

# ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Tuesday 26 November 2024.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)  
Miss C Johnson  
Ms C Tomlinson

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)  
Mr D Norman

Mr M Kingman  
Mr C Rumney

**Apologies** - These were received from Mr J Saunders Watson, and Mr J Douglas (King West).

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

## 4-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read. Mr M Kingman proposed, Ms C Tomlinson seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

## 4-2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 2.1 **Highway Matters – Walkabout** – The Chairman advised a walkabout through the village had taken place with a representative of Kier. All concerns raised were agreed and would be investigated for remedial action.

Gretton Road Hedge – The overgrown hedge on the north side of Gretton Road from the crossroads had been raised with King West who were contacting the farmer. It was agreed to contact King West again.

Gretton Road Trees – The trees on the south side of Gretton Road, between the crossroads and The Cottons, that required pruning had been raised with Kiew on the walkabout and their report on action to be taken was awaited.

Speed Indicator Sign – The meeting was advised that the application to North Northants for a grant for a new speed indicator sign had been declined. It was noted that the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner also had grants available, and it was agreed to investigate this, with Mr A McDermott from Caldecott as a possible referee

- 2.2 **Bus Shelter** – It was noted that work on the Bus Shelter had been completed and agreed to investigate obtaining a Bus Stop sign as well as a commemorative plaque.

## 4-3 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

There was none.

## 4-4 POLICE MATTERS

There was none.

## 4-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 **Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £987.61, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Mr M Kingman proposed, seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

- 5.2 **Precept 2025-26** - The meeting considered a schedule of estimates for 2025-26.

Ms C Tomlinson proposed, Mr C Rumney seconded, and the meeting agreed a precept of £4600 – an increase of 4.15% on the previous year's total. It was estimated that this would equate to an 7p per week increase for Band D properties.

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### 4-6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Hackney Carriage Zones** – The meeting noted that North Northants Council were consulting on combining the existing four hackney carriage zones in the district into one zone covering the whole of the district.
- 6.2 Speed Limit Signs** – The meeting noted that the speed limit signs at the entrances to the village were very dirty. Ms C Tomlinson offered to clean them.
- 6.3 Public Footpath to Gretton (GX2) Bridges** – The meeting noted some of the bridges on the footpath to Gretton were in a poor state of repair and it was agreed to report these to North Northants Council.
- 6.4 Grit Bins** – The meeting was advised that some of the grit bins in the village needed filling

### 4-7 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place at **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday 29 January 2025** in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

<b>SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 26/11/2024</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Amount</b>
S Morphy - Grass Cutting - Inv 5 - 6/10/2024	26/11/2024	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - Grass Cutting - Inv 26 - 30/10/2024	26/11/2024	On-line	£135.00
Zurich Insurance - insurance	26/11/2024	On-line	£347.38
T C Burbidge - Shaw & Sons - Minute Book	26/11/2024	On-line	£222.00
T C Burbidge - 123Reg - Website Domain (.uk)	26/11/2024	On-line	£14.39
T C Burbidge - 123Reg - Website Domain (.co.uk)	26/11/2024	On-line	£21.59
T C Burbidge - 123Reg - Website Domain (.com)	26/11/2024	On-line	£14.39
T C Burbidge - 123Reg - Emails - @rockinghamvil..	26/11/2024	On-line	£28.66
T C Burbidge - B&Q - Masonry Paint (Bus Shelter)	26/11/2024	On-line	£44.00
Service Charge - 31/10/2024	26/11/2024	On-line	£5.40