

# ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

The annual assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday 12 May 2022.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)  
Mr D Carmichael  
Mr D Norman

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)  
Mr M Kingman  
Mr B Scales

Mr I Bentley  
Miss C Johnson  
Mrs S Scales

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

**Declarations of Interest** – Interest in the finances of the Village Hall and the Church were declared by members of those bodies.

## 1-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2022, having been circulated, were taken as read. Mr M Kingman proposed, Mr D Carmichael seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

## 1-2 MATTERS ARISING

**2.1 Highways – Speed Limit** – It was noted that proposals had been made to have a 40mph speed limit from the roundabout at the top of the hill to the village entrance. This was supported by all present.

Footpaths – It was noted that the footpaths in the village were still in a mess and agreed to pursue this with Northants Highways

Hill – It was noted that while patching repairs had been conducted on the hill the surface was still full of potholes and agreed to contact Northants Highways again.

17 Main Street – It was noted that the water leak in the verge by 17 Main Street was still running and agreed to chase again with Northants Highways.

Streetlights – It was noted that a few streetlights in the gardens of various properties were becoming obscured by trees and bushes. It was agreed to contact the Estate regarding this

**2.2 Bus Services** – The meeting noted that Wilbarston PC were hopeful in getting funding from North Northants Council.

**2.3 Sondes Garages Wall** – It was noted that the fence had still not been replaced and that the Estate were still looking into developing the area.

**2.4 Queens Platinum Jubilee – Bench** – It was agreed to investigate the price of a commemorative bench

Medals – The Jubilee Committee had agreed to give each child in the village a Jubilee Medal and a request had been made to the Parish Meeting for assistance with funding these.

Trees – A suitable location in the Parish was still being sought – It was agreed to contact the Estate again.

**2.5 Asset Mapping Project** – It was noted that the full list was being finalised and would then be entered onto the mapping tool.

## 1-3 POLICE MATTERS

**3.1** A report from the local police including crime figures was noted.

**3.2 Police Surgery** – It was hoped that the Surgery Bus would be in the village, in Michael's Walk on either Wednesday 25 May or Wednesday 22 June.

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### 1-4 FINANCE

- 4.1 Payment of Accounts** – The meeting noted that payments amounting to £318.50 had been made, as listed in the attached schedule, required retrospective approval. Mr D Carmichael proposed, Mr B Scales, and the meeting agreed the payments.

It was also noted that payments amounting to £1921.00, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Mr M Kingman proposed, Mr D Carmichael seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

- 4.2 Annual Governance Statement** – Mr M Kingman proposed, Mr D Carmichael seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.
- 4.3 Annual Statement of Accounts** – Mr M Kingman proposed, Mr D Norman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Statement of Account be approved.
- 4.4 Risk Assessment Policy** – Mr D Carmichael proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Risk Assessment Policy be approved.
- 4.5 External Audit** – Mr D Norman 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.
- 4.6 Internal Audit** – The meeting noted that the Internal Audit of the Parish Meeting's accounts would be taking place shortly.

### 1-5 CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Planning Application – 2 The Cottons** – The meeting noted that details of a planning application had been received to build an extension at the rear and side of The Cottons. The meeting agreed that they had no objections to the proposals.
- 5.2 Defibrillator** – Mr I Bentley advised the meeting that he was looking into the costs and feasibility of getting a defibrillator for the village. It was agreed that this could be put either in the Phone Box or on the front wall of the Village Hall.

### 1-6 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- 6.1** Nominations were invited for the position of Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr M Kingman proposed, Mr B Scales 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.

### 1-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Cycling on Footpaths** – It was noted that cyclists coming down the footpath on the hill were a danger to pedestrians and it was queried whether "No Cycling" signs could be erected.
- 7.2 Parking Rear 8 – 13 Main Street** – It was reported that the parking area at the rear of 8 – 13 Main Street needed extending and it was agreed to contact the Estate regarding this.

### 1-8 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place at **7.30 pm** on **Thursday 28 July 2022** 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.

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<b>SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 12 May 2022</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IJ Norman - Telephones	31/3/2022	On-line	£100.00
T Burbidge - Postage & telephones	31/3/2022	On-line	£58.50
T Burbidge - Stationery	31/3/2022	On-line	£10.00
Rockingham Village Hall - Hire	31/3/2022	On-line	£150.00
Northants ACRE - Subscription 2022/23	12/5/2022	On-line	£35.00
CPRE - Subscription 2022/23	12/5/2022	On-line	£36.00
Wilbarston PC - Welland Wanderer contribution	12/5/2022	On-line	£100.00
Rockingham Village Hall - Grant	12/5/2022	On-line	£750.00
Rockingham Church - Grant	12/5/2022	On-line	£750.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 23/3/22 Inv 51	12/5/2022	100750	£115.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 20/4/22 Inv 13 & 17	12/5/2022	100750	£135.00