

# ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

The annual assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 21 May 2025.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)  
Miss C Johnson  
Mrs S Scales

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)  
Mr J Martin

Mr M Kingman  
Mr D Norman

**Apologies** - These were received from Mr C Rumney, Mr J Saunders Watson, Mr W Scales, Ms C Tomlinson, Mr J Douglas (King West) and Cllr E McDonald

**Declarations of Interest** – All as members of the Village Hall Committee.

## 1-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2025, having been circulated, were taken as read. Mr M Kingman proposed, Miss C Johnson seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

## 1-2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 2.1 Highway Matters – Potholes** – It was noted that there were still some potholes to be repaired on the hill and that these were getting worse. It was agreed to check Street Doctor to ensure all were reported.
- Streetlight – The meeting noted that the light by 15 Main Street was still leaning at a dangerous angle.
- Speed Indicator Sign – The meeting was advised that the new Speed Indicator Sign should be delivered shortly.
- Main Street – Frontages – The meeting noted that overgrowing plants were still impeding the footpaths and required attention.
- Land Rover Experience – The meeting that loose gravel on the footpath in front of these premises was still a problem.

## 1-3 NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

The meeting noted that following the recent election, the parish now had two new Councillors – E McDonald & B O'Brien.

## 1-4 POLICE

It was noted that there had been no crimes in the village in the past month.

## 1-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £2,154.26, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Mr D Norman proposed, Mrs S Scales seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.
- 5.2 Annual Governance Statement** – Miss C Johnson proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Governance Statement be approved.
- 5.3 Annual Statement of Accounts** – Mr M Kingman proposed, Mr D Norman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Statement of Account be approved.
- 5.4 Risk Assessment Policy** – Mrs S Scales proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Risk Assessment Policy be approved.
- 5.5 External Audit** – Mr M Kingman proposed, Miss C Johnson seconded, and the meeting agreed that as the Parish Meeting's gross income and expenditure did not exceed £25,000, a Certificate of

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Exemption from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 should be completed.

- 5.6 Internal Audit** – The meeting noted that the Internal Audit of the Parish Meeting's accounts would be taking place shortly.

### 1-6 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were invited for the position of Chairman for the ensuing year. Miss C Johnson proposed, Mrs S Scales seconded, and the meeting agreed that Mr Ian Norman should continue as Chairman, which he agreed to do. Thanks were expressed for his many years' service.

### 1-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Speeding Traffic** – The meeting noted that speeding traffic was a constant problem in the village, and it was hoped that the new sign would help.
- 7.2 Advertising** – The meeting noted that temporary advert signs were repeatedly being placed in the village for furniture sales etc.
- 7.3 Overhanging Trees and Bushes** – The meeting noted that trees and bushes encroaching on the roads and footpaths in the village were a problem and agreed that these should be reported on Street Doctor.

### 1-8 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place on Thursday 31 July 2025.

**Note** – Subsequently rearranged for **7.30 pm on Thursday 28 August 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 – 21/5/2025</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Northants CALC - Subscription 2025/26	21/5/2025	On-line	£107.26
Northants ACRE - Subscription 2025/26	21/5/2025	On-line	£42.00
CPRE - Subscription 2025/26	21/5/2025	On-line	£60.00
Rockingham Village Hall - Grant	21/5/2025	On-line	£750.00
Rockingham Church - Grant	21/5/2025	On-line	£750.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 31/3/2024 Inv 15	21/5/2025	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 17/4/2024 Inv 17	21/5/2025	On-line	£135.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 29/4/2024 Inv 18	21/5/2025	On-line	£155.00