

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday, 27 February 2020.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)
Miss C Johnson
Mr D Norman
Mr J Douglas (KingWest)

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Mr M Kingman
Mr L Wood
A N Other

Mr D Carmichael
Mr J Martin
Cllr S Naden-Horley (NCC)

Apologies - These were received from Mr J Saunders Watson, Ms S Preston (CBC). Mr B Houston (CBC), Cllr R Rutt (CBC)

Declarations of Interest – The Chairman invited those present to make any declarations of interest: –

There were none.

4-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2019, having been circulated, were taken as read. Mr M Kingman proposed, Mr D Norman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

4-2 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Highways – Drainage – It was noted water was still leaking from the verge by 17 Main Street and The Od Forge despite attempts to carry out repairs. Water was also leaking from the verge below North Lodge. It was agreed to raise these matters with Street Doctor once more.

Michael's Walk – The excessive speed of traffic exiting Michael's Walk onto The Cottons was noted. It was agreed to contact Street Doctor about repainting the white lines at this junction. It was also felt that the tree on the verge above the junction needed trimming to aid visibility.

Speed Indicator Sign – It was noted that Speed Indicator Sign was not working and required a replacement battery. It was agreed to report this to the Borough Council.

Speeding Traffic – It was agreed that this should be placed on the agenda for the next Rural Area Forum.

Hill - It was noted that there were potholes on both the north and south bound carriageways and agreed to report to Street Doctor.

It was also noted that there were trees and bushes overhanging the carriageway on the north bound carriageway and agreed to report this also to Street Doctor.

2.2 Criminal Activity – Drug Dealers - The meeting noted that suspected drug dealers were parking in Michael's Walk and on Cottingham Road by the Bus Shelter. This had been reported to the Police and it was agreed to pass all the information to Cllr S Naden-Horley who would pursue the matter.

Criminal Activity - The meeting noted that a letter had been written to the MP the alleged perpetrator from the village accused of downloading child pornography.

2.3 Bus Services – The meeting was advised that Corby BC had agreed to contribute to the cost of the service up to March 2021 and that Kettering BC were being asked to match this. It was agreed to forward correspondence to Cllr S Naden-Horley.

4-3 FINANCE

3.1 Payment of Accounts – The meeting noted that payments amounting to £375, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval Mr D Norman proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

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4-4 CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 Grass Cutting** - The meeting agreed to take responsibility for cutting the verges in the village once more with a contribution of £455.90 from the County Council.
- 4.2 Spring Clean** – It was agreed to have a spring clean of the village on Sunday 5 April as part of the national campaign.
- 4.3 Local Government Reform** – The meeting was advised that election for the shadow North Northamptonshire Council would be held on 7 May 2020, and that vesting day (when the new council comes in to being and Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough & East Northants Councils, and the County Council cease to exist) would be 1 April 2021.
- 4.4 V E Day** – It was agreed that the village should commemorate this anniversary in some way and to canvas for ideas.

4-5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 Old Telephone Exchange** – The meeting noted that planning permission had been granted to prune the tree on the verge by the Old Telephone Exchange.
It was also noted that the oak tree to the rear of the property needed three lower branches pruning.
- 5.2 West of Village** – The meeting noted that the access road by the Village Hall had some potholes which required attention and Mr J Douglas agreed to investigate the matter.
- 5.3 Michael's Walk** – The meeting noted that the parking area for 2 - 4 Main Street required more hardcore. Mr J Douglas agreed to investigate the matter.

4-6 NEXT MEETING

The annual parish meeting was arranged to take place on at **7.30 pm** on **Thursday 21 May 2020** in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 27 February 2020			
Payee	Date	Cheque No	Amount
T C Burbidge – Clerk duties	27/2/2020	100726	£300.00
H M R C – Income tax	27/2/2020	100727	£75.00