

Minutes of a meeting of Rothersthorpe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Church Street, Rothersthorpe on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2017.

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

**In Attendance:-** Mrs S Murphy – Clerk

Members of the Public – Mr P Sage, Mr N Henry

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 Councillor Ann Addison (meeting), SNC Councillor Karen Cooper(meeting) and County Councillor Joan Kirkbride (meeting).

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

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

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

There were issues for discussion in the Public Open Session.

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

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 were agreed and signed.

### **5. Matters Arising**

#### **Fly Tipping**

This was cleared very quickly after being reported.

#### **Rothersthorpe Crossroads**

NCC Road Safety Officer Steven Barber had responded and said that NCC are looking at signage, and improving the condition of the road markings initially and will draw up a more detailed plan when costs are available.

#### **Wildflower borders and Road verges**

The Roads and Street works inspector confirmed that the remedial work should have been completed by now. Contractors were allowed to return and complete the work because conditions were not suitable for adding top soil and seed.

#### **Churchyard Gates**

The gates have been removed from the churchyard ready to be worked on.

#### Allotment Hedge

This has been cut well.

#### Grass behind church

It was agreed that the grassed area behind the church adjacent to Studleigh Cottage, that Sally Robinson was unable to continue cutting, will be incorporated into the Gardening Contract.

#### Land at the Crossroads

Mr Major had spoken to Mr Collins about the field at the crossroads. The land is now owned by four children of the original purchasers and that Hollins Strategic Land has acquired an interest in the land.

#### Field at the back of the Church

The owners of the rectory have sold some land to the owners of the Manor. It was agreed to get more information about the change of use of the land.

### **6. The Annual Return for the Year end up to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**

The Statement of Accounts and The Annual Governance Statement

The Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement for the Year ending march 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 were approved by the Parish Council and signed on their behalf by Mr Boscott as Chairman and Mrs Murphy as Clerk.

### **7. Parish Council Vacancy**

Mrs Eliot had only recently sent a letter to confirm her resignation as a parish councillor. Mrs Murphy will inform SNC of the vacancy.

### **8. Clerk's Report**

#### Internal Audit – Review of Account Books

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

#### Memorial Garden

The Upton Scout and Cub group, several members are from the village, are looking for an outdoor project to adopt and work on from September for a year. The Memorial garden was suggested because it ties in with Remembrance. It was agreed that this was a good idea but more information is required on what is exactly required and how it will be financed. The group will also have to liaise with Mrs Dellar and the school gardening club.

#### Electricity Increase

E.ON have increased their Deemed Contract rates from April 1st 2017. The possibility of switching to a fixed term contract was not possible as the parish council use less than 17,000 units over a year.

It was agreed to review the market and other suppliers.

**9. Planning**

Applications

S/2017/0827/ADV : - 6 internally illuminated free standing signs, Rothersthorpe Services

The Parish Council have no objection.

S/2017/0816/FUL: - New drive through refreshment kiosk, Rothersthorpe Services

The Parish Council have no objection.

S/2016/1324/EIA:- Land at Norwood Farm, Sandy Lane Harpole

South Northamptonshire Council:- Draft Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document  
It was agreed that the councillors would read through the document before the next meeting.

**10. Finance**

Income

VAT Refund:	£1,743.61
SNC: Precept:	£6,000.00
VUS Solar Power Donation	£100.00
Mrs H Cordner – Allotment	£8.00

Expenditure

Allseasons – gardening	£534.00 VAT 89.00	Chq.No 001016
NCALC - Subs – Internal Audit	£167.00}	“ “ 001017
Subs	£269.85}	
Northamptonshire Acre – Subs	£35.00	Chq.No. 001018
Rothersthorpe PCC- Donation	£150.00	“ “ 001019
E.ON – Electricity	£574.48	“ “ 001020

**11. Highways/Footpaths**

NCC Footpath map: NCC had sent 2 copies of the definitive footpath map of Rothersthorpe.

**12. Representative Reports**

Village of the Year Competition: Judges will be visiting the village on May 5<sup>th</sup>

**13. Dates of the Next Meetings**

- Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30p.m.
- Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at 7.30p.m.
- Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Following the conclusion of the meeting Miss Griffith offered her resignation as a parish councillor as she will moving from the village shortly.

Meeting closed at 9.05p.m.

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

