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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Peter Hooton (Chair), Mike Brightman (Vice Chair), Joy Brightman, Yvonne Turner, Sandy Cruickshank, Peter Palmer, Bill Parker, Roger Gibbard

In attendance: Megan Ellis (Clerk/RFO) and NNC Councillor Jim Hakewill

1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs O'Brien & Milne. These apologies were approved in the meeting. Cllr O'Brien resigned on the 18 th of November; his letter of resignation was read aloud at the start of the meeting.
2	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2024 The minutes of the meeting dated 25.09.2024 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. Clerk e-mailed both contacts that Cllr Hakewill provided and there was no response before the meeting. Cllr Hakewill to follow up. ACTION: Cllr Hakewill b) Mick George Landfill: No updates. c) Environment Agency: Cllr J Brightman confirmed that no issues have been reported by Greg. The rubbish that was near the windmills has now been cleared and the fence has been fixed. Cllr J Brightman to report litter issues with Mick George. c) Speed Issues: Further discussed in item 16.
5	Public Open Forum No members of the public were present.

6	<p>NNC Councillor Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hakewill meeting Mick George at Keepers Cottage Friday 22nd November. (20 bags of litter have been cleared recently) • Lyndon Thomas – Needs to regularise what is on site, unauthorised but not illegal and needs to be authorised. • Cllr Hakewill advised the Cllrs to look out for an update from NCALC regarding the nature recovery strategy. • Broughton to become part of Mawsley and Rothwell Ward. • Cllr Hakewill to send over link that shows where building proposals are located. ACTION: Cllr Hakewill • Predicted 5% increase to council tax. • Possibility of virtual Parish Council meetings (preference of face-to-face meetings)
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 Januarys’ meeting (reflected by pre-agreed cost schedule) has been approved. c. Clerk to complete the relevant form to remove Emma’s access from Unity Bank. Action: Clerk d. The RPC budget is due by the end of November. Clerk to send over the approved precept to NNC for 25/26 before the next meeting. ACTION: Clerk
8	<p>Audit This item was agreed to be removed from the minutes. ACTION: Clerk</p>
9	<p>Parish Notice Boards Cllr M Brightman has created a Community Noticeboard Policy so that transparency, communication, and community engagement are maintained. This policy was approved by the Council in the meeting.</p>
10	<p>Bio-Diversity Policy This item was agreed to be removed from the minutes. ACTION: Clerk</p>
11	<p>Community Minibus The Minibus is in good working order. Martyn Owen is a new volunteer driver having passed his Midas training. The Committee & Drivers meeting has not yet taken place due to holidays/other commitments, new date TBC. The End of Grant Report for the NCF Rushton Community Minibus Funding Support Grant for 23/24 has been completed and successfully</p>

	<p>closed. This funding contributed to the running costs for the Community trips between July 23 to August 24. We will continue to run these successful and well supported trips funded from the Minibus income.</p> <p>The Community shopping trip to Rushden Lakes now picks up passengers from Rothwell War Memorial. Each passenger is charged £5 & currently there are between 2 and 4 passengers.</p> <p>Expenditure was approved for a new dedicated mobile phone and contract that belongs to the Minibus. The new contract cost will be between £5-£7 each month and a suitable handset will cost £250/£300, funded by the Minibus. Cllr M Brightman to organise.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr M Brightman.</p>
12	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>Weekly inspections have taken place & the grass cutting has been regular this year.</p> <p>The pergola decking has been cleaned and treated, the park sign has been repainted and the wooden supports of the play equipment that needed treatment have been painted.</p> <p>There has been an increase of mole activity. It was agreed that Cllr M Brightman could contact Gary Matthews to request his services to trap the moles. Cost for this is £170 (£10 increase from last year).</p>
13	<p>Funded Projects</p> <p><u>Improvements to the Public Footpath Styles (update)</u> Installation of the new kissing gates is almost complete. Once completed, details of the completed project will be posted on social media & in the Triangle magazine requesting feedback. This is required for the NCF end of grant report.</p> <p><u>Bus Shelter Refurbishment</u> The grant application for the works for the refurbishment of the Station Road Bus shelter including the replacement of the old notice board and installing the Village Map was approved by the panel on the 23rd of October. We are now awaiting receipt of the funds.</p> <p><u>Radar Speed Signs</u> The grant application for the works for the relocation of the RSS and associated works was approved by the panel on the 23rd of October. We are now awaiting receipt of the funds.</p>
14	<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>
15	<p>Planning</p> <p>The following updates provided:</p> <p>NK/2023/0736 which is a resubmission of KET/2010/0242 for Lyndon Thomas.</p> <p>This is for retrospective amendments and deviation from the original planning permission. Planning meeting held to discuss this on 17th October 2024 and the RPC response was submitted on 18th October</p>

