

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday 3 August 2023.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)
Mrs H Greaves
Mr D Norman
PC B Wilson

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Mr M Kingman
Mrs S Scales
Cllr K Watt

Mr I Bentley
Miss C Johnson
Ms S Spencer
Mr J Douglas (King West)

Apologies - These were received from Mr J Saunders Watson, Mr B Scales

Declarations of Interest – There were none.

2-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 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.

2-2 MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1 **Highways – Mirror at Crossroads** - The meeting was informed that North Northants Highways had advised that a mirror at the crossroads would not be permitted as it could cause a hazard to drivers. PC B Wilson offered to provide video footage of the approach from Gretton Road.

Lay-byes on Main Street – The meeting was advised that an application could be made for the lay-byes to be classified for Residents Parking only, but it would cost the residents an annual fee for the permits.

Speed Sign – The meeting was asked whether it was possible to get traffic speed information from the Speed Information Sign. It was agreed to contact North Northants Council to see if any information was available. It was felt that this information would be helpful in any request for further traffic calming.

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.

Water Leak – 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 water leak by the Old Forge had been repaired but that the storm water leak outside 17 Main Street was still a problem and agreed to contact Northants Highways again.

- 2.2 **Sondes Yard Wall** – The meeting was advised that the fence was temporary, and that the Estate fully intended rebuilding the wall but that no time scale had been set.
- 2.3 **Sondes Arms Parking** – The meeting was advised that parking should not be taking place on Main Street and that an overflow car park had been provided although planning permission may be required for a change of use. It was agreed that the Chairman and Mr J Douglas should approach the sondes Arms about the problem.
- 2.4 **Chairman** - The meeting was advised that Northants County Association of Local Councils had confirmed that there was no legal basis for appointing a Shadow Chairman. Ms S Spencer proposed, Miss C Johnson seconded, and it was agreed that Mrs H Greaves should be Shadow Chair.

2-3 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

Cllr K Watt advised the meeting that current Boundary Commission proposals could see Rockingham join other Welland Valley villages in a ward with Desborough as opposed to a Corby Rural ward around Corby.

2-4 POLICE MATTERS

PC B Wilson that there had recently been the theft of a motor vehicle from the village.

He also advised that the Independent Advisory Group was looking for members.

2-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 **Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £365.00, as listed in the attached schedule, had been made and required approval, and that payments amounting to £290.00, as listed

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in the attached schedule, were due and required approval. Mr M Kingman proposed, Mrs S Scales seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

- 5.2 Internal Audit** – The meeting noted that the Internal Audit of the Parish Meeting's accounts had been satisfactorily completed with nothing to report on.

2-6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Planning Application – The Old Rectory** – The meeting was advised that a planning application had been made for the removal of a Douglas Fir Tree at The Old Rectory. It was agreed that no objections should be made.

- 6.2 Planning Application – Michels Walk** – The meeting noted that a planning application had been made for the removal of one tree and the trimming of two others in the garden of 4A Main Street. It was agreed that no objection should be made.

2-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Bus Shelter** – the meeting was advised that Cllr K Watt had offered a grant from his Empowerment Fund but that another quote would be required. Additional funding would also be required, and it was suggested that Landfill Tax or Kings Cliffe Low Level Nuclear Waste site could be approached.

- 7.2 Defibrillator** – Mr I Bentley advised the meeting that he would be arranging a training session in the Villager Hall before Christmas.

- 7.3 Coffee Club** – The meeting was advised that the Coffee Club held in the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings was well attended.

- 7.4 Overhanging Trees & Bushes** – The meeting noted that there were a number of trees and bushes overhanging the footpaths in the village. It was agreed that residents should be encouraged to cut these back where they were a nuisance to pedestrians.

- 7.5 Footpaths** – The meeting noted that the footpaths throughout the village were getting overgrown. Cllr Watt advised that he was trying to get Kier to maintain them on a regular basis. It was noted that all problems should be reported to Street Doctor.

2-8 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place at **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday 11 October 2023** in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 3 August 2023			
Payee	Date	Cheque No	Amount
S Morphy - grass cutting - 14/5/2023 - Inv 31	3/8/2023	100755	£135.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 26/5/23 - Inv 42	3/8/2023	100755	£115.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 18/6/23 - Inv 68	3/8/2023	100755	£115.00
J Hindle - Internal Audit	3/8/2023	On-Line	£40.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 9/7/2023 - Inv 5	3/8/2023	100756	£135.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 26/7/23 - Inv 17	3/8/2023	100756	£115.00