

DRAFT MINUTES OF RUSHBROOKE WITH ROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20th March 2023

Present: Cllrs P Wells (Chair), S Brinkley, C Old, and A Poole

In Attendance: Dist Cllr S Mildmay-White,

Absent: D Strong, P Lamb (Clerk)

23/118	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr A Dann, Karen Soons	
23/119	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None	
23/120	<u>Approval of Minutes:</u> No minutes to approve from January meeting as meeting was not Corus	
23/121	<u>Matters Arising:</u> There were no matters arising other than those on the agenda.	
23/122	<p>Public Forum: Five residents of the parish were present.</p> <p>Precept 2023/24 After a lot of discussion on social media regarding the increase of 125% of the Parish proportion based on a Band D council tax, residents were rightly asking for an explanation for the rise. Chairman stated it was a mistake on his behalf for not checked the precept form on signing. The mistake on completing the form was made by the Parish Clerk in an error of 13.5k added to the calculation. This money which was towards the sports hall building extension and should have been allocated from the Parish council's savings account. The money was transferred over to the current account by the chairman and a cheque was raised and hand delivered. As the Parish Clerk was absence from the meeting, no questions could be addressed to them. The chairman agreed to place an apology on the parish website for the mistake in the precept.</p> <p>A resident stated that there had sent an email to the clerk requesting information regarding joining the Parish Council but had never received a response. As the clerk was absence an explanation was not available.</p> <p>Airfield General discussion was held on Rougham Estates decision to give notice on the light aircraft using the strip. Rougham Estates had been requested to be represented at the meeting, however this clashed with another event so a statement would be sent for the Parish Council to read out. At the time of the meeting the Chairman was not in possession of any statement from Rough Estate. The Council was requested to support any proposed development of the airfield. Cllr S Brinkley declared an interest at this point due to being employed by Rougham Estate.</p> <p>Cllrs Old and Poole stated they would support any opposition to development. It was agreed that a petition would be set up and Cllr Poole would approach the Post Office in Kingshall Street to hold the petition for residents to sign with a new Rougham email address set up for residents to voice any comments regarding the closure and any future development. It was agreed for the Rougham Tower Association to be contacted to ask for support. Sara Milway White read out a statement from St Edmundsbury council regarding the airfield, local plan review putting the 2040 local plan on hold until the review had been concluded.</p> <p>Request for new footpath A resident enquired about the possibility of an extension of the footpath from Sow Lane pass Ravenwood Hotel along Almshouse Road to the junction with Mouse Lane. This was to give Mouse Lane residents a safe passage to Budgens/Greggs along Sow Lane. This is to be referred to Karen Soons Suffolk county council.</p>	PW
23/123	Cllr Mildmay-White commented on her report which she circulated via email.	SMW
23/124	Finance & Administration: Unable to discuss as Clerk was not present.	PW

Signed: Paul Wells

Dated: 17 04 2023

	<p>Payments Payments were not ratified due to the Clerks absence and online banking not fully functional.</p>	ALL
23/125	<p>PLANNING: New Planning Applications</p> <p>Anglia Water Pipeline SMW stated this will have little affect on Rougham and minimal effect on Rushbrooke.</p>	PW/SMW
23/126	<p><u>Mouse Lane</u> Cllr Old raise the issue of vehicle parked on the bend in Mouse lane stopping visibility for moving traffic. Consider Double yellow lines. To be referred to Karen Soons.</p>	CO
23/127	<p>Flooding Photographs have been sent to Karen Soons regarding flooding in Almshouse Road and Church Lane. As KS was not present this could not be raised during the meeting.</p>	PW
23/128	<p><u>Public Transport</u> The Council agreed to remove the public transport liaison role from future agendas and minutes.</p>	ALL
23/129	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Littering on playing field Emergency Plan to be removed from agenda going forward. James Stiff Cottages. Parish happy for Sara Milway White to take the Parish's place of the board of trustees. SMW in agreement.</p>	PW

23/130 Date of the Next Meeting: 7.30 p.m. on Monday 17th of April 2023: Rougham Sports Hall