

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council and ordinary full Parish Council meetings held on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7:45pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Peter Hooton (Chair), Bob King (Vice Chair), Sandy Cruickshank, Beth Milne, Peter Palmer, Bill Parker

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), NNC Councillors Cedwien Brown and Jim Hakewill, representatives from Camgrain (item 5)

ANNUAL MEETING	
1	Cllr Peter Hooton was proposed and seconded as Chairman, and then voted for unanimously.
2	Cllr Bob King was proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman, and then voted for unanimously.
3	The declarations of acceptance of office were duly signed.
4	Parish Council Representation a) Cllr Cruickshank will continue his role as Police Liaison Representative. b) Cllrs Hooton, King and J Brightman were re-confirmed as the New Albion Wind Farm Fund representatives.
5	Committees/Working Groups Parish Council representatives were confirmed as: a) Planning: Cllrs Cruickshank, Hooton and King. Cllr Parker was added to the Committee. b) Minibus: Cllrs Hooton and M Brightman. c) Recreation Ground: Cllr Brightman. Pocket Park: Cllrs King, Palmer and Parker. d) Platinum Jubilee Party Working Group: Cllrs M Brightman and O'Brien. e) Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee: Cllrs Cruickshank, Milne and O'Brien.
ORDINARY MEETING	
6	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs J Brightman, M Brightman and O'Brien.
7	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
8	Local Issues Updates a) Local Policing: no report received. b) Mick George Landfill: odour reports are now minimal. c) Camgrain: Philip Darke and Reece Carpenter were thanked for attending. They advised that the work to bring the gas supply through the village is progressing. They will ensure the drainage along Storefield Road in particular is not affected, ensuring ditches are clear and grips are not blocked. They will also scatter wild flower seeds to replace the wild flowers damaged/killed during the work. A letter of complaint had been sent to Camgrain regarding poor reinstatement of the verges. The matter has been reviewed by Camgrain, Highways and the local Farmer and a plan of action has been agreed to address the issues. In return for the disruption, they have provided support to the Recreation Ground works, have committed to providing the ground work for the new village sign and they will make a donation to the Platinum Jubilee Party. Camgrain were thanked for their attendance and contribution to current village initiatives. d) Speed Sign: Cllr Cruickshank will look into how we can best use the data. ACTION: Cllr Cruickshank.

	e) HGV/Road Issues: Cllr Cruickshank has submitted the request to amend the speed limit along the Oakley Road to 40mph. He thanked Cllr Hakewill and Joe Gossage at Mick George for their support.
9	Public Open Forum Parishioner K Abrahams thanked the Parish Council for the work they do.
10	Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2022 The approval of the minutes from 16.03.2022 was proposed by Cllr Cruickshank, seconded by Cllr Milne and approved unanimously as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
11	Matters Arising/Councillor and Clerk Reports There were no matters arising. Councillor and Clerk reports were circulated prior to the meeting, with any work requiring resolution or discussion being added to the agenda as a separate item.
12	NNC Councillor Update Cllrs Brown and Hakewill were in attendance and provided updates regarding NNC matters. Cllr Brown will enquire about CCTV to prevent fly tipping when the Pipewell road closure commences. Cllr Brown confirmed that Rushton is on the list to receive wildflower seeds next year. Alongside this, the areas where they are placed will need to be registered as 'no mow' areas. ACTION: Cllr J Brightman.
13	The following documents were reviewed and approved: Standing Orders (minor updates), Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and the Asset Register. Insurance cover was confirmed in item 24.
14	Finance The following documents/items were reviewed and approved: a) Statement of accounts for 2021/22 and the accompanying bank reconciliation. b) The payments provided on Addendum A were all approved. c) The transfer of Parish Council funds to Unity Trust Bank was approved. d) The transfer of Minibus funds to Unity Trust Bank was approved.
15	Audit The following documents were reviewed and approved: a) Internal Auditor's report. b) The Governance Statement. c) The Accounting Statements.
16	Transparency Code The required items for publication were confirmed by the Clerk and will be actioned. ACTION: Clerk.
17	Community Minibus It was resolved to ask Mick George or Camgrain if they have any high vis jackets, as per Cllr M Brightman's request. ACTION: Cllr M Brightman. The Clerk will look at signage for the Minibus which states 'Children on Board'. ACTION: Clerk. In the absence of Cllr M Brightman, it was resolved for the Clerk to contact the School regarding the DBS checks for volunteers. ACTION: Clerk.
18	Recreation Ground Cllr M Brightman's report was noted and he was thanked for his work.
19	Pocket Park Cllr King's report was noted. The Clerk will ensure the wayleave payments go direct to the Pocket Park and not the Parish Council. Action: Clerk.
20	Wind Farm Fund The update regarding the Fund was noted.
21	Neighbourhood Plan Cllr O'Brien's update was noted.

22	<p>Platinum Jubilee Party</p> <p>331 acceptances have been received for the event on 10th July.</p>
23	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p><u>NK/2022/0114 Willowbrook Stud Farm, Desborough Road</u> Application for the demolition of two equestrian buildings and provision of new private driveway. There are no planning reasons to object but as always with applications for this site we are left wondering what the eventual plans are.</p> <p><u>NK/2022/0097 Old Farmhouse, East Carlton Road, Pipewell</u> Application to remove a hedgerow and wooden fence and erect a metal fence. No comments and the application has been approved.</p> <p><u>NK/2022/0184 The Little House, East Carlton Road, Pipewell.</u> Application to remove condition that the habitable space above the garage is to be used as an architect's studio. The owners want to sell the property and so want the condition removed. Seems a perfectly reasonable request and we have no objections.</p> <p><u>NK/2022/0200 28 Storefield Cottages</u> Application to convert outbuilding to a one bedroomed self contained annex for family use. Has been viewed from the road. It isn't in a position to be sold off separately. No objections.</p> <p><u>NK/2022/0208 Home Farm, East Carlton Road, Pipewell</u> Application to remove a condition regarding agricultural occupation to KE/80/0365. A really well presented application. Persuaded by the arguments and had no objections. Added that presumably conditions could be attached to preserve the visual appearance of the out buildings.</p> <p>Cllr King will ask for more information about the removal of hedges at the Network Rail Site. ACTION: Cllr King.</p>
24	<p>Insurance Quote</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the insurance quotation, but to look for an alternative provider in January. Action: Clerk.</p>
25	<p>The meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 20th July 2022 in the Village Hall.</p>