

# ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 27 March 2024.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)  
Miss C Johnson  
PC B Wilson

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)  
Mr J Martin

Mr M Kingman  
Mr D Norman

**Apologies** - These were received from Mrs S Scales, Mr W Scales, & Mr J Douglas (King West),

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

## 6-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read. Miss C Johnson proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

## 6-2 MATTERS

- 2.1 Highway Matters - Potholes** – The meeting noted that the local MP had written to residents about graffiti on the Northamptonshire sign on Caldecott Road referring to the potholes in the county. It was noted that potholes within the parish were reported to Street Doctor on a regular basis, but any repairs did not last.

Speed Camera – It was noted that the Speed Camera van had been in the village a few times.

The Cottons/Gretton Road – The meeting noted the drains had been cleared near junction of The Cottons and Gretton Road and hopefully this would resolve the flooding problem.

Streetlights – It was noted that several streetlights were not working and agreed to report this to North Northants Council.

Pedestrian Crossing - In view of the increased levels of traffic through the village, it was agreed that the possibility of a pedestrian crossing should be investigated.

- 2.2 Sondes Arms Parking** – It was noted that a meeting was still to be arranged with the new landlord.
- 2.3 Defibrillator Training** – The meeting was advised that was still to be arranged.
- 2.4 Welland Wanderer Bus** – The meeting noted that this service was being taken over by North Northants Council.
- 2.4 Bus Shelter** – The meeting was advised that a grant had been applied for to carry out refurbishment works to the Coronation Bus Shelter on Cottingham Road. As part of the application various policies had to be submitted.

Equal Opportunities Policy – A copy of the Equal Opportunities policy was circulated and agreed by the meeting.

Safeguarding Policy – A copy of the Safeguarding policy was circulated and agreed by the meeting.

- 2.5 West Corby Development** – The meeting noted that the developers were to have an exhibition in the Village Hall showing the details of the new development.

## 6-3 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

There was none.

## 6-4 POLICE MATTERS

A report detailing crimes or anti-social behaviour in the village during the previous two months was noted.

Staffing – PC B Wilson advised the meeting that there were currently no PCSO's covering the rural area and that owing to a shortage of PC's he was having to split his time between the rural area and the town. It was hoped that the team would be back to full strength in June/July.

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### 6-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 **Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £736.75, as listed in the attached schedule, were due and required approval. Mr D Norman proposed, Miss C Johnson seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments should be made. It was also noted that a quarterly service charge of £18.00 had been made to the bank.

### 6-6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 **Grass Cutting** – It was agreed that the Parish Meeting should again arrange for the verses to be cut within the village and that Mr S Morphy should be appointed to carry out the work.
- 6.2 **1 The Cottons** – The meeting advised that the new owners of 1 The Cottons had apologised for any inconvenience caused whilst works are carried out and that these should be completed by the end of April.
- 6.3 **King Charles III** – The meeting was advised that the Parish Meeting had been offered a free portrait of King Charles III, and that this had been ordered.

### 6-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 **Footpaths** – The deteriorating condition of footpaths within the village was noted and it was agreed to contact North Northants Council about this.
- 7.2 **Village Appearance** – Concern was expressed about overgrown gardens within the village and the dilapidated walls and fences. It was agreed that this should be raised with the Estate.
- 7.3 **Access Road – East of Village** – The meeting was advised that the electric gate had not been working for some time.
- 7.4 **Minute Book** – The meeting noted that a new minute book would be required in a few months, and it was agreed that a new one should be ordered at an estimated cost of £185 plus VAT.

### 6-8 NEXT MEETING

The annual parish meeting was arranged to take place at **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday 15 May 2024** in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

<b>SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 27 March 2024</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Rockingham Village Hall – Hire 2023-24	28/3/24	On-line	£200.00
I J Norman - Phones	28/3/24	On-line	£100.00
T C Burbidge - Clerk	28/3/24	On-line	£375.00
T C Burbidge - Postage & telephones	28/3/24	On-line	£61.75
T C Burbidge - Stationery	28/3/24	On-line	£27.27
Unity Trust Bank – Service charge	28/3/24	-	£18.00