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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Peter Hooton (Chair), Mike Brightman (Vice Chair), Joy Brightman, Yvonne Turner, Suzi Smith, Peter Palmer, Bill Parker, Sandy Cruickshank and Kevin Abraham

In attendance: Debbie Egan (Clerk/RFO) & 1 parishioner.

57/26	Apologies Apologies received from Meg Ellis and NNC Councillor Jim Hakewill.
58/26	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
59/26	Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2026 The minutes of the meeting dated 20.05.2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. RESOLVED: To approve the minutes
60/26	Local Issues Updates a) Police: • No update received. b) Mick George Landfill/Environment: • Cllr J Brightman reported no issues for Mick George . Fairly quiet this time of year and all tidy as should be. Greg from the Environmental Agency is also happy with the running of the site, but unfortunately he is leaving his position. His successor already looks after other Mick George Sites so is familiar with how things run.
61/26	Public Open Forum None
62/26	NNC Councillor Updates • No updates provided.
63/26	To receive an update from DDWP – Proposal for an ANPR enforcement programme for future developments – Ben Murphy-Ryan, Chair DDWP • Full reports added to website for information. It was requested that Rushton Parish Council support the scheme.

	• Councillor questions followed - • Cllr Parker -With 1200 to 1400 new properties proposed overall, potentially an increase of up to 2000 children. What about the school provision? <i>S106 contributions should contribute, although a poor history of these funds being spent in the area. It is recognised though, that school classes are shrinking in numbers year on year so this will offset the impact. NNC consider that provision available locally can absorb this.</i> • Cllr Parker - How will the increase in traffic through the village be managed? <i>This is indeed a challenge, and the route will need to be considered, along with extra calming measures. Not sure of the answer to this as yet but will be lobbying hard.</i> • Cllr Cruickshank -There are other opportunities to investigate with this scheme going forward, such as entry and exit cameras, so that strong evidence can be collected to report to the police for enforcement. • Cllr Cruickshank requested that DDWP share the contact details of the developers with the Clerk. • RPC unanimously agreed to support this initiative. RESOLVED: To support the ANPR initiative with DDWP
64/26	Finance a. The accounts for the Parish Council and Community Minibus YTD were circulated to Cllrs before the meeting. b. Payments listed in the payment schedule were reviewed in the meeting and approved. c. The closing June bank balances agreed in the meeting and reviewed before the meeting: RPC Account - £27,668.29 Minibus Account - £9,508.43 Minibus Savings Account - £48,720.07 d. Cllr M Brightman asked whether the recent insurance renewal includes liabilities that may be incurred by the minibus scheme. Clerk to check this. Action: Clerk RESOLVED: To approve payments list and closing June bank balances
65/26	To approve the newly proposed management agreement for pocket park • In principle, NNC have agreed a 25yr lease which is progressing. In the meantime, they have generated a Tenancy in Will for RPC/NNC to sign. This is an open-ended agreement for a tenancy of some land with peppercorn rent, in the interim period whilst the lease is completed. This ensures continuance of tenancy. RESOLVED: All agreed to approve the signing of the Tenancy in Will and approved a 25yr lease
66/26	Neighbourhood Plan • No update provided
67/26	To adopt/approve Risk Assessment and Model Publication Scheme Policy RESOLVED: to adopt and approve the above-mentioned policies
68/26	Banking amendments for Unity • To approve Debbie Egan, new clerk/ RFO to have access to RPC, RPC Community Bus and RPC Community bus Savings accounts with Unity

