

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Church Street, Rothersthorpe on Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.30p.m.

**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 Kirkbride – County Councillor  
Mrs J Eliot – District Councillor  
Mrs S Murphy – Clerk  
3 Members of the Public – Mr N Henry, Mr and Mrs J Irving

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mrs A Addison and Mrs K Cooper.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

There was no declaration of interest in any item on the agenda.

**3. Public Open Session**

Nick Henry addressed the meeting regarding the Community Space Project and asked for clarification of the Parish Council's role in the project. Mr Considine explained that project has nothing to do with the Parish Council apart from the original planning application being submitted under the parish council as no costs were incurred.

Mr Irving addressed the meeting and asked that the results of the village survey on the Community Space project and the decision to what comes next to be communicated through the Parish Council. Mr Boscott explained that there are still some concerns in the village over the parish council's involvement. Mr Considine explained that any further planning applications would be submitted by the Community Space Project committee. Mr Irving expressed his concerns about potential hooliganism associated with the playing field.

Mrs Kirkbride addressed the meeting and spoke about the difficult budget decisions that the County Council have had to make. There will be a 1.95% Council Tax rise and NCC have to find millions of pounds from elsewhere. The construction of the new Council offices has begun in Angel Street. NCC's Children's Services are improving. Mrs Kirkbride also said the Councillor's Empowering scheme is still available.

Mrs Eliot addressed the meeting and said that this was her last parish council meeting at Rothersthorpe as a District Councillor and how much she has enjoyed being a councillor. Mr Considine thanked her for all her work and support on village issues.

Mrs Murphy read out Mrs Addison's Report. SNC have now moved to the new offices at The Forum in Moat Lane and these will be open to the public from April 9<sup>th</sup>. Towcester Library and Register Office are now situated in the Atrium area. In the forthcoming election the parliamentary count will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup> and District and Parish Council counts will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> were agreed and signed.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

##### 20mph Speed Limit in North Street

NCC now undertake formal reviews of any request for amending speed limits and take into account factors such as collision history, current speed/ volume data and any comments from the parish council. It was agreed to make a formal request to NCC.

##### Village of the Year

Mrs Johnson said the judges will be visiting the village in early May.

##### Small Business Rate Relief.

SNC have agreed to refund the cemetery rates backdated to 2010.

##### Churchyard Wall

It was agreed to ask the church architect to look at the wall and assess exactly what work needs to be done. The Clerk to contact Val Bridges.

##### Bus Service

NCC had said the commented that it was good to see how keen the parish residents were to maintain the current bus services.

##### Street Lighting

It was agreed to accept the following quotation for the replacement of 4 street lights in Kislingbury Road:- 1. To remove existing pole bracket to tip and supply and install 1No. replacement pole bracket would be £65.00 (excluding VAT)

2. To remove existing lantern to tip and supply and install 1No. Philips Libra 36W PLL lantern and photo cell would be £345.00 (excluding VAT )

#### **6. Clerk's Report**

##### Internal Audit – Review of Account Books

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

##### Spring Waterway Forum

This will be held on Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at Braunston Village Hall from 7 – 9p.m.

#### **7. Planning**

##### Application: S/2015/0425/LBC

Mrs S Batten  
26A Church Street  
Rothersthorpe

Two storey linked extension with  
single storey extension to rear  
at 26A Church Street

The Parish Council have no objection.

Consent: S/2014/2483/FUL

WE Griffiths & Sons  
c/o Berrys of Kettering

Erection of agricultural building  
Banbury Lane Rothersthorpe

Refusal:S/2014/2496/E1A

Four Wind Turbines on Land at Hill Farm Bugbrooke.

## **8. Finance**

### Income

VAT Return £1,312.32

### Expenditure

Paid: 30.3.2015

Allseasons: Churchyard Path £30.00 Chq.No. 000907

VAT:£5.00

Mrs S Murphy – Salary £471.37 “ “ 000908

Mrs B Osborne – Payroll Services £45.00 “ “ 000909

Paid: 8.4.2015

Allseasons – March gardening £300.00 “ “ 000910

VAT:£50.00

Northants CALC – Subs £418.24 “ “ 000911

Northamptonshire Acre – Subs £35.00 “ “ 000912

Rothersthorpe PCC – Newsletter donation £120.00 “ “ 000913

E.ON – Electricity £337.22 “ “ 000914

VAT:£56.20

Seb Hodge Tree Work – Allotment £420.00 “ “ 000915

VAT:£70.00

Mrs J Johnson: Village of the Year £15.00 “ “ 000916

Pictorial Meadows – Wildflower Seeds £52.70 “ “ 000917

### Payroll Services

Mrs Osborne had informed the Parish Council that her payroll charge will increase to £16.00 per run inclusive from April 2015.

### Electricity Rates.

E.ON have increased the rates for the supply of un- metered electricity excessively. Currently the parish council are on a Deemed Contract. There is an option to negotiate a fixed term contract.

Northants CALC are investigating the price rise because it has not allowed enough time for parish council's to budget for this increase.

## **9. Highways/Footpaths**

### Carriageway Surface Dressing

Surface dressing and refreshing road markings will be carried out in North Street during the next three months.

**10. Representative Reports.**

School Governors: Waiting for next meeting.

VHMC: Obtaining quotes for the new disabled toilet in the Village Hall.

Neighbourhood Watch: Reasonably quiet at present although oil has been taken from an oil tank.

Speedwatch: There are 4 volunteers to help in the Speedwatch campaign.

Village Website: There have been no photos submitted for the competition.

**11. Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m : Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting followed by Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.20p.m.

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