

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Peter Hooton (Chair), Joy Brightman, Mike Brightman, Sandy Cruickshank, Beth Milne, Kevin O'Brien, Peter Palmer, Bill Parker. Co-opted during this meeting: Cllr Yvonne Turner.

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), NNC Councillor Jim Hakewill, Phillip Darke (Camgrain) (item 5), Police representatives Vickery and York (item 5), one member of public

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| 1 | Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr King (Vice Chair). |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest. |
| 3 | Minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2022 The minutes of the meeting dated 30.11.2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. |
| 4 | Co-option of Yvonne Turner The co-option of Yvonne Turner was proposed by Cllr Brightman, seconded by Cllr Hooton, and was carried unanimously. Cllr Turner will attend the NCALC 'Off To A Flying Start' Councillor training session. ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Turner. |
| 5 | Local Issues Updates a) Local Policing: PC James Vickery and PCSO Kerry York attended from Northamptonshire Police. Since 1 st November 2022, 3 offences have been recorded. PC Vickery will put Cllr Cruickshank in touch with the Safer Roads Team. The Clerk will provide contact details. ACTION: Clerk. PCSO York recommended publicising Neighbourhood Alert. ACTION: Cllr O'Brien and Clerk. b) Mick George Landfill: no representative was present. c) Camgrain: The gas pipe through the village is now complete. The Council thanked Camgrain for their attendance at meetings during this process and for their contractor's efficient work and approach. d) Speeding Issues: This item was covered in the Local Policing update (5a). e) Roads/HGVs: Cllr Cruickshank reiterated that if any offending vehicles are spotted, their number and company name need to be taken and provided to him. Cllr O'Brien met with Cllr Howes and Kier to discuss road conditions on the Desborough Road (flooding). Network Rail will replace the hedgerows that they have removed as part of their recent works. |
| 6 | Public Open Forum A resident from Pullman Close attended regarding the Highways adoption of the road following completion of the development. The Council and Cllr Hakewill explained their involvement with North Northants Council to get this issue completed over the last year. The Clerk will contact CPRE about the Developer's recent award for Pullman Close, seeing if we can obtain different contact details to support NNC's attempts to contact the Developer. ACTION: Clerk. |
| 7 | Updates a) Matters Arising From 30th November 2022 Meeting This item will be moved to the end of the agenda next meeting, as most items are discussed throughout the meeting. ACTION: Clerk. b) Councillor and Clerk Reports Councillor and Clerk reports were noted. Any issues requiring discussion or resolution were added to the agenda. |

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| 8 | NNC Councillor Update Cllr Hakewill updated the Council on NNC matters, including confirming a 4.99% increase in Council Tax. |
| 9 | Finance a) The accounts for Rushton Parish Council and the Community Minibus were reviewed and approved. b) Payments contained in the payment schedule were reviewed and approved with the addition of a further NCALC course for Cllr Milne which will be added to the next payment schedule. The Clerk will book Councillors on to the training courses. ACTION: Clerk. |
| 10 | Village Map The artist involved will not be able to look at a map for Rushton til late Spring. It was resolved by majority vote to continue with this project. |
| 11 | Volunteer Litter Picking The Great British Spring Clean takes place in March and April 2023. Cllr Milne will lead on this for Rushton and will report on final plans next meeting. ACTION: Cllr Milne. |
| 12 | Electric Vehicle Charging Point The Parish Council will keep an eye on future developments, via NCALC and ACRE updates to see how the technology progresses. When there is an update that can be implemented in Rushton, it will be re-added to the agenda. |
| 13 | Community Minibus The minibus volunteer drivers include a number who will turn 70 soon. We are keen to retain their services and it was resolved to pay for any required eye/medical tests as part of their license/insurance conditions. This will ensure the continuity of the service for the village. |
| 14 | Recreation Ground The ROSPA report (valuation) has been received. We are now awaiting the NNC ROSPA report. Mole activity is prominent, so it was resolved to engage with our pest controller when the issue requires action. |
| 15 | Pocket Park A £4,000 grant from the Community Foundation has been received. |
| 16 | Wind Farm Fund A Fund balance of £14,101 is still available for distribution. An application from Rushton Parish Council will be made for £1,800 to replace the Pipewell village sign post and reconditioning of the sign. ACTION: Cllr M Brightman. |
| 17 | Neighbourhood Plan Cllr O'Brien provided a summary of the financial position of the Plan, in relation to the grant received. It was resolved for Cllr O'Brien to apply for a Wind Farm Fund grant of £290 for a wildlife survey, which strengthens the Neighbourhood Plan but is not included in the initial grant received. Cllr O'Brien will approach Cllr Hakewill first to see if NNC Councillor funding is available. ACTION: Cllr O'Brien. |
| 18 | Planning Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two notifications of works to trees have been received (Parish Church and 23 High Street). The application for an extension at 3 High Street, to which the Parish Council objected months ago, has still not been decided. Applications for solar panels on a warehouse on Hipwell Road and signs on the new medical facility in Glendon are underway but have not been circulated. |
| 19 | Meeting Date Change It was resolved to amend the meeting date to Wednesday 22 nd March 2023 (usual time, 7.30pm). Clerk to amend the website. ACTION: Clerk. |
| 20 | War Memorial Refurbishment |

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| | It was resolved to proceed with a Wind Farm Fund Grant for the cleaning and restoration of the war memorial. The remaining balance will be funded from Parish Council earmarked funds. ACTION: Cllr M Brightman. |
| 21 | The meeting closed at 9.25pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. |

ACTION SUMMARY – JANUARY 2023

| Item | Action | Who? |
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| 4 | Cllr Turner will attend the NCALC 'Off To A Flying Start' training session. | Clerk/Cllr Turner |
| 5a | PC Vickery will put Cllr Cruickshank in touch with the Safer Roads Team. The Clerk will provide contact details. | Clerk |
| 5a | PCSO York recommended publicising Neighbourhood Alert. | Cllr O'Brien/Clerk |
| 6 | The Clerk will contact CPRE about the Developer's recent award for Pullman Close, seeing if we can obtain different contact details to support NNC's attempts to contact the Developer. | Clerk |
| 7a | Matters Arising will be moved to the end of the agenda next meeting. | Clerk |
| 9b | The additional NCALC course for Cllr Milne will be added to the next payment schedule. The Clerk will book Councillors on to the training courses. | Clerk |
| 11 | Cllr Milne will lead on the Great British Spring Clean for Rushton and will report on final plans next meeting. | Cllr Milne |
| 16 | A Wind Farm Fund application from Rushton Parish Council will be made for £1,800 to replace the Pipewell village sign post and reconditioning of the sign. | Cllr M Brightman |
| 17 | Cllr O'Brien will approach Cllr Hakewill to see if NNC Councillor funding is available for the wildlife assessment, applying to the Wind Farm Fund if not. | Cllr O'Brien |
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