

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 11 October 2023.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)
Miss C Johnson

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Mr D Norman

Mr M Kingman

Apologies - These were received from Mr J Hensman, Mr J Martin, Mr J Saunders Watson, Mr J Douglas (King West), PC B Wilson

Declarations of Interest – There were none.

3-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 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.

3-2 MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1 Highways – Crossroads** - The meeting was informed that North Northants Highways had advised that little could be done to improve road safety at the crossroads.

Traffic Calming - The meeting was informed that North Northants Highways had advised that there was little that could be done by way of Traffic Calming on the A6003.

Water Leak – Following the repair of the water leak by the Old Forge it was agreed to monitor the storm water leak outside 17 Main Street.

Footpaths – It was agreed to report the footpaths within the village to Street Doctor complete with pictures.

Traffic – The meeting was advised that Mr J Hensman had written to the Councillors to see what could be done about speeding traffic in the village. The meeting was advised that supporting evidence was required and that the possibility of getting this from the Speede Indicator Sign was being investigated.

- 2.2 Sondes Yard Wall** – The meeting was advised that Councillor Sims had written to North Northants Planning about the temporary fence and that they had promised an update.

- 2.3 Sondes Arms Parking** – The meeting was advised that as the Sondes Arms landlord was due to change later in the year, the new landlord should be invited to a special meeting to discuss the parking issue.

- 2.4 Defibrillator Training** – The meeting was advised that it was hoped to arrange this towards the end of October.

- 2.5 Shadow Chairman** - The meeting was advised that Mrs H Greaves had stood down as Shadow Chairman. The meeting felt that the appointment of a Shadow Chairman had been unconstitutional and that it had pre-empted the democratic election of the Chairman. It was agreed that there should no longer be a Shadow Chairman.

3-3 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

There was none.

3-4 POLICE MATTERS

A report on criminal activity within the village was noted.

3-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 Bank Accounts** – The meeting was advised that the bank accounts with Barclays Bank had been closed and that an application had been made to Unity Trust Bank for an account with them.

- 5.2 Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £290.00, as listed in the attached schedule, which had previously been approved were still pending, and that payments amounting to £487.60, as listed in the attached schedule, were due and required approval. Mr M Kingman proposed, Miss C Johnson seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments should be made when possible.

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3-6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Planning Application – Arnsley Road, Weldon** – The meeting was advised that a planning application had been made to erect a new Lidl Store at Arnsley Road, Weldon (near RS Components).
- 6.2 Welland Wanderer Bus Service** – The meeting noted that a meeting was to be held the following week to discuss future funding of the service. It was noted that North Northants Council had promised £4500 and additional funding was being sought.

3-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Caldecott Road** – It was advised that there was a water leak on the footpath on Caldecott Road from the Eyebrook Pipeline. It was noted that this pipeline would soon be disused and hopefully drained.
- 7.2 Bus Shelter** – It was agreed to get a further quote for the repair and refurbishment of the Bus Shelter on Cottingham Road. It was also agreed to look at possible signage to deter litter in this vicinity.

3-8 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 6 December 2023** in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 11 October 2023			
Payee	Date	Method	Amount
J Hindle - Internal Audit	3/8/2023		£40.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 9/7/2023 - Inv 5	3/8/2023		£135.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 26/7/23 - Inv 17	3/8/2023		£115.00
Zurich Municipal - insurance	11/10/2023		£257.60
S Morphy - grass cutting - 9/8/2023 - Inv 38	11/10/2023		£135.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 25/8/2023 - Inv 55	11/10/2023		£95.00