

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

held on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

In attendance: Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), NNC Councillors Jim Hakewill and Joseph Smyth, Philip Darke and Reece Carpenter (Camgrain) (item 5)

1	Apologies No apologies were received.
2	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2023 The minutes of the meeting dated 20.09.2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4	Local Issues Updates a) Police: no report was received in advance of the meeting. PCSO Kerry York advised she had moved team and James Vickery remains our Police Constable. b) Mick George Landfill: an update was provided to advise the site is nearly full and restoration works are planned, which will involve the addition of soil. c) Speed Issues: It was resolved to ask Cllr Cruickshank to speak to the Police regarding the attendance of a speed van at the bottom of Desborough Road. ACTION: Cllr Cruickshank.
5	Public Open Forum There were no members of the public present. Camgrain attended to update on plans to install a medium sized wind turbine to progress their renewable energy plans (wind, solar and biomass). The planning permission process is underway. Councillors were advised that there are regular noise monitoring activities at the site. A full planning application is expected to be submitted in February, and if successful, installation will be within 2 years.
6	NNC Councillor Updates Cllr Smyth advised he will support on the Neighbourhood Plan matter, discussed further in item 14. He also updated on the Storefield Aggregates matter, with a lot of work taking place on drainage. Cllrs agreed to keep an eye on this with winter approaching. ACTION: Cllr Smyth and all Councillors. Cllr Smyth will look into the issue of Parish Council planning feedback, and subsequent planning decisions. It was resolved that Council will send copies of objections to the Planning Committee, which Cllr Smyth attends. It was further resolved to add this matter to the January agenda for further consideration of making a complaint about the process. ACTION: Cllr Smyth, Planning Committee, Clerk. Cllr Hakewill updated on NNC matters including the boundary commission report. He also agreed to look into the issue of a single point of contact for Parish Councils, to help manage the amount of communications sent to them. ACTION: Cllr Hakewill. The Clerk will check progress of the drainage issues outside Rushton Hall. ACTION: Clerk.
7	Finance a) The accounts for the Parish Council and Community Minibus were reviewed and approved. b) Payments listed in the payment schedule were reviewed and approved.

	c) The budget was confirmed at £10,630.20. It was resolved to set the precept at £9,040.50. The Clerk will complete the relevant paperwork. ACTION: Clerk.
8	Public Footpaths/Stiles This matter is ongoing. New grant applications cannot be placed currently.
9	Email Addresses It was resolved to speak with the new web host about email addresses specific to the Parish Council. The overall issue of website and email will be observed for the next year with a view to budgeting for a new website if needed in 2025/26 financial year. ACTION: Clerk.
10	Community Minibus Cllr Brightman advised all is well, with the private hire target of £2,000 exceeded.
11	Recreation Ground A ROSPA report is due soon, the results of which will be reported back next meeting.
12	Pocket Park There was nothing significant to report this meeting.
13	Wind Farm Fund Cllr King reported that a grant of £12,775 has been made to the Village Hall to replace event furniture. The available balance is therefore now £21,874.81.
14	Neighbourhood Plan Cllrs O'Brien and Cruickshank updated on progress and advised the Plan is halted while an issue in relation to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening is dealt with. NNC has advised they will not undertake the Assessment. Cllr Smyth (NNC) will take forward this matter with the Chair of the Planning Committee at NNC. ACTION: Cllr Smyth.
15	Planning Committee Cllr Turner updated the meeting on the following applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NK/2023/0553 Homefield Grange. Objections raised, no further update available. • NK/2023/0502 land at Glendon. Approved despite objections being raised. • NK/2023/0537 Rushton Hall. No objections. • NK/2023/0522 3 High Street, Rushton. Council recommendations sent to NNC.
16	Speed Indicator Device – Pipewell It was resolved to wait until the January meeting but accept the money if we are not disadvantaged by the option to not ask them to purchase a new camera. The issue of where to relocate the camera in Pipewell was noted. The replacement cost of the camera is £2,807.99. The insurance reimbursement is £2,089.99 which is net of the £250 policy excess, based on a like-for-like replacement cost and the Council's ability to reclaim VAT on a purchase. ACTION: Clerk.
17	D Day Commemorations 2024 A band has been arranged for 6 th June 2024 and Cllr Parker continues to work on the arrangements.
18	Bus Shelter Renovation Project The project continues with an update to be provided at a future meeting.
19	a) To review any further matters arising from the meeting of 19th July 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk will continue to pursue the Pullman Close issue, including the issue of the road approaching Tye Tune. ACTION: Clerk. • The RAIN (flooding) project will be removed from the agenda due to no response from the RAIN team. ACTION: Clerk. • The street light map will be provided to Cllr Hooton, who will forward on. ACTION: Cllr Hooton.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Turner will speak to Kevin Abraham about the defibrillator outside the Thornhill Arms. ACTION: Cllr Turner. It was resolved to move £35,000 to the new Unity Trust Bank savings account (still within the main Unity Trust Bank account). ACTION: Clerk. <p>b) To review any matters relating to Councillor and Clerk reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk will circulate the 2024 meeting dates. ACTION: Clerk.
20	The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 17th January 2024 in the Village Hall.

ACTION SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 2023

Item	Action	Who?
4c	Speak to Police regarding the attendance of a speed van in Pipewell.	Cllr Cruickshank
6	Cllr Smyth advised he will support on the Neighbourhood Plan matter. He also updated on the Storefield Aggregates matter, with a lot of work taking place on drainage. Cllrs agreed to keep an eye on this with winter approaching. ACTION: Cllr Smyth and all Councillors.	Clerk
6	Cllr Smyth will look into the issue of Parish Council planning feedback, and subsequent planning decisions. It was resolved that Rushton Parish Council will send copies of objections to the Planning Committee, which Cllr Smyth attends. It was further resolved to add this matter to the January agenda for further consideration of making a complaint about the process.	Cllr Smyth, Planning Committee and Clerk
6	Cllr Hakewill agreed to look into the issue of a single point of contact for Parish Councils, to help manage the amount of communications sent to them.	Cllr Hakewill
6	The Clerk will check progress of the drainage issues outside Rushton Hall.	Clerk
7c	The Clerk will complete the precept paperwork.	Clerk
9	It was resolved to speak with the new web host about email addresses specific to the Parish Council. The overall issue of website and email will be observed for the next year with a view to budgeting for a new website if needed in 2025/26 financial year.	Clerk
14	Cllr Smyth (NNC) will take forward the matter of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening with the Chair of the Planning Committee at NNC.	Cllr Smyth
16	It was resolved to wait until the January meeting to confirm the decision re the speed indicator device but accept the money if we are not disadvantaged by the option to not ask them to purchase a new camera.	Clerk
19a	Continue to pursue the Pullman Close issue, including the issue of the road approaching Tye Tune.	Clerk
19a	The RAIN (flooding) project will be removed from the agenda.	Clerk
19a	The street light map will be provided to Cllr Hooton, who will forward on.	Cllr Hooton
19a	Cllr Turner will speak to Kevin Abraham about the defibrillator outside the Thornhill Arms.	Cllr Turner
19a	It was resolved to move £35,000 to the new Unity Trust Bank savings account (still within the main Unity Trust Bank account).	Clerk
19b	The Clerk will circulate the 2024 meeting dates.	Clerk