

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

The annual assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 15 May 2024.

Those in attendance were:

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

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Mr J Martin
Mr W Scales

Mr M Kingman
Mr D Norman
Mr L Wood

Apologies - These were received from Mr J Saunders Watson, Mr J Douglas (King West) & PC B Wilson

Declarations of Interest – Mr M Kingman declared an interest in the Planning Application for 1 Michael's Walk.

1-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read. Miss C Johnson proposed, Mr M Kingman seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

1-2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 2.1 Highway Matters - Potholes** – The meeting noted that some of the potholes on the hill had been repaired, but others had appeared. It was noted that further correspondence had been received from Tom Pursglove MP and the Leader of North Northants Council saying that all of the potholes had been repaired which was obviously not the case. It was agreed that they should be invited to see the state of the road.

Speed Camera – It was noted that the Speed Camera van had been in the village a few times.

Streetlights – It was noted that the streetlights had been repaired.

Footpaths – The ever-deteriorating state of the footpaths in the village was noted and agreed that Sarah Barnwell from North Northants Highways should be invited to come and see them.

- 2.2 Sondes Arms Parking** – It was noted that parking was not such a problem of late but agreed to discuss this with the new landlord.
- 2.3 Defibrillator Training** – The meeting was advised that was still to be arranged.
- 2.4 Bus Shelter** – The meeting was advised that a grant of £7000 had been awarded and that arrangements were in hand for a contractor to visit and start work.
- 2.5 West Corby Development** – The meeting noted that the developers were keen to have an exhibition in the Village Hall showing the details of the new development and that this was to be arranged.
- 2.6 King Charles III** – The meeting noted that the new portrait of the King had been received and placed in the Village Hall meeting room.

1-3 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

There was none.

1-4 POLICE MATTERS

A report detailing crimes or anti-social behaviour in the village during the previous two months was noted.

1-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £1,994.54, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Mrs S Scales proposed, Mr J Martin 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, Miss C Johnson seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Annual Statement of Account be approved.

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- 5.4 Risk Assessment Policy** – Miss C Johnson 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 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. Mr L Wood proposed, Mr W 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 CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Planning Applications – 1 & 2 Michael's Walk** - The meeting was advised that details had been received of planning applications for replacement fenestration (windows) at both 1 and 2 Michael's Walk. The meeting agreed that it had no objections to the proposals.
- 7.2 Community Governance Review** – The meeting was advised that a Community Governance Review was being carried out by North Northants Council into Parish Councils and Meetings. The meeting agreed that it wished to remain a Parish Meeting.

1-8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 Speeding in Village** – The meeting noted the increasing amount of traffic exceeding the speed limit through the village. It was suggested that average speed cameras might be an answer and further suggested that S106 money from the proposed West Corby Development might fund these especially in view of the increased volume of traffic this would generate. It was agreed to contact Sarah Barnwell at North Northants Highways.

1-9 NEXT MEETING

The annual parish meeting was arranged to take place at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 31 July 2024** in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 15 May 2024			
Payee	Date	Method	Amount
Northants CALC - Subscription 2023/24	15/5/24	On-line	£102.54
Northants ACRE - Subscription 2023/24	15/5/24	On-line	£42.00
CPRE - Subscription 2023/24	15/5/24	On-line	£60.00
Rockingham Village Hall - Grant	15/5/24	On-line	£750.00
Rockingham Church - Grant	15/5/24	On-line	£750.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 5/4/2024 - Inv 74	15/5/24	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - grass cutting - 24/4/24 - Inv 20	15/5/24	On-line	£135.00