

Chairman's initials.....

MINUTES OF ROCKHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM
AT ROCKHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT

Cllrs T Cullimore, S Goode, M Riddle

Mrs E V Lewis (Clerk)

1 Members of Public

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr T Mitchell Skinner and Cllr N Paling

2. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Mr T England was nominated as Councillor. Proposed by Cllr T Cullimore; seconded by Cllr S Goode. All paperwork was duly signed and checked by Clerk.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on agenda and REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of Meeting held on 26th September 2018

It was proposed by Cllr T Cullimore and seconded by Cllr M Riddle that the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th September 2018 be approved.

5. CLERKS REPORT re Matters not covered elsewhere on agenda

Clerk gave an update on the following

Joint Spatial Plan (JSP)

The plan was submitted to Government in April this year for an examination process to confirm that the policies and plans drawn up over the past three years meet statutory requirements. On behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, two Independent Planning Inspectors are following a process to test the work done by the local authorities to ensure that the JSP is fit for purpose and fulfils their legal obligation to produce a 'sound' plan. The Inspectors have requested additional information from the councils in relation to Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA), as well as requesting clarification and further evidence within other technical work areas, including transport. The councils will therefore run a six-week consultation process in November and December this year to give people the opportunity to see the information that will be provided and to make comments on it. That feedback will be passed to the Inspectors to consider as they prepare for the next phase of their assessment of the JSP. This will mean that the Public hearings part of the Examination process which had been anticipated to take place this autumn is now expected to take place around mid-May 2019.

Oldbury/Berkeley Site Stakeholder Group meeting

The meeting was held at the Gables Hotel, Falfield on the 31 October 2018.

Various presentations were given at the meeting, in brief:

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- Mr M Heaton Site Closure Director for the Berkeley and Oldbury Sites gave a report on recent activities and referred to the continuing high levels of safety performance at both sites
- An exercise of anti-terrorist security measures organised by the emergency services was held recently at Berkeley Site
- Revised emergency arrangements are being implemented at Oldbury to reflect the reduced level of hazard on the site
- Update on the work on the Vaults at Berkeley Site
- Reports from the ONR and Environment Agency

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide its area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each polling district. The Council must keep these arrangements under review and the Council's last full review was in January 2015. Since the last full review a district boundary review has been undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Rockhampton Parish has remained in the Severn Ward so there is no change to the polling place. If an election was to be held the polling station would be at Rockhampton Village Hall.

Election Timetable 2019

There will be elections held at South Gloucestershire Council and Parish Councils on 2nd May 2019. A timetable for the election campaign has not yet been issued, Clerk discussed the process that took place in 2015 and will forward further information to Councillors once received.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION chance for matters to be raised by parishioners present at meeting.
No parishioners present

7. CORRESPONDENCE list emailed separately to councillors (including live consultations from South Gloucestershire Council)
Clerk added the latest Consultation on South Gloucestershire Council Suicide Prevention Strategy to the list of Correspondence.

8. HIGHWAYS

The work on the verge between Rockhampton and Hill has been completed; the issue of subsidence on the road was discussed. Work on the verge at Sundayshill Lane has not been completed as of yet.

The issue of the drain at Gully Lane was discussed, there is lots of water on the road when it rains as the drain is blocked. Cllr Riddle to look into the issue.

Dumping of household waste at Woodend Lane was discussed, this issue was reported and cleared away promptly, however, the issue of refuse/waste dumping in the Parish in ongoing and various methods of deterring people to dump their waste in the Parish was discussed. Waste notices and or cameras was suggested. Cllr Riddle will see if more information is available on the statistics of waste being dumped in this area.

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The current state of the triangle at Newton Hill was discussed; the area is full of overgrown nettles and looks very untidy. The suggestion of turning the area back to grass was discussed, Cllr Riddle to look into this further.

9. PLANNING

PT18/4741/F – Land Adjacent to Old Orchard, Newton, Rockhampton – No comment

Update on application received in neighbouring parishes

PT17/2006/0 – Land South of Gloucester Road – Public enquiry due to be held in 2019

PT18/1282/0 – Land to West of Falfield Village, Sundayshill Lane – Application refused

PT18/0913/0 – Land at Post Farm (revised proposals) – Application Approved
Cllr Goode showed Councillors an article in the Thornbury Voice magazine about the Buckover Garden Village, the issue of housing development was discussed.

10. FINANCE

10.1 Budget Statement for 2018/19 – discussed and approved by all Councillors.

10.2 The Estimated Income/Expenditure for year ending 31 March 2020 and Precept amount was discussed.

Cllr England raised the issue of lack of Communications in the village; various suggestions on improvements was discussed and any further costs that may be incurred. The Clean Up Event held in October was successful day despite the weather. More signs on keep the village tidy, possibility of adding some words to the Rockhampton sign was discussed. Cllr Riddle to investigate further
Precept to rise by £25 for 2019/20 Proposed by Cllr Goode; seconded by Cllr T England. Clerk to send in Precept form to South Gloucestershire Council.

10.3 Receipts received this period

Precept (September 2018) £ 1390.00

10.4 To note the following payments:

Clerk Salary £ 353.09

Cllr Expenses £ 19.40

Village Hall Hire £ 40.00

Beneficial Newsletter donation £ 40.00

4 Ward Magazine donation £ 40.00

Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire £ 40.00

10.5 To note letter from Nat West Bank regarding change to Bank Signatories

10.6 Donations to local community as noted in 10.4 discussed and approved.

Proposed by Cllr Cullimore; seconded by Cllr England.

10.7 Clerk to look at quotes for purchase of a new notice board at Newton, and is currently working with Cllr Paling on the possibility of having new internal felt for the notice board at Rockhampton. The prices of High Vis jackets discussed and suggestions made to possibly purchase some for the Village Clean up event next year.

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11. STANDING ORDERS

A copy of the amended Standing Orders, discussed at the last meeting, to be sent to Cllr Goode and Cllr England so they may see the contents. This item to be added on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

12. CHAIRMAN/COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr England expressed an interest in attending the next Oldbury on Severn New Nuclear Build Sub Group meeting. The next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in February 2019. Clerk to inform the Clerk at Oldbury on Severn Parish Council that Mr England will be attending.

Cllr England asked about the changes to the Planning process, especially the issue of the Planning Committee and Site Visits for Planning Applications. Cllr Riddle explained the changes and Clerk will send further information about the Planning Process to Cllr England.

A new defibrillator has been installed at Hill, Cllr Cullimore asked if it would be possible to have one installed in Rockhampton. Clerk discussed the cost of purchasing and maintaining a defibrillator and will make further enquires.

The common land outside the village hall was discussed. Some tidying up is required. Cllr Cullimore to look into the issue.

Cllr Riddle updated the Parish Council on the installation of the new fibre Broadband, which is now nearly completed in the village. Cllr Riddle explained that it is an improved service but parishioners will need to sign up to the new service.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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