

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting

held on Wednesday 22nd March 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

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), NNC Councillors Cedwien Brown, Jim Hakewill and Joseph Smyth, Sophie Van Den Burgh (Rockingham Forest/Nene Rivers Trust)

1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr King and Cllr Turner.
2	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2023 The minutes of the meeting dated 18.01.2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4	Local Issues Updates a) Local Policing: PC James Vickery provided an update in advance of the meeting. Between 20 th Jan and 15 th March, 5 offences had been recorded. Cllr Cruickshank will follow up on the Safer Roads Team contact from last meeting. ACTION: Cllr Cruickshank. b) Mick George Landfill: No representative was present. The Clerk will make contact to seek an update as nothing has been received in recent months. The Neighbourhood Plan representatives will also meet with Mick George in due course as part of their work. ACTION: Clerk. c) Camgrain: An update was provided in advance of the meeting to advise the concrete base for the bench refurbishment will be completed this week. d) Speeding Issues: This item was covered in the Local Policing update (5a). Additionally, Cllrs Cruickshank, Hooton and King will meet to discuss Ian Boyes speed report. ACTION: Cllrs Cruickshank, Hooton, King. e) Roads/HGVs: Monitoring will remain. This item will be removed from the next agenda. ACTION: Clerk. f) Rockingham Forest Vision: Sophie Van Den Bergh attended from the Nene Rivers Trust to publicise the work of this Heritage Lottery funded project. Opportunities for involvement include: free Tree or River Warden training, Forest School Teacher funding and the development of Nature Recovery Plans. Parishes will be invited to a meeting on 9 th May. The Clerk will forward the website to Councillors. ACTION: Clerk.
5	Public Open Forum No members of the public were in attendance.
6	The NNC Councillors gave updates in relation to matters including the Boundary Review, pot hole concerns and green waste issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Clerk will forward the street light email to all NNC Councillors for escalation. ACTION: Clerk.• Cllr Smyth will contact Storefield Aggregates to check their drainage works have been completed. He will also look into the Oakley Road drainage concerns. ACTION: Cllr Smyth.• Network Rail have a grant award scheme, which will be investigated further. ACTION: Cllr Hakewill and Cllr M Brightman.
7	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 amendment of the CPRE payment. The original £36.00 will be paid and a member of Northamptonshire CPRE will be invited to a future Parish Council meeting. ACTION: Clerk.

8	<p>Village Map</p> <p>Cllr Cruickshank confirmed that he will make contact with the map artist in the next few months, as per the last meeting update. ACTION: Cllr Cruickshank.</p>
9	<p>Litter Picking</p> <p>Cllr Milne confirmed her intentions for litter picking activity within the village this year. A litter pick will take place on Sunday 26th March.</p>
10	<p>NNC Highways/Pipewell</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the proposals submitted by NNC Highways in relation to speeding in Pipewell. The Clerk will add the '20's Plenty' campaign to the May agenda. ACTION: Clerk.</p>
11	<p>Community Minibus</p> <p>Cllr M Brightman provided an update in relation to the operations of the minibus (licences, insurance etc). It was resolved to submit a grant application for additional support for the minibus in 2023/24. This will be added to the May agenda. ACTION: Clerk.</p>
12	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>Cllr M Brightman confirmed that the fence and sign installations are going ahead as planned.</p>
13	<p>Pocket Park</p> <p>Cllr King provided a written update in relation to finance and the 3 year plan.</p>
14	<p>Wind Farm Fund</p> <p>Cllr King provided a written update on the latest grants awarded. The next tranche of approx £36k will be received from the Wind Farm in July. It was resolved for Cllr Hooton to speak to Cllr King about receiving more in depth information about what grants are being spent on within the Parish. ACTION: Cllr Hooton.</p>
15	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Cllr O'Brien provided an update on progress. A further application for grant funding will be made in April. An end of grant report will be sent to Groundwork. Cllr O'Brien will discuss the additional expenditure (£290) with Cllr Hakewill and Sophie from Rockingham Forest Vision. ACTION: Cllr O'Brien.</p>
16	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>Cllr King provided a written update regarding the following planning applications:</p> <p><u>NK/2022/0572 (3 High Street)</u></p> <p>This application was first put forward in September last. It is for an extension which we felt would be detrimental to 5 High Street. Further plans have been submitted which do not mitigate the concerns, which have been discussed with the Planning Officer.</p> <p><u>NK/2023/0115 (Glendon)</u></p> <p>This relates to land in Glendon which was subject to an application for an agricultural building in November. This was approved. This new application is for a building to store machinery and for use as a workshop. Prior to the meeting, it was advised that this application had been withdrawn.</p>
17	<p>Policies</p> <p>The following policies were reviewed and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Data Protection Policy b) Publication Scheme c) Equality and Diversity Policy
18	<p>Dog Gates/Public Footpaths</p> <p>An enquiry has been received from a resident in relation to the installation of dog gates along public footpaths. The Clerk will investigate whose responsibility these are, advising the Council prior to the next meeting so the item can be added to the agenda if appropriate. ACTION: Clerk.</p>
19	<p>May Meeting Date Amendment</p>

