

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

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

1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs King and Milne. Cllr King advised prior to the meeting that he will be resigning from Rushton Parish Council. Thanks were offered for his considerable contribution to the parish. The vacancy will be notified to NNC and advertised in the usual way (Triangle, website, noticeboard). ACTION: Cllr O'Brien and Clerk
2	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2024 The minutes of the meeting dated 17.01.2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4	Local Issues Updates a) Police: No update was provided in advance of the meeting. b) Mick George Landfill: Cllr J Brightman updated on her liaison with the Environment Agency regarding odours. They have further inspected the site. It was resolved for Cllr J Brightman to request the status report prior to each Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will email the contact at Mick George asking them to look at the mud issues directly surrounding the site. ACTION: Clerk. c) Speed Issues: Cllr O'Brien has now obtained the laptop from Paul Wass to look at the speed data. He will add details for speed monitoring to The Triangle each month. Paul Wass was thanked for his support of the speed issues and providing the data for monitoring.
5	Public Open Forum No members of the public were present.
6	NNC Councillor Updates Cllr Cedwien Brown updated on NNC matters, including the budget and electric vehicle charging points. The Clerk will contact Cllr Smyth again to request updates to actions taken following the November 2023 meeting. Cllr Brown will also ask that updates are provided. ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Cedwien Brown.
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.
8	Bio-Diversity Policy Cllr O'Brien will circulate his drafted policy for approval next meeting. ACTION: Cllr O'Brien.
9	Community Minibus It was resolved to accept the renewal quote for the insurance renewal. It was further resolved to pay for any immediate maintenance issues given the healthy state of the minibus accounts.
10	Recreation Ground Cllr Brightman advised all is well with some maintenance activities planned for the warmer months.

11	<p>Pocket Park</p> <p>No update was provided. It was resolved to remove this item from the next agenda.</p>
12	<p>Wind Farm Fund</p> <p>There was no update this meeting. During future meetings, Cllr M Brightman will update on this item.</p>
13	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>We await the response from the NNC CEO relating to the issue of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening. The Clerk will chase on Monday 1st April if no response has been received. ACTION: Clerk.</p>
14	<p>Planning</p> <p>The following updates were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NK/2023/0602: Manor Farm (no Parish Council objections sent) • NK/2023/0736: Lyndon Thomas resubmission of KET/2010/0242 (Parish Council objections sent) • NK/2023/0787: Office in garden at Station Road (this has been approved by NNC) • NK/2023/0752: Bunkers Hill Farm roadway. (Parish Council objections were submitted but prior approval is not required) • NK/2023/0727: Front porch in Pipewell (no Parish Council objections sent) • NK/2024/0106: Prologis Park solar equipment (deadline has not yet passed) • NK/2024/0119 and 0120: Pipewell garden room. (no Parish Council objections sent) <p>It was resolved for Councillors to consider options for Planning Committee meetings in future.</p>
15	<p>Speed Device - Pipewell</p> <p>It was resolved for Cllrs M Brightman, Cruickshank and O'Brien to discuss this and prepare a plan for the next meeting. ACTION: M Brightman, Cruickshank and O'Brien.</p>
16	<p>D Day Commemorations 2024</p> <p>A decision is awaited on the grant application. This item will be removed from the next agenda.</p>
17	<p>Bus Shelter Renovation Project</p> <p>It is hoped that this project will start in August/September.</p>
18	<p>Northants Carbon Literacy Course</p> <p>Cllr O'Brien received training in this subject matter and has offered to use these skills to offer training to residents of the village(s). Rushton Parish Council supports this proposal. ACTION: Cllr O'Brien.</p>
19	<p>War Memorial Refurbishment</p> <p>The work is now complete. This item will be removed from the next agenda.</p>
20	<p>Public Footpath/Stiles Project</p> <p>A decision is awaiting on the grant application. This item will be removed from the next agenda.</p>
21	<p>It was resolved to hold the May meeting on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.00pm. The Clerk will check availability with the Village Hall team. ACTION: Clerk.</p>
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Palmer will speak to the family at Whitegates Farm, asking them to make contact with Camgrain. ACTION: Cllr Palmer. • Cllr Hooton will chase his contact for an up to date street light map. ACTION: Cllr Hooton.
22	<p>The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 in the Village Hall.</p>

ACTION SUMMARY – MARCH 2024

Item	Action	Who?
1	Cllr King's vacancy will be notified to NNC and advertised in the usual way (Triangle, website, noticeboard).	Cllr O'Brien and Clerk
4b	The Clerk will email the contact at Mick George asking them to look at the mud issues directly surrounding their site.	Clerk
6	The Clerk and Cllr Cedwien Brown will ask Cllr Smyth to provide his action responses from the November 2023 meeting. ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Cedwien Brown.	Clerk and Cllr Cedwien Brown
8	Cllr O'Brien will circulate his drafted bio-diversity policy for approval next meeting.	Cllr O'Brien
13	The Clerk will chase the NNC CEO regarding the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening on Monday 1 st April if no response has been received.	Clerk
15	It was resolved for Cllrs M Brightman, Cruickshank and O'Brien to discuss the Pipewell speed camera and prepare a plan for the next meeting.	Cllrs M Brightman, Cruickshank and O'Brien
18	Cllr O'Brien received training in Carbon Literacy and has offered to use these skills to offer training to residents of the village(s).	Cllr O'Brien
22	Cllr Palmer will speak to the family at Whitegates Farm, asking them to make contact with Camgrain.	Cllr Palmer
22	Cllr Hooton will chase his contact for the street light map.	Cllr Hooton