary paperwork and data.</p> <p>Cllr M Brightman proposed the application for a Wind Farm Grant of £1,000, to support the expansion of more community trips, which have already proven a success. The £1,000 will be spent over the course of one year. This was approved. <b>Action: Cllr M Brightman.</b></p>
11	<p><b>Recreation Ground</b></p> <p>A request has been submitted to the Wind Farm Fund for additional signage.</p>
12	<p><b>Pocket Park</b></p> <p>Cllr King reported that we are at the end of a major improvement programme, funded by a National Lottery grant. The separate initial Section 106 payment, spent on upkeep, is now down to £1,000 and future funding is expected to come from grants from the Wind Farm Fund. There was no update on the extension to the management agreement, discussions continue.</p>
13	<p><b>Wind Farm Fund</b></p> <p>The last meeting in December approved a grant for crowning and pruning trees in the Recreation Ground. The balance of the Fund is now £24,595.68. Applications are invited for grant funding and the next meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Consideration was given to an 'In Bloom' type scheme in both Rushton and Pipewell. Cllr J Brightman will consider options. <b>Action: Cllr J Brightman.</b></p>
14	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>It was resolved to prepare and adopt a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllrs O'Brien and Cruickshank will lead the project. They will contact Gary Kirk at Your Locale to start the process. <b>Action: Cllrs O'Brien and Cruickshank.</b></p>
15	<p><b>Highways – Desborough Road to School (Parishioner Enquiry)</b></p> <p>Report to Ian Boyes that the following actions are requested. Ask if the area outside Church View (opposite the Church) can have chevrons placed outside. Ideally this would be from Manor Farm to The Old Rectory. We would like to install longer posts to retain the road narrows sign, and include a 'pedestrians in road' sign. <b>Action: Clerk.</b></p>
16	<p><b>Code of Conduct</b></p> <p>It was resolved to adopt the presented Code of Conduct. Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Cruickshank. The Clerk will inform NNC accordingly. <b>Action: Clerk.</b></p>
17	<p><b>Asset Mapping Project</b></p> <p>It was agreed to engage with the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project, to be led by Cllrs Cruickshank, O'Brien and Parker, supported by the Clerk. The Clerk will review the correspondence from Northants CALC. <b>Action: Clerk.</b></p>
18	<p><b>Platinum Jubilee</b></p>

	It was resolved that the Parish will hold a Platinum Jubilee event, likely to be held in July, with a grant request from the Wind Farm Fund to hopefully fund it. Cllrs King, M Brightman and Parishioner Rob Gardiner will work on the location. <b>Action: Cllrs King and Brightman.</b>
19	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>a. NK/2021/0824:</b> Network Rail, Desborough Road. The date for the final decision has changed to 28<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><b>b. NK/2021/0772:</b> 5 Manor Road. The plans have been amended, the Parish Council's objection has been withdrawn and permission has been granted.</p> <p><b>c. NK/2021/0925:</b> Homefield Grange. This has been approved, subject to a scheme of landscaping.</p>
20	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>It was resolved to approve the following:</p> <p>a. Statement of accounts (Parish Council and Minibus).</p> <p>b. Payments listed in Addendum A.</p> <p>c. Further to the last meeting, following review of the village sign funds and the contribution to The Triangle, the precept was subsequently reduced to £8,400 and approved unanimously.</p> <p>The Clerk has reviewed earmarked funds in the Parish Council bank account. Funds for work to the war memorial have been budgeted for a number of years, but not spent. Therefore, it was agreed to engage with AJ Mills in Rothwell to obtain costings for maintenance work and report back next meeting. <b>Action: Clerk.</b></p>
21	The meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:30pm on <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> in the Village Hall.

Addendum A – The following payments were reviewed and approved:

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£1,338.79	Mike Brightman	Rec Ground works reimbursement	Cheque	PHA 1875, s164 OSA 1906, ss 9 & 10
£57.54	Mike Brightman	Rec Ground works reimbursement	Cheque	PHA 1875, s164 OSA 1906, ss 9 & 10
£35.00	ACRE	Membership 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr 22 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 23	Cheque	LGA 1972 s.143
£44.26	NNC	Election May 2021	Cheque	LGA1972 s111
£225.96	Clerk	Salary (November)	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£56.49	HMRC/Clerk	Reimbursement of HMRC PAYE Nov	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£225.96	Clerk	Salary (December)	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£56.49	HMRC/Clerk	Reimbursement of HMRC PAYE Dec	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£80.00	Rushton Village Hall	Post Office (invoices 49, 57, 69)	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£20.00	Rushton Village Hall	PC Meeting (Invoice 2021-68)	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£120.00	Gary Matthews	Pest control at Recreation Ground	Cheque	LGA1972 s111
£70.00	Wayne Sumpter	Pest control at Recreation Ground	Cheque	LGA1972 s111
<b>£500.00</b>	<b>Rushton Parish Council</b>	<b>Unity Trust Bank transfer</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>n/a*</b>

Gross Payment	Payee	Details	Paid	Power
£40.00	Rushton Village Hall	Minibus Meeting (Invoices 43 and 70)	Cheque	LGA1972 s112
£161.87	Fuel Genie	Invoice 6607967 01.12.2021	DD	LG Rating Act 1997

£88.28	Fuel Genie	Invoice 6737726 04.01.2022	DD	LG Rating Act 1997
£246.00	DACT	Invoice 18667 (driver training)	Cheque	LG Rating Act 1997
£123.00	DACT	Invoice 18728 (driver training)	Cheque	LG Rating Act 1997
<b>£500.00</b>	<b>Rushton Parish Council</b>	<b>Unity Trust bank transfer</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>n/a*</b>

**\*Note that these are opening balances for the two new Unity Trust bank accounts. They are transfers which need the usual signatories.**