

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday 30 March 2023.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)
Mrs H Greaves
Mr J Martin
Mrs S Scales

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Mr M Kingman
Mr D Norman

Mr D Carmichael
Miss C Johnson
Mr B Scales

Apologies - These were received from Mr J Saunders Watson, Mr B Scales, Mrs S Scales, Mrs S Spencer, Mr L Wood, 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

5-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2023, having been circulated, were taken as read. Miss C Johnson proposed, Mr J Martin seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

5-2 MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1 Highways – Potholes** – The meeting noted that the potholes on the Hill were getting worse and there could be a serious accident. It was agreed to contact the local Councillors about the state of the road.

Water Leak – It was noted that the water leak by 17 Main Street had been referred to Anglian Water by North Northants Council.

Footpaths – It was noted that the state of the footpath in the village was getting worse and agreed to refer to NNC Highways again.

Footpath to Caldecott – it was noted that the stretch of road between the river and Caldecott was in Leicestershire and repeated requests had been made to Leicestershire Highways for a footpath between the two villages with support from Caldecott PC and Great Easton PC.

- 2.2 Sondes Yard Wall** – It was noted that the wall below the Sondes Arms still required rebuilding and it was agreed to contact Councillor D Sims concerning planning enforcement.

5-3 POLICE MATTERS

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

5-4 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

There was none.

5-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £694.50, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Mrs H Greaves proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

5-6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

5-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Sondes Arms Parking** – The meeting noted that the village was getting overwhelmed with cars being parked everywhere from customers to the Sondes Arms, especially on Sundays. It was agreed to contact King West.
- 7.2 Solar Panels** – The meeting was asked whether solar panels could be fitted to the bungalows in Michael's Walk. It was felt that this was a planning matter and would also need approval from Orbit Housing Association.
- 7.3 Bench** – It was felt that the bench at the crossroads would serve more purpose near the bus shelter on Cottingham Road.

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7.4 Trees – It was agreed to investigate if trees were still available for planting to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen, and also to check whether the State were agreeable to the Parish planting some.

7.5 Coronation – The meeting noted that the Coronation of King Charles III was to take place on Saturday 6 May and that a village event was planned for the Bank Holiday Monday following to celebrate this.

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.

5-8 NEXT MEETING

The annual parish meeting was arranged to take place at **7.30 pm** on **Thursday 25 May 2023** in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 30 March 2023			
Payee	Date	Cheque No	Amount
T Burbidge - Clerk	30/3/2023	On-Line	£375.00
IJ Norman - telephones	30/3/2023	On-Line	£100.00
T Burbidge - postage & telephones	30/3/2023	On-Line	£59.50
T Burbidge - stationery	30/3/2023	On-Line	£10.00
Rockingham Village Hall - Hire	30/3/2023	On-Line	£150.00