

## Rushton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:** Emma Fontaine (Clerk/RFO), NNC Councillor Jim Hakewill and two members of the Public

1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs King and Turner.
2	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.
3	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b> The minutes of the meeting dated 15.11.2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4	<b>Local Issues Updates</b> a) <b>Police:</b> PC James Vickery reported 1 crime, with neither victim nor offender living in Rushton. b) <b>Mick George Landfill:</b> Due to a recent increase in reports of smells, Greg Wilkinson (Environment Agency) will visit the site. This matter was further discussed in the Public Open Forum (item 5). c) <b>Speed Issues:</b> Cllr Cruickshank will continue to discuss the placement of the speed van with the Police, but it parks in the most appropriate/safe place) currently. Cllr Cruickshank will also query the location of speed devices with Ian Boyes at Highways, further to a previous meeting. <b>ACTION: Cllr Cruickshank.</b>
5	<b>Public Open Forum</b> Two members of the public were present who spoke about concerns over rubbish and smells originating from the Mick George site. Additionally, there was concern over pot holes in the village. It was resolved to undertake the following actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Parish Council will formally write to Mick George regarding the state of the local land from fly tipping, rubbish scattered in the local area and the lack of litter picks (which had previously taken place). <b>ACTION: Cllr O'Brien</b></li><li>• A 'handy contacts' guide to reporting fly tipping, smells, pot holes etc will be produced for the notice boards, reproduced in The Triangle and posted on the website. <b>ACTION: Cllrs Milne, O'Brien and M Brightman.</b></li><li>• The issue of planning permission conditions and litter picking will be considered (possibly via the Minerals and Waste Department). <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></li><li>• Cllr M Brightman will provide contact details for the Land Owner that may be affected by the fly tipping. <b>ACTION: Cllr Brightman.</b></li></ul>
6	<b>NNC Councillor Updates</b> Cllr Hakewill updated on NNC matters, which included; a Council tax increase, the NNC budget situation and the Lyndon Thomas planning application.
7	<b>Finance</b> 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.
8	<b>Public Footpaths/Stiles</b> The grant application has been approved and we now await the window of opportunity to submit to the Wind Farm Fund.

9	<p><b>Community Minibus</b> A Wind Farm Grant has been submitted for the minibus makeover, which totals £2,670.</p>
10	<p><b>Safeguarding Policy</b> The adoption of the policy was approved. The requirement for a bio-diversity policy was noted and this will be added to the next agenda. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></p>
11	<p><b>Recreation Ground</b> The ROSPA report has taken place and Cllr M Brightman is working through the recommendations. <b>ACTION: Cllr M Brightman.</b> Approval was granted for the mole man to return.</p>
12	<p><b>Pocket Park</b> There was nothing significant to report this meeting.</p>
13	<p><b>Wind Farm Fund</b> The available balance is still £21,874, as per the last meeting.</p>
14	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> There is no further update on the issues discussed last meeting. However, Cllr Cruickshank has drafted a letter on behalf of the Parish Council, which was approved for sending to NNC. <b>ACTION: Cllr Cruickshank and Clerk.</b></p>
15	<p><b>Planning Committee</b> Cllr Turner updated the meeting via email, in her absence, on the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NK/2023/0602 Manor Farm conversion to dwelling. No objections received.</li> <li>• NK/2023/0736 Resubmission of KET/2010/0242 from Lyndon Thomas regarding 2 fishing lakes, erection of buildings, car parking and access. Objections submitted.</li> </ul>
16	<p><b>Speed Indicator Device – Pipewell</b> It was resolved to replace the speed camera with a like for like device, as offered by the insurance company. There was no cash alternative. Security of the remote device is a concern. We will speak to Elan City to ascertain what security measures can be taken. <b>ACTION: Clerk and Cllr M Brightman.</b></p>
17	<p><b>D Day Commemorations 2024</b> A Wind Farm Fund grant of £2,000 to cover the costs of this event will be applied for. <b>ACTION: Cllrs Parker and M Brightman.</b></p>
18	<p><b>Bus Shelter Renovation Project</b> The project continues with an update to be provided at a future meeting.</p>
19	<p><b>Pipewell Village Sign</b> This project is complete. Thanks were offered to Cllr M Brightman for his work on this.</p>
20	<p><b>War Memorial</b> The main refurbishment is complete. The new fencing will be installed on 30<sup>th</sup> January.</p>
21	<p><b>a) To review any further matters arising from the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk will ask NNC Councillors to provide responses to action points on the previous minutes and will ensure incomplete actions are carried over to the next meeting. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></li> <li>• Cllr O'Brien will speak to Ben at Kier about the issue of drains outside Rushton Hall. <b>ACTION: Cllr O'Brien.</b></li> <li>• The Clerk will contact Ian Boyes at NNC Highways regarding the issue of flooding and excess water around Whitegates Farm. She will also ask the residents to report to Fix My Street and raise the issue directly with Camgrain. The Clerk will provide Camgrain with advanced notice that the residents will make contact. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b> Cllr Palmer will provide contact details (email) so the Clerk can make contact with the residents. <b>ACTION: Cllr Palmer.</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The issue of email addresses is ongoing. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></li> <li>The Clerk will escalate the issue of Pullman Close to the Leader of NNC due to repeated delays to resolve the issue. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></li> <li>Cllr Hooton will chase his contact for the street light map. <b>ACTION: Cllr Hooton.</b></li> <li>The date of the May meeting will be discussed in March. <b>ACTION: Clerk.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>b) To review any matters relating to Councillor and Clerk reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None were raised.</li> </ul>
22	The meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00pm on <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b> in the Village Hall.

#### ACTION SUMMARY – JANUARY 2024

Item	Action	Who?
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5	The issue of planning permission conditions (Mick George) and litter picking will be considered (via the Minerals and Waste Department).	Clerk
5	Cllr M Brightman will provide contact details for the Land Owner that may be affected by the fly tipping.	Cllr M Brightman
10	The requirement for a bio-diversity policy was noted and this will be added to the next agenda.	Clerk
11	The ROSPA report has taken place and Cllr M Brightman is working through the recommendations.	Cllr M Brightman
14	Cllr Cruickshank has drafted a letter on behalf of the Parish Council (Neighbourhood Plan issue), which was approved for sending to NNC.	Cllr Cruickshank and Clerk
16	It was resolved to replace the speed camera for a like for like device, as offered by the insurance company. Security of the remote device is a concern. We will speak to Elan City to ascertain what security measures can be taken.	Clerk and Cllr M Brightman
17	A Wind Farm Fund grant of £2,000 to cover the costs of the D Day Commemoration event will be applied for.	Cllrs Parker and M Brightman
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