

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Thursday 29th September 2022 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), NNC Councillor Jim Hakewill

1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Parker and Palmer.
2	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2022 The minutes dated 20.07.2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4	Local Issues Updates a) Local Policing: no representative was present. b) Mick George Landfill: no representative was present. c) Camgrain: Philip Darke and Reece Carpenter were present to update on the gas works through the village. The Network Rail bridge work has caused a delay to the road closures being approved for Camgrain/Fulcrum. When permission is granted, work will take approximately 10 days. Councillors were invited to attend the Camgrain site to look at the development. ACTION: Councillors (contact Philip or Reece direct). Reece will check on the issue on the Storefield Road, to ensure remedial work is completed correctly. d) Speeding Issues: the requested 40mph speed limit was not approved. Mobile speed cameras will return to the Desborough Road. Ian Boyes from NNC will complete a survey of the village in relation to speed/safety. e) Roads/HGVs: The Clerk will query with Highways/Kier the remedial works on the Desborough Road as a result of the high temperatures. ACTION: Clerk.
5	Public Open Forum No members of the public were present during the meeting.
6	Updates a) Matters Arising From 20th July 2022 Meeting The Clerk will chase NNC for a response in relation to the new village sign. ACTION: Clerk. The Clerk will respond to the NNC email re street lights, copying in Cllr Hakewill. ACTION: Clerk. b) Councillor and Clerk Reports Councillor and Clerk reports were noted. Any issues requiring discussion or resolution were added to the agenda.
7	NNC Councillor Update Cllr Hakewill updated on NNC matters. He will query what happens to green waste, and if it is sold back to the public as compost. ACTION: Cllr Hakewill.
8	Finance The Clerk asked Councillors to consider any requirements they have of the 2023/24 precept. The budget will be presented at the November meeting. ACTION: All. The following documents/items were reviewed and approved:

	<p>a) The accounts for Rushton Parish Council and the Community Minibus.</p> <p>b) The payments provided on the payment schedule.</p> <p>c) It was resolved to add Cllr M Brightman to the banking mandate. ACTION: Clerk.</p> <p>c) It was resolved to continue the external auditor arrangement and not 'opt out'.</p>
9	<p>Community Minibus</p> <p>Cllr M Brightman updated on minibus matters and confirmed that DBS checks for drivers are pending.</p>
10	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>A ROSPA report is awaited from NNC. It was resolved to add pest control to the 2023/24 budget. ACTION: Clerk. It was resolved to apply for a Wind Farm Fund grant for additional fencing. ACTION: Cllr M Brightman.</p>
11	<p>Pocket Park</p> <p>There was nothing significant to report.</p>
12	<p>Wind Farm Fund</p> <p>There was nothing significant to report.</p>
13	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>It was resolved to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan is finalised by the end of this term of the Council. A Wind Farm Fund grant may be considered to fund additional mapping work that is required.</p>
14	<p>Platinum Jubilee Party</p> <p>Cllr M Brightman confirmed the final paperwork will be completed for submission to the Wind Farm Fund. It was resolved to add £250 to the 2023/24 budget for the King's coronation. ACTION: Clerk.</p> <p>Further to the recent death of Queen Elizabeth II, it was confirmed that in Rushton the following actions took place; the proclamation was read outside the church, a book of remembrance was available, flags were flown at half mast and the Platinum Jubilee bunting was removed immediately.</p>
15	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>NK/2022/0485</p> <p>Application to increase the size of the stable block at Beagle House, East Carlton Road Pipewell. No objections</p> <p>NK/2022/0546 and NK/2022/0547</p> <p>Applications for planning permission and listed building consent for 2 roof lights to a single storey roof at the Little House East Carlton Road, Pipewell. No objections. These applications follow the withdrawal of application NK/2022/0184.</p> <p>NK/2022/0503</p> <p>A further application relating to the Little House, Pipewell, has been received. This time, for the conversion of garage/studio into residential accommodation ancillary to the main house. It is not to convert the building into a separate property. The application was received just before the date of the meeting and a response has not yet been formulated.</p> <p>NK/2022/0377 and NK/2022/0451</p> <p>Applications for planning permission and listed building consent for new signage at the Thornhill Arms. Rushton Parish Council was supportive and permissions have been granted.</p> <p>NK/2022/0489</p> <p>The fourth application from Network Rail relating to hedges on either side of the new bridge on Pipewell Road. This is the hedge on the left on the far side of the bridge. We have commented that the existing entrance to the field is a favourite place for fly tipping and it would be good if the new hedge, fence and gate could be positioned in a way that discourages fly tipping.</p> <p>NK/2022/0353</p> <p>This is the prior approval for the proposed telephone mast on the outskirts of Desborough.</p>

	<p>NK/2022/0572</p> <p>This application is for a 2 storey extension to 3 High Street. It was only received a few days ago and we have not yet formulated a response. It is a large extension with the ground dug out for 2 parking spaces at the front of the house.</p> <p>NK/2022/0421</p> <p>Planning permission for the extension to Bramley Cottage, 24 Station Road has been granted.</p>
16	<p>Standing Orders</p> <p>The new document was approved unanimously. The Clerk will add it to the website. ACTION: Clerk.</p>
17	<p>Flood Resilience Project (RAIN)</p> <p>It was resolved to leave this item until we are asked for any formal actions.</p>
18	<p>Village Sign</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk will confirm the exact costs of the new village sign (including placement). ACTION: Clerk.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Cruickshank will investigate costs of a village map. ACTION: Cllr Cruickshank.</p>
19	<p>The meeting closed at 9.50pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the amended date of Wednesday 30th November 2022 in the Village Hall, at the usual time of 7.30pm.</p>

ACTION LOG

Item	Action	Who?
4c	Councillors to contact Camgrain if they wish to have a guided tour.	All
4e	Contact Highways re tarmac issues along Desborough Road.	Clerk
6a	Chase NNC for a response in relation to the new village sign.	Clerk
6a	Respond to the NNC email re street lights, copying in Cllr Hakewill.	Clerk
7	Cllr Hakewill will query what happens to be green waste, and if it is sold back to the public as compost.	Cllr Hakewill
8	Councillors to advise the Clerk if they have any budgetary considerations for 2023/24 budget.	All
8c	Add Cllr M Brightman to banking mandate.	Clerk
10	Add pest control to the 2023/24 budget.	Clerk
10	Apply to the Wind Farm Fund for more fencing for the Recreation Ground.	Cllr M Brightman
14	Add £250 to the 2023/24 budget for the King's coronation.	Clerk
16	Add the new Standing Orders to the website.	Clerk
18	Clerk to ascertain full costs of design and installation of new village sign.	Clerk
18	Cllr Cruickshank to investigate options for a village map.	Cllr Cruickshank.