

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

The annual assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 19 May 2021.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)
Mr M Kingman
Mrs S Scales
Cllr K Watt (NNC)

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Mr J Martin
Mr W Scales

Miss C Johnson
Mr D Norman
Mr R Stribley

Apologies - These were received from Cllr M Nicholl (NNC) and Cllr D Sims (NNC)

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

Interest in payments to the Church and Village Hall by members of those bodies was noted.

Church – Mr I Norman & Mr T Burbidge

Village Hall - Mr I Norman, Mr T Burbidge, Miss C Johnson, Mr M Kingman, Mr J Martin & Mr D Norman.

Welcome – The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Councillor Kevin Watt, the parishes newly elected Councillor on the new North Northamptonshire Council (NNC).

1-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2020, having been circulated, were taken as read. Miss C Johnson proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

1-2 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Highways – Potholes – A pothole at the junction of The Cottons with Gretton Road was noted It was agreed to report this to Street Doctor. It was noted that the potholes on the Hill had been repaired.

Log on Verge – It was noted that part of a fallen tree was dangerously near the downhill carriageway on the Hill and agreed to report this to Street Doctor.

Speeding Traffic – It was reported that traffic was regularly speeding up and down Caldecott Road and agreed that this should be passed to the Safer Community Team, (PC Brad Wilson).

Speed Indicator Sign – It was noted that this had not been working since February 2020 and agreed to contact the Neighbourhood Wardens at NNC.

17 Main Street – It was noted water was still pouring out of the verge from a broken pipe. It was agreed to report this to Street Doctor again.

2.2 Criminal Activity – Drug Dealing - The meeting was advised that it was suspected that drug dealers were using the Michael's Walk and The Cottons. It was agreed to report to the Safer Community Team with details of dates, times, registration numbers etc.

Criminal Damage – It was reported that cars parked at Michael's Walk had been dented and had their tyres slashed. It was agreed to approach Orbit Housing Association about the possibility of CCTV being installed in the parking area.

Suspected Paedophile in Village – It was queried whether this case was still ongoing and agreed to contact the Police again.

2.3 Bus Services – The meeting that the Welland Wanderer was being subsidized to provide services on two days a week – Tuesday to Market Harborough and Friday to Corby through the Welland Valley villages.

The Rutland Flyer runs from Corby to Uppingham Oakham via Cottingham, Bringhurst, Great Easton & Caldecott and return around twelve times daily. It was agreed to enquire whether some of its services could also come via Rockingham.

It was noted that NNC were being asked to look at Rural Transport for the villages.

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- 2.4 Local Government Reform** – The meeting noted that Councillor Kevin Watt had been elected for the Corby Rural Ward of North Northamptonshire Council along with Councillors Macaulay Nicholl and David Sims. The new Council covered the area formerly within Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough, and East Northants areas. County services were also split between the new North and West Councils.

1-3 FINANCE

- 3.1 Payment of Accounts** – The meeting noted that payments amounting to £755.86 had been made, as listed in the attached schedule, required retrospective approval. Mr M Kingman proposed, Mrs S Scales, and the meeting agreed the payments.

It was also noted that payments amounting to £2184.02, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Mr M Kingman proposed, Mrs S Scales seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

Regarding the payments for the website, it was agreed to investigate the feasibility of editing this ourselves.

- 3.3 Annual Governance Statement** – Miss C Johnson proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.
- 3.4 Annual Statement of Accounts** – Mr M Kingman proposed, Mr D Norman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Statement of Account be approved.
- 3.5 Risk Assessment Policy** – Mr J Martin proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Risk Assessment Policy be approved.
- 3.6 External Audit** – Mr J Martin proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed that as the Parish Meeting's gross income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000, a Certificate of Exemption from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 should be completed.
- 3.2 Internal Audit** – The meeting noted that the Internal Audit of the Parish Meeting's accounts would be taking place shortly.

1-4 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- 4.1** Nominations were invited for the position of Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr M Kingman proposed, Miss C Johnson seconded, and the meeting agreed that Mr Ian Norman should continue as Chairman, which he agreed to do. A vote of thanks was expressed for all his hard work. The question of whether the Parish Meeting could become a Parish Council was raised and it was noted that 150 Electors were required.

1-5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 Rubbish** – Thanks were expressed to the voluntary "Wombles" in the village for their regular litter picking.
- 5.2 Sondes Garages Wall** – The meeting noted that the eight-foot-high stone wall between the Sondes Arms and 28 Main Street had collapsed in January 2021. It was agreed to contact Rockingham Estate to see when it would be rebuilt.
- 5.3 Telephone Box** – The meeting noted that the windows in adopted phone box were to be cleaned and shelves were to be installed.

1-6 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place on Thursday 29 July in the Village Hall.

Note – This was subsequently rearranged for **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday 28 July** 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.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 19 May 2021			
Payee	Date	Cheque No	Amount
I J Norman - Telephones	31/3/2021	On-line	£100.00
T C Burbidge - Clerk	31/3/2021	On-line	£375.00
T C Burbidge - Postage & Telephones	31/3/2021	On-line	£57.60
T C Burbidge - stationery	31/3/2021	On-line	£9.99
T C Burbidge - website	31/3/2021	On-line	£170.10
T C Burbidge - zoom subscription	31/3/2021	On-line	£43.17
Northants CALC - Subscription 2021/22	19/5/2021	100740	£119.24
Northants ACRE - Subscription 2021/22	19/5/2021	On-line	£35.00
CPRE - Subscrip21/2220/21	19/5/2021	100741	£36.00
Wilbarston PC - Welland Wanderer contribution	19/5/2021	100742	£100.00
Rockingham Village Hall - Grant	19/5/2021	On-line	£750.00
Rockingham Church - Grant	19/5/2021	On-line	£750.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 24/2/21 Inv 29	19/5/2021	100743	£115.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 17/4/21 Inv 7	19/5/2021	100743	£115.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 1/5/21 Inv 26	19/5/2021	100743	£135.00
T C Burbidge - Zoom subscription	19/5/2021	On-line	£28.78