

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday 5 January 2023.

Those in attendance were:

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

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Miss C Johnson

Mrs H Greaves
Mr D Norman

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

Declarations of Interest – There were none

4-1 MINUTES

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

4-2 MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1 Highways – Hill** - It was noted that the potholes on the Hill had been repaired, although the surface was deteriorating again.

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.

Main Street – It was suggested that double white lines through the village might assist in slowing traffic down.

- 2.2 Bus Services** – The meeting noted that the Welland Wanderer service was to continue for another year with contributions from each parish along the route. Further contributions were also being sought from North Northants Council.

- 2.3 Sondes Yard Wall** – It was noted that the Estate were still looking for funding to rebuild the wall.

The meeting also noted that several buildings at Cottons Farm were falling into disrepair.

- 2.4 Defibrillator** – It was noted that a defibrillator had been fitted to the external wall of the Village Hall.

- 2.5 Website** – The meeting noted that the new website was up and running.

4-3 POLICE MATTERS

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

It was noted that the garden gate of 2 Michael's Walk had been vandalised and was a danger to residents.

4-4 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

- 4.1 Empowerment Fund** – The meeting noted that money was available from ward Councillors for good causes within their wards. The Warm Winter Places initiative and Cycle & Walkways were suggested, as was a contribution towards the Bus Service.

4-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £143.80, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Mr M Kingman proposed, Mr D Norman seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

- 5.2 Precept 2023/4** - The meeting considered a schedule of estimates. Mrs H Greaves proposed, Miss C Johnson seconded, and the meeting agreed a precept of £4120 – an increase of 2.0% on the previous year's total. It was estimated that this would equate to a 3p per week increase for Band D properties.

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4-6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Boundary Commission** – The meeting noted that the Boundary Commission for England & Wales were looking at parliamentary constituency boundaries and that no changes were proposed for Rockingham.
- 6.2 Local Government Boundary Commission** – The meeting noted that it was being proposed that the number of councillors in North Northamptonshire should be reduced from 78 to 70 and that the existing Corby Rural ward should include more properties.

4-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Church Walk** – The meeting noted that the leaves on Church Walk needed clearing.
- 7.2 Castle Farm** – The meeting noted that another stone had fallen out of the garden wall of Castle Farm. It was agreed to advise King West of the meetings concern.
- 7.3 Sondes Arms** – The meeting noted that the exterior of the Sondes Arms was a mess with broken glass and rubbish. It was agreed to advise King West of this.
- 7.4 Bus Shelter** – It was noted that the Bus Shelter on Cottingham Road was being used as a toilet and dumping area for rubbish. It was also reported that the adjacent lay-by was being used by drug users and agreed that a CCTV camera in the vicinity would help, together with a litter bin. It was agreed to contact the police about the drug problem.
- 7.5 Walk About** – It was agreed to have a village walkabout to look for other problems on Sunday 8 January, starting at the Old Rectory at 10.30am.

4-8 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place at **7.30 pm on Thursday 30 March 2023** 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 – 5 January 2023			
Payee	Date	Cheque No	Amount
Geosphere – Parish Online	5/1/2023	On-line	£28.80
S Morphy - grass cutting – 4/11/2022 - Inv 66	25/10/2022	1007544	£115.00