

ROCKINGHAM PARISH MEETING

An assembly of Rockingham Parish Meeting took in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 2 October 2024.

Those in attendance were:

Mr I Norman (Chairman)
Miss C Johnson
Mr C Rumney

Mr T Burbidge (Clerk)
Mr J Martin
Ms C Tomlinson

Mr M Kingman
Mr D Norman

Apologies - These were received from Mr J Saunders Watson, Councillor D Sims, Mr J Douglas (King West) and PC B Wilson.

Declarations of Interest – There were none.

3-1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read. Mr M Kingman proposed, Ms C Tomlinson seconded, and the meeting agreed that the Chairman sign them.

3-2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 2.1 Highway Matters – Meeting** – The Chairman advised the meeting that he and the Clerk had met with Highway representatives recently and that a village walkabout was to be arranged to look at various highway problems.

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

Speed Indicator Sign – The meeting was advised that an application had been made to North Northants for a grant for a new speed indicator sign.

Speed Limit – The meeting noted that a 40mph speed limit had been introduced from the roundabout at the top of the hill to the 30mph limit at the entrance to the village,

Footpaths – The ever-deteriorating state of the footpaths in the village was noted and agreed that North Northants Highways should be contacted again. It was also noted that certain tenants' gardens were growing over the footpaths further impeding transit.

- 2.2 Bus Service** – The meeting was advised that the Welland Wanderer bus service had now been taken over by North Northants Council.
- 2.3 Bus Shelter** – It was agreed that the inside of the recently repaired bus shelter should be painted with an appropriately coloured masonry paint before the heritage information boards were put up.

3-3 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

There was none.

3-4 POLICE MATTERS

The meeting was advised that PC B Wilson had now left the rural area beat and that no replacement PC had so far been appointed. The PCSO's would be covering the area meantime.

3-5 FINANCE

- 5.1 Payment of Accounts** – It was noted that payments amounting to £682.68, as listed in the attached schedule, required approval. Mr M Kingman proposed, Ms C Tomlinson seconded, and the meeting agreed the payments.

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3-6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Gretton Road** – The height of the hedges on the north side of Gretton Road from the crossroads was raised. It was agreed to ask the Estate if they could be reduced in height,
- 6.2 Trees** – The meeting noted the trees on the south side of Gretton Road needed pruning and it was agreed to raise the on the planned walkabout with Highways.
- 6.3 South Midlands Authorities Group** – The meeting noted North Northants Council had joined West Northants, Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes councils in a group to champion economic growth in the area.

3-7 NEXT MEETING

The next parish meeting was provisionally arranged to take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27 November 2024 in the Village Hall.

Note – Subsequently changed to **Tuesday 26 November 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 – 2/10/2024			
Payee	Date	Method	Amount
Display UK	2/10/2024	On-line	£374.68
S Morphy - Grass Cutting - Inv 40 – 10/8/2024	31/7/2024	On-line	£155.00
S Morphy - Grass Cutting - Inv 71 – 10/9/2024	31/7/2024	On-line	£135.00
Service Charge	31/9/2024	On-line	£18.00