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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Peter Hooton (Chair), Mike Brightman (Vice Chair), Joy Brightman, Yvonne Turner, Peter Palmer, Bill Parker, Beth Milne.

In attendance: Megan Ellis (Clerk/RFO), NNC Councillors Jim Hakewill and Cedewin Brown and 1 member of the public.

1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Cruickshank & Gibbard. These apologies were approved in the meeting.
2	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2024 The minutes of the meeting dated 20.11.2024 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. Cllr Hakewill provided 2 more Police contacts. Clerk to contact them. ACTION: Clerk b) Mick George Landfill: No updates. c) Environment Agency: No issues have been reported. Cllr J Brightman questioned the recent flooding at Keepers Cottage, Greg has confirmed that the root cause is the size of the culvert. c) Speed Issues: Further discussed in item 16.
5	Public Open Forum 1 member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the personal effects he has felt from the recent flooding. His house has been severely damaged, and he is currently living in rented accommodation with a family member. 7 owned vehicles have also been written off and removed from his property. His insurance company want to reinstate his house, but he is sceptical as his house is liable for flooding. The culvert at property was clear, however, it is not sufficient for water that it needs to carry as the Mick George

	<p>Landfill is at the back of the property. The Dual carriageway was also blocked by the floods and emergency services would not be able to get through if needed. Clerk to write to the NNC Councillors to discuss recent effects of the floods.</p> <p>Action: Clerk</p>
6	<p>NNC Councillor Updates</p> <p><u>Cedewin Brown:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cedewin has now joined the Conservative party. • Cedewin attended an extraordinary Devolution NNC meeting as the Government wants to create larger communities. Currently, no other areas want to join with Northamptonshire. Cedewin is unsure what is going to happen and hoping this will be resolved by next year. • Cedewin believes there will be a 4.99% increase in the next budget. The figure will be agreed at the full council meeting next month. <p><u>Jim Hakewill:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current green space earmarked for a new Traveller site in Rothwell is too expensive to convert, a different site will be allocated. • Jim has set up a new group called 'Rothwell against warehousing' (RAW), 77% of residents questioned are against the new proposed warehouse being built by the A14.
7	<p>Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The accounts for the Parish Council and Community Minibus YTD will be circulated to Cllrs before the next meeting ACTION: CLERK b. Payments listed in the payment schedule were reviewed in the meeting and approved. Permission for additional expenditure before March' meeting (reflected by pre-agreed cost schedule) was approved. c. Emma's access in Unity Bank has now been removed. Clerk to remove this item from the next agenda. ACTION: CLERK
8	<p>Bio-Diverstiy Policy</p> <p>This item is going to be discussed in more detail as this policy needs further review. ACTION: CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, CLERK</p>
9	<p>Community Minibus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private hire mileage has been increased from £1.09 to £1.15 per mile from 01/01/25. • All private hires have been paid, there are no outstanding bad debts. • Minibus insurance is due for renewal 31/03/25. • The Committee and Drivers meeting will take place before the next meeting. • The new Minibus dedicated telephone number is 07728866492, going forward this number will be included on all relevant paperwork and advertising.

10	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly inspections are continuing to take place. • There are a few items listed in the Annual Inspection report that need attention, these are listed on the Recreation report created by Cllr M Brightman. • Pest Control trapped and removed 7 moles; the total cost was £170.
11	<p>Funded Projects</p> <p><u>Improvements to the Public Footpath Styles (update)</u> Installation of the new kissing gates has been completed. Feedback is required for the NCF end of grant report.</p> <p><u>Bus Shelter Refurbishment</u> The funds for this grant have now been received. Orders have been placed for a new map, notice board and refurbishment works.</p> <p><u>Radar Speed Signs</u> The funds for this grant have now been received. An order has been placed for the supply and installation of VAR post.</p>
12	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Cllr Cruickshank will be looking after this plan going forward and will speak with Kevin O'Brien. ACTION: Cllr Cruickshank</p>
13	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>NK/2023/0736</u> Lyndon Thomas, Birchfield Springs. No decision as of 9.1.25.</p> <p><u>NK/2024/0545</u> Knight, Desborough Rd Rushton. APPROVED 6.12.24.</p> <p><u>NK/2024/0450</u> Bunkers Hill Farm. APPROVED 21.12.24. This also closes NK/2024/0341 which did not need prior approval.</p> <p><u>NK/2024/0580</u> Rushton Village Hall. APPROVED 22/11/24.</p> <p><u>AOC/0601/2301</u> Manor Farm Station Rd Rushton. APPROVED 29/11/24.</p> <p><u>NK/2024/0549</u> 23 High St Rushton. Comments on amendments sent 9/1/25. Target decision date 31/1/25.</p> <p><u>NK/2024/0614</u> 23 High St Rushton (windows). APPROVED 10/12/24.</p> <p><u>NK/2024/0713</u> Gaywood Cottage Pipewell. No objections from RPC sent 9/1/25. Target decision due 24/1/25.</p>
14	<p>Website and Hosted Emails</p> <p>Parish Online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our new website has been created: https://rushtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/ • The Clerk has moved over essential information/documents but will need more time to complete a general tidy up & add innovative ideas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice has been given to Adam Curtis who looks after the old website for RPC, his contract with RPC ends at the beginning of April. • RPC have paid an additional charge to retain the old website address so this should belong to Rushton Parish council, Adam Curtis has been notified about this. <p>E-mails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Councillors have now set-up their new e-mail addresses on Zoho mail, we will need all new e-mails to be set-up before our next audit to ensure that we pass.
15	<p>Street Watch - Relaunch Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Milne has e-mailed via the Street Watch website to request more information online. • Cllr Milne has registered herself for the Neighbourhood Watch campaign and will speak with Kevin for more information before the next meeting. RPC will not be looking for volunteers until more information has been received.
16	<p>Code of Conduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to Check whether the Code of Conduct policy has been moved over to new website. Action: Clerk
17	<p>Litter Picking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Milne is going to provide a date for the next village litter pick and request more equipment (Grabbers, Hi-Viz jackets and bags) from the council. Action: Cllr Milne
18	<p>The meeting closed at 8.47pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 19th March 2025 in the Village Hall.</p>

ACTION SUMMARY - January 2025

Item	Action	Who?
4a	Clerk to gain contact with the Police department via new contact details sent over by Cllr Hakewill.	Clerk
5	Clerk to write to the NNC Councillors to discuss recent effects of the floods.	Clerk
7a	The accounts for the Parish Council and Community Minibus YTD to be circulated to Cllrs before the next meeting.	Clerk
8	The Biodiversity Policy is to be reviewed.	Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk
12	Cllr Cruickshank to speak to Kevin about the Neighbourhood plan.	Cllr Cruickshank
16	Clerk to Check whether the Code of Conduct policy has been moved over to new website.	Clerk
17	Cllr Milne to provide a date for the next village litter pick and request more equipment.	Cllr Milne

