

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 28 September 2023.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)
Miss C Johnson

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Mr D Norman

Mr M Kingman
Mr L Wood

Apologies - These were received from, Mrs H Greaves, Mr J Saunders Watson, Mr B Scales, Mrs S Scales, Cllr M Nicholl (NNC), Cllr D Sims (NNC), Cllr K Watt (NNC), Mr J Douglas (King West). PC B Wilson

Declarations of Interest – There were none

3-1 HM THE QUEEN

The meeting noted with regret the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 9 September and two minutes silence was observed. It was further noted that the Proclamation for HM King Charles III had been read outside the Church by the Chairman on Sunday 11 September.

3-2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read. Mr M Kingman proposed, Miss C Johnson seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

3-3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Highways – Hill - It was noted that the potholes on the Hill were getting worse and agreed to continue reporting to NNC Highways.

Footpaths – It was noted that many of the footpaths in the village were now in a dangerous condition. It was agreed to continue reporting to North Northants (NNC) Highways for their repair. It was further noted that Kier had been awarded the contract for NNC Highways.

Speed Camera – The meeting was advised that the branches around the fixed speed camera on the hill had been trimmed, possibly in readiness for its use again. It was further noted that the mobile speed camera had been in the village on a regular basis.

Church Walk Steps – The meeting noted that one of the stone steps at the bottom of Church Walk needed repair – it was agreed to report this to NNC Highways.

Church Walk – The meeting was advised that Church Walk had recently been cleared by a team of volunteers and thanks were expressed to those involved.

3.2 Bus Services – The meeting noted that Wilbarston PC were still pursuing finding n behalf of the other Welland valley villages. It was further noted that the Rutland Flier had been redesignated as the R1 and was operating a reduced service following a change of operator. It was suggested that the Bus Shelter could be changed so that it was open fronted instead of having a door at the end and agreed to investigate this and mention on a future walkabout with NNC.

3.3 Soudes Yard Wall – It was noted that Cllr Sims had contacted NNC Planning to find out the latest position and that the Estate were look for funding to rebuild the wall.

3.4 Castle Farm Garden Wall – The meeting noted that this wall along Main Street was in danger of collapse.

3.5 Defibrillator – It was noted that a quote of £1200 had been received and that funding was being sought.

3.6 Public Footpath GX2 (to Gretton) – It was noted that the Chairman and Stuart Norman had cleared the bridges. Thanks were expressed for this.

3.7 Public Footpath GX1 (to Great Easton) – The meeting noted that this was getting overgrown down the Green Lane from Cottingham Road.

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3.8 Website – The meeting noted that an improved website was currently being worked on.

3-4 POLICE MATTERS

4.1 A report from the local police including crime figures was noted.
It was noted that the convicted paedophile appeared to have left the village.

3-5 FINANCE

5.1 Payment of Accounts – It was noted that payments amounting to £642.60, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Miss C Johnson proposed, Mr M Kingman, and the meeting agreed the payments.

3-6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Planning Application – Rockingham Castle – The meeting noted that details had been received of a planning application to conduct internal alterations at Rockingham Castle. The meeting confirmed that it had no objections to the proposals.

6.2 Refuse Bins – The meeting was the bin collection day was changing from Tuesday to Friday from October. It was also noted that a charge of £40 was to be made for emptying the Green Bins from April 2023.

3-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Road Closure – The meeting was advised that Main Street was to be closed towards the end of October for Anglian Water to conduct works.

3-8 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 30 November 2022 in the Village Hall.

Note: Subsequently rearranged for **Thursday 5 January 2023 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 28 September 2022			
Payee	Date	Cheque No	Amount
Zurich Insurance - insurance	24/11/2022	On-line	£257.60
S Morphy - grass cutting – 8/9/2022 - Inv 31	25/10/2022	100753	£135.00
S Morphy - grass cutting – 22/9/2022 - Inv 44	25/10/2022	100753	£115.00
S Morphy - grass cutting – 7/10/2022 – Inv 57	25/10/2022	100753	£135.00