

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 31 July 2024.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)
Miss C Johnson

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) and PC B Wilson

Declarations of Interest – There were none.

2-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read. Mr M Kingman proposed, Miss C Johnson seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

2-2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2.1 Highway Matters - Potholes – The meeting noted that while some of the potholes on the hill had been marked for repair, the marks had worn off.

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

Footpaths – The ever-deteriorating state of the footpaths in the village was noted and agreed that North Northants Highways should be contacted again. It was also noted that certain tenants' gardens were growing over the footpaths further impeding transit.

2.2 Bus Shelter – The meeting noted that the constructional work on the bus shelter had been completed and that the grant of £7000 had been received. The works had cost £6138.84. Polycarbonate sheets had been ordered at cost of around £375.

2.3 West Corby Development – The meeting noted that the developers were planning a public exhibition in September.

2-3 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

There was none.

2-4 POLICE MATTERS

There was none.

2-5 FINANCE

5.1 Payment of Accounts – It was noted that payments amounting to £7,066.84, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Miss C Johnson proposed, Mr J Martin 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 no issues being raised.

2-6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Sondes Arms – The meeting queried whether the EV charging point could be reinstated and noted the self-set trees in the front border of the property. It was agreed to raise these points with the Estate.

6.2 Shire House and The Old Forge – The meeting noted that the beech hedge between the two properties needed trimming and the self-set ash trees needed removing.

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- 6.3 6 Main Street and Cottons Farm** – The meeting noted that the wall between the two properties had collapsed and agreed that this should be brought to the attention of the Estate.
- 6.3 Fly-tipping** – The meeting noted that a resident on Main Street had left garden waste on the grass verge. It was noted that this is fly-tipping and could result in a prosecution and fine.
- 6.4 1 The Cottons** – The meeting noted that new gates fitted at 1 Ther Cottons opened across the footpath, and it was queried whether this was legal.
- 6.5 Running a Business from Home** – The meeting noted permission is needed to run certain types of business from a private residence.

2-6 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was provisionally arranged to take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 25 September 2024 in the Village Hall.

Note – Subsequently changed to **Wednesday 2 October at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 31/7/2024			
Payee	Date	Method	Amount
MST Construction - 1738	31/7/2024	On-line	£3,000.00
MST Construction - 1743	31/7/2024	On-line	£3,138.84
J Hindle - audit of accounts	31/7/2024	On-line	£40.00
S Morphy - Grass Cutting - Inv 36 - 9/5/2024	31/7/2024	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - Grass Cutting - Inv 51 - 21/5/2024	31/7/2024	On-line	£135.00
S Morphy - Grass Cutting - Inv 62 - 5/6/2024	31/7/2024	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - Grass Cutting - Inv 79 - 20/6/2024	31/7/2024	On-line	£135.00
S Morphy - Grass Cutting - Inv 17 - 9/7/2024	31/7/2024	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - Grass Cutting - Inv 28 – 23/7/2024	31/7/2024	On-line	£135.00
Service Charge	31/7/2024	On-line	£18.00