

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall Church Street Rothersthorpe on Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 following the conclusion of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting.

**Present:** Mr J Considine-Chairman, Mrs C Nolan, Mr J Morphy, Mrs J Johnson, Mr R Boscott, Mr P Dickens and Mrs J Botterill.

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Eliot – District Councillor  
Mrs S Murphy – Clerk

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mrs J Kirkbride and Mrs A Addison.

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of Interest in items set out on the agenda.

### **3. Public Open Session**

The items for discussion in the public open session had been covered during the Annual Parish meeting which had taken place prior to the parish council meeting. Items covered included housing needs in Rothersthorpe and proposals for the playing field.

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 were agreed and signed.

### **5. Matters Arising**

#### Horse Manure – Kislingbury Road

Northamptonshire Highways had inspected the area and although the manure has fallen through the hedge in a couple of areas, it is not obstructing the highway and the ditch is clear.

Mr Collins, the owner of the field, had responded and said that the owner of the horses had assured him that she would deal with the problem of the storage of the horse manure and he asked to be kept informed if there were any further problems. Mrs Johnson agreed to update him on the current situation.

#### Memorial Garden

Mr Morphy said that it would cost approximately £500 for new turf and for the hire of a turf cutter for the Memorial Garden but the work would not be carried out until September/ October. It was agreed to carry out the work as quoted above.

Mr Dickens said that George Dickens had varnished the Memorial hall benches and returned them to their position.

#### Cemetery Rates

Mr Dickens queried again the rate charges incurred on the cemetery by the Parish Council. It was agreed to ask Ann Addison to query this rate charge with SNC.

### Best Kept Village

Mrs Johnson said that the judges had visited the village on the previous Friday and there had been a positive question and answer session prior to the judges being shown around the village.

### Churchyard Gates

A second quote for the repair of the gates had been received. It is as follows:-

Single gate plus new posts - £1404 + VAT

Double Gates – reusing existing posts - £2415 + VAT

It was decided to get a further quote for the gate repair. The parish council are still waiting to hear whether a faculty is required from the diocese before the work can take place.

### Neighbourhood Planning

Mrs Murphy is waiting for Andy D’Arcy to confirm his attendance at the parish council meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. The Annual Return for the Year Ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014**

### The Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement

The Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 were approved by the Parish Council and signed on their behalf by Mr Considine as Chairman and Mrs Murphy as Clerk.

## **7. Clerk’s Report**

### Internal Audit – Review of Account Books

Mr Morphy had recently reviewed the account books and supporting documentation of the Parish Council and found them in appropriate order.

### Parish Council Information for the newsletter

Following the recent Annual Parish meeting and Annual general meeting, Mrs Murphy suggested that each parish councillor and their telephone number should be put into the next newsletter to keep villagers informed and able to contact them.

### New Homes Bonus

South Northants Council continues to support local communities with grant funding through the New Homes Bonus. The total current funding available for bids from Rothersthorpe is £1,350. There is no urgency to spend the new homes bonus allocation within 2014/2015 financial year as any unspent funds will be carried over.

## **8. Planning**

### Application:S/2014/0601/FUL

Mr M Porter-Harris  
2 The Lane  
Rothersthorpe

Two storey rear extension, new roof  
over dormer and detached garage  
2 The Lane

South Northants Local Plan

The Issues consultation stage of the Local Plan was completed in January 2014. Responses have been published online on The District-wide information page and The Parish Council information page. SNC will be considering these responses along with other information in preparing an options document for further consultation once the Joint Core Strategy has been adopted in the summer.

**9. Finance**

Income

B Hollowell and Sons (Mrs Plackett)	£60.00
White & Joyce Stonemasons (Mavis Wolfe)	£60.00
Mrs H Cordner (allotment fee)	£8.00
Mr M Barber (allotment fee)	£8.00
South Northamptonshire Council (Precept)	£5,514.00
L P Finn Memorials (Mrs K Leeming)	£30.00
Mr D Orr (allotment fee)	£8.00

Expenditure

SNC Election Costs	£867.35	Chq.No.	000867
E.ON Electricity	£336.56	" "	000868
	VAT:£56.00		
Allseasons – 30.4.2014	£384.00	" "	000869
	VAT:£64.00		
Allseasons – 30.4.2014	£48.00		000870
	VAT: £8.00		
Came & Company Insurance	£372.19	" "	000871
Rothersthorpe PCC – Newsletter donation	£120.00	" "	000872
Mr J Morphy – Hedgecutting	£60.00	" "	000873
Mrs J Johnson – Village of the Year	£20.00	" "	000874

It was agreed to add Mr R Boscott to the signatory list.

**10. Highways / Footpaths**

Street Lamp – Church Street

The street lamp between the nursery and 39 Church Street was still not working. The clerk to follow up.

**11. Representative Reports**

School Governors: Nothing to report.

VHMC: AGM to be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> as reported by Mr Barber at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch: A full report had been given by PCSO Jen Harrison at the Annual parish meeting

Village Website: All ok.

**12. Dates of the Next Parish Council meetings**

Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7.30p.m

Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7.30p.m

Monday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7.30p.m

Meeting closed at 8.57p.m.

Dated.....Signed.....