	It was resolved to amend the May meeting (Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and the regular May meeting) to Wednesday 31 st May at 7.30pm. ACTION: Clerk.
20/ 21	Updates (Items 20 and 21 combined) The Clerk will continue to attempt to make contact with the Developer of Pullman Close (the CPRE contact has not proven successful). ACTION: Clerk.
22	The meeting closed at 9.57pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 31st May 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. This meeting will comprise of: the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the regular May meeting.

ACTION SUMMARY – MARCH 2023

Item	Action	Who?
4a	Cllr Cruickshank will follow up on the Safer Roads Team contact from last meeting.	Cllr Cruickshank
4b	The Clerk will make contact with Mick George to seek an update as nothing has been received in recent months.	Clerk
4d	Additionally, Cllrs Cruickshank, Hooton and King will meet to discuss Ian Boyes speed report.	Cllrs Cruickshank, Hooton and King
4e	Roads/HGVs will be removed from the next agenda.	Clerk
4f	The Clerk will forward website information for Rockingham Forest Vision to all Councillors.	Clerk
6	The Clerk will forward the street light email to all NNC Councillors for escalation.	Clerk
6	Cllr Smyth will contact Storefield Aggregates to check their drainage works have been completed. He will also look into the Oakley Road drainage concerns.	NNC Cllr Smyth
6	Network Rail have a grant award scheme, which will be investigated further.	Cllr M Brightman /NNC Cllr Hakewill
7	In relation to CPRE membership, the original £36.00 will be paid and a member of Northamptonshire CPRE will be invited to a future Parish Council meeting.	Clerk
8	Cllr Cruickshank confirmed that he will make contact with the village map artist in the next few months, as per the last meeting update.	Cllr Cruickshank
10	It was resolved to approve the proposals submitted by NNC Highways in relation to speeding in Pipewell. The Clerk will add the '20's Plenty' campaign to the May agenda.	Clerk
11	It was resolved to submit a grant application for additional support for the minibus in 2023/24. This will be added to the May agenda.	Clerk
14	It was resolved for Cllr Hooton to speak to Cllr King about receiving more in depth information about what the Wind Farm Fund grant money is being spent on within the Parish.	Cllr Hooton
15	Cllr O'Brien will discuss the additional Neighbourhood Plan expenditure (£290) with Cllr Hakewill and Sophie from Rockingham Forest Vision.	Cllr O'Brien
18	The Clerk will investigate whose responsibility public footpaths and stiles are.	Clerk
19	It was resolved to amend the May meeting and update the website.	Clerk
20/ 21	The Clerk will continue to attempt to make contact with the Developer of Pullman Close (the CPRE contact has not proven successful).	Clerk