

# ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

The annual assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday 25 May 2023.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)	Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)	Mr D Carmichael
Mrs D Hensman	Mr J Hensman	Mr A Hensman
Mrs H Greaves	Mr M Kingman	Miss C Johnson
Mr D Norman	Mr B Scales	Mrs S Scales
Ms S Spencer	PC B Wilson	

**Apologies** - These were received from Mr J Martin, Cllr K Watt (NNC).

**Declarations of Interest** – There were none.

## 1-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2023, 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** – The meeting noted that the potholes on the Hill had been repaired but were getting worse again.

Speed Camera – It was noted that the Police mobile speed camera had been in the village on a regular basis.

Traffic – It was noted that the volume and speed of traffic through the village was being monitored.

Traffic Calming – it was suggested that that some traffic calming be put on Caldecott Road, such as a gateway to give way to oncoming traffic.

Crossroads – It was suggested that a mirror be erected opposite Gretton Road and noted that the Police would support such a request. A mini roundabout at the crossroads was also suggested.

Water Leak – The meeting noted that the leak outside 17 Main Street had still not been fixed and agreed to contact Highways again.

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

- 2.3 Sondes Arms Parking** -The meeting noted that the village was becoming overwhelmed with customers cars for the Sondes Arms. It was felt that additional parking was required and agreed to contact King West. It was also noted that the lay byes in Main Street were often being used by Sondes Arms customers and agreed to contact Highways about getting them designated a residents parking.

## 1-3 POLICE MATTERS

- 3.1** PC B Wilson reported on crime figures for the village. It was noted that a car abandoned in The Cottons had been removed. He stated that owing to staff shortages he had had to spend time in town but hoped that this would be resolved shortly. He also noted that he had been parking in Michael's Walk and on Cottingham Road which had reduced nuisance cars parking there. He agreed to request a list from the Speed Camera activity in the village.

## 1-4 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

There was none.

## 1-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £2,176.86, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Mr J Hensman proposed, Ms S Spencer seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

- 5.2 Annual Governance Statement** – Mr B Scales proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

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- 4.3 **Annual Statement of Accounts** – Mr M Kingman proposed, Mrs S Scales seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Statement of Account be approved.
- 4.4 **Risk Assessment Policy** – Mr J Hensman proposed, Ms S Spencer seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Risk Assessment Policy be approved.
- 4.5 **External Audit** – Mrs H Greaves proposed, Mrs S Scales 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.

### 1-6 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

### 1-7 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Thanks were expressed to Mr I Norman for his many years of service and it was suggested that the role of Deputy or Vice Chairman be established. The meeting was advised that within the terms of the Local Government Acts, the only recognised position for a Parish Meeting, without a Parish Council, was that of Chairman, who was to be elected annually. Nominations were invited for the position of Chairman for the ensuing year. Mrs H Greaves proposed, Ms S Spencer seconded, and the meeting agreed that Mr Ian Norman should continue as Chairman, which he agreed to do. It was agreed that the Northants County Association of Local Councils should be consulted regarding the Deputy/Vice Chair question.

### 1-8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 8.1 **Public Footpaths and Bridleways** – The meeting noted that the bridges and gateways on the two Public Footpaths/Bridleways in the village needed looking at.
- 8.2 **Gretton Road** – The meeting noted that the hedges on Gretton Road were overgrown in parts and becoming a danger to traffic.
- 8.3 **Bus Shelter** – The meeting noted that a quote had been received for repairing the bus shelter on Cottingham Road, amounting to £5,874 inc. VAT. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of getting grants to carry out this work.
- 8.4 **Litter Pick** – It was noted that a successful litter pick had recently taken place and agreed to look at getting our own litter pickers and hoops.
- 8.5 **Wheeled Bins** – The meeting was advised that residents should contact North Northants Council for the removal of any unwanted Green Bins.
- 8.6 **Village Website** – It was agreed to investigate changing the website. Mr A Hensman offered to do the necessary changes and it was agreed to investigate terminating the present contract.

### 1-8 **NEXT MEETING**

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday 27 July 2023 in the Village Hall.

**NOTE** – Subsequently changed to **7.30pm on Thursday 3 August 2023.**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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<b>SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 25 May 2023</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Northants CALC – subscription 2023-4	25/5/2023	On-Line	£109.86
Northants ACRE – subscription 2023-4	25/5/2023	On-Line	£42.00
CPRE – subscription 2023-4	25/5/2023	On-Line	£60.00
Wilbarston PC – Welland Wanderer Contribution	25/5/2023	On-Line	£100.00
Rockingham Village Hall - Grant	25/5/2023	On-Line	£750.00
Rockingham Church - Grant	25/5/2023	On-Line	£750.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 5/4/2023 - Inv 38	25/5/2023	100755	£115.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 24/4/23 - Inv 15	25/5/2023	100755	£115.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 5/5/23 - Inv 24	25/5/2023	100755	£135.00