

# ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday 28 August 2025.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)  
Mr M Kingman  
Mr D Norman  
Cllr E McDonald

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)  
Miss C Johnson  
Mr C Rumney  
Mr J Douglas (King West)

Mrs S Glover  
Mr J Martin  
Ms C Tomlinson

**Apologies** - These were received from, Mr J Saunders Watson, Mrs S Scales, Mr W Scales, Mr L Wood, and Cllr B O'Brien

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

## 2-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2025, having been circulated, were taken as read. Mr M Kingman proposed, Ms C Tomlinson seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

## 2-2 NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Eddie McDonald, Councillor for Gretton, Weldon and Rockingham, Deputy Leader of North Northamptonshire Council and Lead member for Adults and Health Partnerships. Councillor McDonald gave an overview of the Reform Party's plans for the council and requested that any concerns should be emailed to him at [eddie.mcdonald@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:eddie.mcdonald@northnorthants.gov.uk).

## 2-3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 3.1 Highway Matters – Potholes** – It was agreed that all road defects should be referred to North Northants Council.

Speed Indicator Sign – Data from the new speed indicator sign was discussed and it was agreed that this should be shared with the Police and Northants Highways as appropriate.

## 2-4 POLICE

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

## 2-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £640.00, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Miss C Johnson proposed, Mr M Kingman 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.

## 2-6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Play Area** – The meeting noted that North Northants Council wished to pass responsibility for safety inspection and maintenance of the Play Area to the Parish Meeting as it could not find any records that it owned it. As it is in the grounds of the Village Hall, it was agreed to pass this correspondence on to the Village Hall Committee.
- 6.2 Bus Services** – The meeting noted that the R1 bus from Corby to Oakham and Melton Mowbray now stopped in Gretton. It was agreed to again try and get Rockingham added to the route.

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### 2-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Meetings** – It was agreed that as the Village Hall is used for badminton on Thursday evenings, these should be avoided for Parish Meetings if possible.
- 7.2 Street Lights** – The meeting noted that the lights at The Cottons/Gretton Road junction and outside 15 Main Street were both leaning. It was also noted that the light by the Old Telephone Exchange on Gretton Road was on permanently and the light by the Bus Shelter on Cottingham Road was not working.
- 7.3 Overgrown Gardens** – The meeting noted that several front gardens on Maid Street were encroaching on the footpaths and Mr J Douglas agreed to contact the tenants concerned.
- 7.4 Cherry Tree on Gretton Road between 1 The Cottons and the Old Telephone Exchange** – It was noted that this tree was interfering with telephone lines and needed cutting back. The occupants of the two properties concerned were willing to contribute to the cost of this. It was agreed to refer this to North Northants Council in the first instance.

### 2-8 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place on **Tuesday 25 November 2025** in the **Village Hall**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

<b>SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 28/8/2025</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Amount</b>
S Morphy - grass cutting - 23/5/25 Inv 43	28/8/2025	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 13/6/25 Inv 60	28/8/2025	On-line	£135.00
S Morphy - grass cutting -11/7/25 Inv 79	28/8/2025	On-line	£155.00
J Hindle - Audit of Accounts - Inv 14	28/8/2025	On-line	£40.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 30/7/25 Inv 19	28/8/2025	On-line	£155.00