	RESOLVED: To approve the above
69/26	Recreation Ground • Cllr M Brightman had previously circulated a report which will be posted on the RPC website. • £5454 grant monies for trees to be cut back and other repairs. • Unfortunately, still issues with dog mess not being picked up. Cllr Brightman made a request for purchase of signs. Approved up to a cost of £300 Action: Cllr M Brightman • Cllr M Brightman reminded that working parties have been arranged for 9 September and 10 October, volunteers needed to help. RESOLVED: Approved purchase of signs up to £300
70/26	Planning The following updates were provided: NK /2023/0736 Lyndon Thomas Birchfield Springs No decision as at 7/7/26. NK/2025/007/0108 Rushton Hall APPROVED 4/6/26 25/00745TCA The barn Pipewell No decision as of 15/7/26 NK/2025/0261 Prologis APPROVED 8/6/26 25/011701/TCA Mr McEvan Station rd No decision as of 15/7/26 25/01164/TCA Mr R Baker Station rd No decision as of 15/7/26 26/00346AGD Mr Vaughan Upper lodge farm Pipewell Construction of steel gain barn in progress 15/7/26 25/01898/FUL Sir John Lowther Scouts Replacement of external welfare block in progress 15/7/26 25/00928/ADV Miller and Carter Internal and external lighting APPROVED 1/7/26 25/02021/FUL West Lodge Farm Pipewell rd D/boro Solar Panels (in progress 16/3/26 ALL PAPERWORK GONE FROM PLANNING SITE) RESUBMITTED 5/6/26 OBJECTION/COMMENT SENT IN 7/7/26 26/00861/HFUL Pipewell Hall repair gatepiers after road traffic accident No decision as of 15/7/26 26/00862/LBC " " " 26/00738/FUL Stable block north of station rd in progress 15/7/26 NK/2023/0502 - 26/01675/VAR Origin Frm Glendon variation of condtion 3. date extended to 31/10/2029 for temporary dwelling with view to permanent residence after that. Report enclosed. Deadline for decision 11/8/26 26/00943/TCA Coach House Pipewell Removal of conifers. Submitted April 26 but council never responded in 6 weeks so work can go ahead 26/01738/TCA Brooke Paddock, Rushton Pruning trees decision date due 4/8/26

	26/01198/FUL Glendon Wood Hospital Rushton Rd Pipewell construction of microenergy storage system No decision as of 13/7/26 • NK/2023/0502 Origin farm comments to be submitted Action: Cllr Turner RESOLVED: To note the above
71/26	Rushton Parish Road Issues Report • Cllr M Brightman reported that a Meeting was attended on Monday with Highways where application was discussed for 20mph speed limit which is going to the panel at their meeting on Tuesday 21 July. They have requested further information which will be provided prior to the meeting. Cllr M Brightman and Cllr S Cruickshank will attend and present on behalf of RPC. • Cllr M Brightman reported that HGV vehicles also a concern. Re the incident of reversing in Station Road earlier in the week, photo evidence has been provided to the company and they will report back in due course
72/26	• Community Bus report had been circulated, available on website. A meeting needs to be convened with drivers and Councillors to discuss the future Action: Cllr M Brightman • Cllr Cruickshank requested fire water road safety support to be included on next agenda. Action: Clerk • Draft IT Policy to be circulated to Councillors. For approval at September meeting. Action: Clerk • RPC meeting dates for 2027 to be approved at September RPC meeting for 3rd Wednesday bimonthly. Action: Clerk
73/26	• The meeting closed at 7.59pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 16th September 2026 in the Village Hall.

ACTION SUMMARY – JULY 2026

Item	Action	Who?
43/26	Cllr Hakewill to investigate the empty allotment plots with NNC	Cllr Hakewill
64/26	Clerk to check insurance renewal for community bus liability cover	Clerk
69/26	Cllr M Brightman to enquire for purchase of signs for recreation ground	Cllr M Brightman
70/26	NK/2023/0502 Origin farm comments to be submitted by Cllr Turner	Cllr Turner
72/26	Cllr M Brightman to set up a meeting to discuss the future of the minibus in more detail	Cllr M Brightman
72/26	Cllr Cruickshank requested Fire water road safety support to be included on next agenda	Clerk
72/26	Draft IT Policy to be circulated to Councillors. For approval at September meeting	Clerk
72/26	RPC meeting dates for 2027 to be approved at September RPC meeting for 3 rd Wednesday bimonthly	Clerk

