

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday 25 November 2025.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)
Miss C Johnson
PCSO A Wallace

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Mrs S Scales

Mr M Kingman
Mr L Wood

Apologies - These were received from, Mr J Saunders Watson, Mr D Norman, Mr C Rumney, Mr W Scales, Ms C Tomlinson, Mr L Wood, Cllr B O'Brien, Cllr E McDonald, & Mr J Douglas (RCE).

Declarations of Interest – There were none.

3-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 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.

3-2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 3.1 Highway Matters – Potholes** – The meeting noted that some of the potholes on the Hill had been repaired but that more had since appeared. It was agreed to report these.

Speed Indicator Sign – Data from the new speed indicator sign was discussed and these showed that a speed of 81mph on one occasion.

Signs – It was noted that one of the 30mph sign on the Hill was missing, a chevron sign on the Hill had been damaged, the Low Gear sign was twisted and the Stop sign at the Gretton Road junction had been damaged. It was agreed that all of these should be reported.

- 3.2 Street Lights** – The meeting noted that one of the lights in Michael's Walk was not working, the light at the Bus Shelter on Cottingham Road was not working and the light by the Old Telephone Exchange was on permanently. It was agreed that these faults should be reported.

- 3.3 Overgrown Gardens** – It was noted that there was still a problem with gardens encroaching on the footpaths.

3-3 POLICE

PCSO A Wallace advised the meeting that there had been no crimes in the village since the theft of a trailer.

3-4 NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

There was none.

3-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £1162.34, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Mrs Scales proposed, Mr L Wood seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

- 5.2 Precept 2026-27** - The meeting considered a schedule of estimates for 2026-27.

Miss C Johnson proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed a precept of £4700 – an increase of 4.14% 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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3-6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 **Grass Cutting** – The meeting agreed that the Parish Meeting would continue to take responsibility for the cutting of grass verges within the village.

3-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 **Defibrillator** – The meeting was advised that this was getting flooded with rainwater from the gutter above. Mr I Bentley had drilled drainage holes in the case and was to put a roof over it.
- 7.2 **Gretton Road Hedge** – The meeting noted that the inside of the hedge had been cut, and it was agreed to contact the Estate again about getting the top cut.
- 7.3 **Cherry Tree on Gretton Road between 1 The Cottons and the Old Telephone Exchange** – The meeting was advised that it would cost an estimated £600 to prune the offending tree and considered that it did not have the funds to pay for this, noting that it would mean an £11.50 increase in the precept for Band D properties. Mr L Wood advised the meeting that he would not be contributing towards the cost. It was agreed that North Northants Council should be contacted as the tree is on the highway.
- 7.4 **Eastern Access Road - Electric Gate** – The meeting noted that the gate was broken and the Estate were refusing to repair it because of the high costs involved. It was agreed to speak to the Estate again.
- 7.5 **Crime Prevention** – PCSO A Wallace advised that Crime Prevention advice was available for anyone who would like it.

3-8 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was arranged to take place on Tuesday 27 January 2026.

NOTE – Subsequently rearranged for **Tuesday 24 February 2026** in the **Village Hall** 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 – 25/11/2025			
Payee	Date	Method	Amount
Zurich Insurance - insurance	25/11/2025	On-line	£353.55
S Morphy - grass cutting - 12/8/25 Inv 37	25/11/2025	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 2/9/25 Inv 42	25/11/2025	On-line	£135.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 19/9/25 Inv 52	25/11/2025	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 24/10/25 Inv 3	25/11/2025	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 18/11/25 Inv 26	25/11/2025	On-line	£155.00
T C Burbidge - Website Domains 123-reg	25/11/2025	On-line	£53.97