

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 6 December 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 Douglas (King West), PC B Wilson

Declarations of Interest – There were none.

4-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 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.

4-2 MATTERS

2.1 Water Leak – The meeting noted that when it rains there was still water by 17 Main Street. It was agreed that this should be reported to Street Doctor.

The Cottons/Gretton Road – The meeting noted the numerous potholes in The Cottons and Gretton Road. It was agreed that they should be reported to Street Doctor.

2.2 Sondes Yard Wall – The meeting noted that Rockingham Estate would be rebuilding the wall.

2.3 Sondes Arms Parking – The meeting was advised that the Sondes Arms was now under new management, and it was agreed to discuss the problem of parking with the Landlord and to perhaps invite them to a future meeting.

2.4 Defibrillator Training – The meeting was advised that was still to be arranged.

2.5 Welland Wanderer - The meeting was advised that there was to be a further meeting of those parishes involved in subsidising this service. The question of the Rutland Flyer coming through Rockingham was also raised.

2.6 Bus Shelter – It was noted that a second quote for the remedial works was still needed. It was agreed that some of the work could be done by volunteers from the village and agreed to have a tidy up of the area after Christmas.

4-3 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

There was none.

4-4 POLICE MATTERS

There was none.

4-5 FINANCE

5.1 Bank Accounts – The meeting was advised that the bank account with Unity Trust Bank was now fully operational.

5.2 Payment of Accounts – It was noted that payments amounting to £580.00, as listed in the attached schedule, had been made and required approval, and that payments amounting to £77.97, 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.

5.3 Precept 2024/5 - The meeting considered a schedule of estimates for 2024-25.

The meeting considered the purchase of a new Speed Indicator Sign from which data could be downloaded. It was noted that this would cost at least £3500, and to add the cost to the precept would mean an additional £70 a year for Band D properties. It was agreed to investigate getting funding from other sources.

Mr M Kingman proposed, Miss C Johnson seconded, and the meeting agreed a precept of £4250 – an increase of 5.18% on the previous year's total. It was estimated that this would equate to an 8p per week increase for Band D properties.

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4-6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Planning Application – 3 The Cottons** – The meeting was advised that a planning application had been made to erect an external staircase to then garage at 3 The Cottons. It was agreed that no objections should be made to this proposal.
- 6.2 Letter from MP** – The meeting was advised that information had been received from the local MP concerning the Community Ownership Fund. It was agreed to investigate this as a possible source of funding for the Bus Shelter.

4-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Grit Bins** – The meeting agreed to investigate getting some salt/grit for the grit bins in the village.
- 7.2 Eastern Access Road** – It noted that the gates on the Eastern Access Road were stuck open and agreed to contact King West to get the matter rectified.
- 7.3 Walkabout** – It was agreed to arrange a walkabout round the village in the New Year.

4-8 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place at **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday 31 January 2024** in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 6 December 2023			
Payee	Date	Method	Amount
S Morphy - hedge cutting – 30/6/2023 - Inv 75	6/12/2023	On-line	£80.00
S Morphy - grass cutting – 8/9/2023 - Inv 69	6/12/2023	On-line	£135.00
S Morphy - grass cutting – 27/9/23 - Inv 7	6/12/2023	On-line	£115.00
S Morphy - grass cutting – 11/10/2023 - Inv 26	6/12/2023	On-line	£135.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 25/10/2023 - Inv 25	6/12/2023	On-line	£115.00
Parish Online – Digital Mapping	6/12/2023	On-line	£28.80
T C Burbidge – website domain (.uk)	6/12/2023	On-line	£14.39
T C Burbidge – website domains (.com & .co.uk)	6/12/2023	On-line	£34.78