

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Church Street Rothersthorpe on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Present:- Mr R Boscott – Chairman, Mrs C Nolan, Mrs J Johnson, Mrs J Eliot, Miss H Griffith, Mr S Major and Mrs J Botterill.

In Attendance:- Mrs S Murphy – Clerk

Members of the Public : Mrs Sally Robinson, Mr Clive Appleton, Mr Dave Kettell and Mr Geoff Newton

Mr Boscott addressed the meeting and advised Councillors and members of the public that under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public are permitted to photograph, film, broadcast and report on the meeting, subject to the efficient running of the meeting not being disrupted.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from SNC Cllr Mrs A Addison (meeting), SNC Cllr Mrs K Cooper(meeting) and NCC Cllr Mrs J Kirkbride(meeting)

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.

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

Mr Newton addressed the meeting and asked if the Parish Council would be taking any remedial action about the state the verges have been left in following the recent work in relation to the solar farm. The contractors have said that they would be re-instating the verges, which would then be checked by the Highways. The clerk to contact the Highways to ask about the poor re-instatement.

Mr Newton asked if the parish council were able to do anything about the increase in fly-tipping around the village. The removal of fly-tipped rubbish is the responsibility of the landowner if on private land or the local council if it is on the verges etc. Any instances could be reported on Street Doctor.

Mr Appleton suggested that the four people, who are responsible for the village planters, should be given £25 each to cover the cost of plants.

Mr Appleton also asked about improvements to the cemetery, particularly the addition of more trees and hedge saplings to fill in a gap. It was agreed to meet with the garden contractors to discuss.

Mrs Robinson addressed the meeting and explained that the planning application for Studleigh Cottage had been refused. Mrs Robinson raised several planning queries on the conservatory and the huts at 22 North Street and the encroachment into the field at the back of the church by the Old Rectory and Manor House. It was agreed to look into these.

Mrs Robinson asked who was responsible for cutting the grass outside Studleigh Cottage as it is on the highway.

A written report from Mrs Addison gave the following news from SNC:-

1. A new Joint Chief Executive, Yvonne Rees had been appointed/
2. SNC Council Tax has risen on average by £5 for the year on a Band D property.

3. The SNC Local Plan 2A will be out for final consultation in June
4. Community Services – From early May, residents and businesses will have 6 weeks to complete a short questionnaire to give feedback on the Council’s services.

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

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 were agreed and signed.

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

##### Rothersthorpe Crossroads

This was deferred to the next meeting.

##### Damage to Wild Flower borders.

A donation of £100 had been received.

##### Cemetery

The garden contractor will over seed the area where the bench has been put after it has had its first cut.

#### **6. Clerk’s Report**

##### Local Access Forum

The Northamptonshire Local Access Forum is looking for new members. The aim of the group is to advise the County Council, as well as district and borough council’s on the management of the County’s public right of way. New members are needed to ensure that local knowledge and input help to improve the rights of way.

##### War Memorial Workshop

A workshop will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Guildhall from 9.45a.m – 1p.m. This will cover the recording of War Memorials, cleaning etc.

#### **7. Rail Central Update.**

The next meeting of the group will now be on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 6.30p.m -8p.m. at The Walnut Tree in Blisworth.

#### **8. Planning**

##### Application: S/2017/0516/FUL

Strouds Farm  
North Street

Variation of conditions 2 and 18 of planning permission  
S/2014/2233/FUL

The Parish Council have no comment.

##### Refusal: S/2016/2722/FUL

Studleigh Cottage  
Church Street

Demolition of double garage and construction of an  
accessible 4/5 bedroom house.

CPRE Roadshow.

The CPRE planning Roadshow will take place on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m at Great Houghton Village Hall.

**9. Finance**

Expenditure

E.ON – Street Lighting	£145.20	VAT £24.20	Chq.No.001013
Mrs S Murphy – Salary	£472.50	“ “	001014
Mrs B Osborne – Payroll	£49.50	“ “	001015

Balance up to 20.3.2017

NSB:	£15,299.05
Current Acc:	£8,564.40

**10. Highways/Footpaths**

Allotment Hedge/Cemetery Fence

The hedge adjacent to Mr Doran’s needs cutting back. The new fence is moving slightly and needs restabilising.

Plot Land Owners

Mr Major has obtained the addresses of the owners of the plots and will contact them about tidying their plots.

**11. Representative Reports**

Speedwatch: Still need more volunteers.

VHMC: Mr Barber, the VHMC, will be retiring in 12 months.

Community Space Project

The Berry: The landowners have said no to it being used as a playing field.

Collins Field: Owned by four different people. Mr Major will talk to the owners.

Mrs Eliot announced that she would be resigning as a parish councillor and will write to the Clerk to confirm this. On behalf of the Parish Council Mr Boscott thanked Mrs Eliot for all her work and said she would be missed.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30p.m..

Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30p.m. – Annual Parish meeting followed by Annual General Meeting  
June 5<sup>th</sup> or June 7<sup>th</sup> to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

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