

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Tuesday 24 February 2026.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)
Miss C Johnson

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Mr D Norman

Mr M Kingman
Cllr E McDonald

Apologies - These were received from Mr J Saunders Watson, Mr C Rumney, Mrs S Scales, Mr W Scales, Ms C Tomlinson, Cllr B O'Brien, Mr J Douglas (RCE) & PCSO A Wallace.

Declarations of Interest – There were none.

4-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 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.

4-2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 3.1 Highway Matters – Potholes** – The meeting noted that pothole throughout the parish were getting worse. Cllr McDonald advised the meeting that North Northants Council were fighting a losing battle against potholes – carrying out fire brigade repairs to potholes. He commented that by the end of the 4 year period it was hoped to be in a better position by investing in those areas most heavily travelled.

Speed Indicator Sign – Data from the speed indicator sign was discussed and these showed that a speed of 80mph on 3 February with an average of 1600 vehicles per day in just oner direction.

Signs – It was noted that one of the 30mph sign on the Hill was still 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 again to try and get them repaired.

- 3.2 Street Lights** – The meeting agreed that all lights that were not working should be reported. It was also noted that a number of lights were being obscured by trees.

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

4-3 POLICE

It was reported that there had been no crimes in the village during January

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Cllr McDonald advised that in accordance with the S106 agreement, a bungalow in the village had been allocated to a Rockingham resident.

4-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £418.06, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Miss C Johnson, Mr D Norman seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

4-6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Community Governance Review** – The meeting was advised that North Northants Council were undertaking a review of Parishes and Ward boundaries. It was agreed that Rockingham should remain a Parish Meeting.

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4-7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 West Corby Development** – The meeting was advised that nothing more was known as to when the first properties would be built.
- 7.2 Bus Shelter** – The meeting noted that rubbish had been cleared from the Bus Shelter and that it appeared to be attracting drink and drug users. It was agreed that this should be reported to the Police. It was agreed that the seat under the trees at the crossroads should be positioned on the verge opposite the bus shelter.
- 7.3 Michael's Walk** – It was noted that inconsiderate parking in Michael's Walk was causing an obstruction should emergency vehicles. It was agreed that the Estate should be contacted if this continued.

4-8 NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was arranged to take place on **Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 7.30pm**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 24/2/2026			
Payee	Date	Method	Amount
T C Burbidge - Website Domains 123-reg	24/2/2026	On-line	£43.06
T C Burbidge / H M R C – Clerk duties	24/2/2026	On-line	£375.00