

Minutes of a meeting of **Rothersthorpe Parish Council** held in the Village Hall Rothersthorpe on Wednesday June 25th 2014 at 7.30p.m.

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

In Attendance: Mr A D’Arcy – SNC Planning

Mr C Appleton, Mr M Barber, Mr and Mrs Calvert – Members of the Public
Mrs S Murphy – Clerk to the Parish Council

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs J Eliot, Mrs A Addison , Mrs J Kirkbride and Ms Julie Botterill.

2. Declaration of Interest

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

3. Public Open Session

Mr Considine introduced Andy D’Arcy, who was going to speak about Neighbourhood Planning, and explained that Mr Boscott would lead the questioning. Mr Boscott asked about the potential for a plan for Rothersthorpe and the repercussions if there was no neighbourhood plan in place.

Andy D’Arcy gave a brief overview of the current Planning situation, explaining about the First joint Core Strategy and the first SNC Local Plan. When the Joint Core Strategy is adopted, SNC will produce a more detailed 2nd Local Plan. He explained that if the Core Strategy is not adopted, this could cause a problem and Neighbourhood Planning would be very important. He then explained the background to Neighbourhood Planning and then the procedure for setting one up.

Andy D’Arcy then left the meeting.

Mr Appleton addressed the meeting about the proposed playing field. He said that there had been a lack of consultation regarding the playing field with people in Church Street, whose properties overlooked the site. He said that the parish council should be looking at different sites in the village. Mr Considine explained that the parish council were responding to the village survey request for a playing field. The land had been donated and a very light touch proposal had gone to SNC to assess feasibility. When there is a response from SNC, the village will be consulted. Mr Considine explained that the parish council are facilitating the planning application on behalf of the playing field committee. Mr Barber asked if any public money would be used in developing the playing field. Mr Morphy stated that no public money would be used.

The members of the public left the meeting.

Further discussion took place about the best way to proceed with Neighbourhood Planning following Andy D’Arcy’s presentation. This will include reviewing the village survey and possibly preparing another questionnaire. Kislingbury have a template which Rothersthorpe could use.

The County Council report submitted by Mrs Kirkbride was circulated.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on May 12th 2014 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Muck Heap-Kislingbury Road

Mrs Johnson had emailed the land owner, who had again apologised about the amount of muck still remaining.

Best Kept Village

Presentations for this year's competition will take place on July 15th.

Cemetery Rates

Mrs Addison had suggested that the parish council initially write to SNC and say that the parish council should not be charged non-domestic rates on the cemetery as there are no buildings on the site and ask for SNC to contact the District Valuation Office to make the alterations.

Mrs Murphy to follow up.

6. Clerk's Report

Internal Audit Report.

The Audit was carried out on June 18th 2014. The main areas for the parish council to review were the cemetery fees, which were last reviewed on September 12th 2011 and for the parish council to look into its responsibilities as custodian trustees of the Memorial Hall Garden.

7. Planning

Wind Farm on land to the south of the M1 between Bugbrooke and Kislingbury

Airvolution will be holding two Community Information Events, to introduce themselves and the proposal to place four wind turbines on the above land, on July 9th at Kislingbury Village Hall from 9.30 to 14.00 and at Bugbrooke Football Club from 15.30 to 20.00. All villagers have received invitations to attend.

Proposals for expansion of Prologis Park at Pineham.

A public exhibition will be held on Saturday July 12th from 11am to 4pm at Kislingbury Village Hall to show the draft plans for the proposed expansion of the area.

Application:S/2014/0329/MAF: Refusal

Mr W E Griffiths
c/o Berrys

Agricultural Building and temporary worker's dwelling on land west of Banbury Lane to the north of Rothersthorpe

8. Finance

Income

Julie Botterill – Allotment Fee	£8.00
Mark Goodson – Allotment Fee	£8.00

Expenditure

NCALC - Subs	£146.28 Chq No 000875
Internal Audit	£155
E.ON – Street Light Repairs	£34.48 “ “ 000876
	VAT:£5.75
Neighbourhood Watch – Subs	£10.00 “ “ 000877
Mrs S Murphy – Salary	£453.24 “ “ 000878
Barbara Osborne – Payroll Services	£45.00 “ “ 000879
Allseasons Gardening	£432.00 “ “ 000880
	VAT:£72.00

9. Highways/Footpaths.Community Enhancement Gang

The Community Enhancement Gang will be visiting the village on July 18th. Mr Morphy agreed to meet the gang at 8.am in the Village Hall Car Park.

Cemetery/ Churchyard Trees

The conifers in the cemetery are to be reduced by 20ft and it was also agreed to carry out remedial work on trees adjacent to the Old Rectory. Mr Morphy agreed to speak to Seb Hodges about carrying out the work.

Hedgecutting in the cemetery will begin during the week beginning July 2nd. It was also agreed to ask Allseasons to cut back the shoots from the base of the lime trees.

It was also agreed to obtain a new bin for the cemetery.

10. Representative Reports

School/VHMC: Nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Watch: A motorbike had been stolen from Grafton Way.

11. Dates of the Next Meetings

Monday August 4th 2014 at 7.30p.m

Monday September 15th 2014 at 7.30p.m

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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