	<p>2024. No decision has been made yet.</p> <p>NK/2024/0545 8 Desborough Rd. Single storey side and rear extension and porch. There were no objections. No decision has been made yet.</p> <p>NK/2021/0492 AOC/0492/2101 Rushton Hall conversion of buildings. Approved on 23/10/24.</p> <p>NK/2024/0450 Bunkers Hill Farm creation of customer entrance to farm shop</p> <p>NK/2024/0341 Bunkers hill farm change to external appearance which has prior approval. Objections reiterated and sent 7.10.24. No decision yet.</p> <p>NK/2024/0544 Bunkers hill farm lean to attached to workshop for machinery parking has been withdrawn. A planning meeting was held on 14th November to discuss and a statement from RPC was also submitted 14th November. A reply was received from Alison Riches in planning stating that "the proposal under consideration is for external alterations to an agricultural farm workshop building which is being constructed following the prior approval application made under NK/2023/0215. Any change of use to farm shop has been removed and refers only to external alterations. No decision has been made yet.</p> <p>NK/2024/0580 Rushton village hall solar panels. No objections. Decision is due 22/11/24.</p> <p>NK2022/0049 AOC/0049/2201 Rushton Grange erection of garage and 2022 conditions. Approved.</p> <p>AOC/0601/2301 - Manor Farm, Station Rd, decision is due 2.12.24.</p> <p>NK/2024/0549 23 High St Rushton building works and parking. No objections but recommended materials to be used in keeping with village. There was one village objection and three in favour. Decision is due 6.12.24.</p> <p>NK/2024/0614 23 High St replacement windows. RPC asked for windows to be in keeping with the area 15/11/24. Decision is due 9.12.24.</p>
16	<p>Website and Hosted Emails</p> <p>Parish Online have now created a new website for Rushton Parish Council; however, we are not ready to go live with it just yet. The format of the new e-mail addresses will need to be agreed and confirmed, as well as preferred names to be used. An individual photograph to be included on the new website was taken of each member Parish Council member before the meeting started. Clerk and Cllr M Brightman will be working together to hopefully</p>

	complete the website in time for Januarys' meeting. Action: Clerk and Cllr M Brightman
17	Street Watch - Relaunch campaign In the previous Parish meeting, Cllr Milne agreed to look for local volunteers to take an active role in keeping their community safe. Action: Cllr Milne
18	Allotments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NNC cleared the overgrown unused allotment plots. Cllr M Brightman reported fly tipping offences to NNC after speaking with a resident, the area has now been tidied. Damaged fencing needs attention and the gate needs to be repaired to secure the plots.
19	The meeting closed at 8.54pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025 in the Village Hall.

ACTION SUMMARY - NOVEMBER 2024

Item	Action	Who?
4a	Cllr Hakewill to confirm who the local Police rep is for RPC.	Cllr Hakewill
6	Cllr Hakewill to send over link that shows where building proposals are located.	Cllr Hakewill
7a	The accounts for the Parish Council and Community Minibus YTD to be circulated to Cllrs before the next meeting	Clerk
7c	Clerk to complete the relevant form to remove Emma's access from Unity Bank.	Clerk
7d	Clerk to send over the approved precept to NNC for 25/26 before the next meeting.	Clerk
8	Clerk to remove this item from the next agenda.	Clerk
10	Clerk to remove this item from the next agenda.	Clerk
11	Cllr M Brightman to purchase a new phone and contract for the minibus.	Cllr M Brightman
14	Cllr Cruickshank to speak to Kevin about the Neighbourhood plan.	Cllr Cruickshank
16	Clerk and Cllr M Brightman to work together to hopefully complete the website in time for Januarys' meeting.	Clerk/Cllr M Brightman
17	Cllr Milne to provide an update on the street watch campaign.	Cllr Milne