

RUSHBROOKE WITH ROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025 at the Sports Hall, Rougham at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Cllrs Sara Mildmay-White (SM-W), Debbie Hockey (DH), Jeff Horner (JH) Tracey Skoyles (TS) Kate Hardy (KH), John Newman (JN), Dan Steed (DS), Christine Mason (CM) Parish Clerk

0601/25/73 **Apologies for absence:** All present.

0601/25/74 **Declarations of Interest:** No declaration of Interests were made.

Dispensation: Councillors noted no requests for dispensations had been received and none were requested at the meeting.

0601/25/75 **Minutes:** All Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2024. SM-W to sign the minutes as a true reflection of the decisions made at the meeting. Clerk's appraisal has been carried out, a thank you to DH for attending.

0601/25/76 **Public Forum:** There were no members of the public present.

0601/25/77 **County & District Councillor Reports:** The District Councillor's report was previously circulated, noted and will be posted on the website. Key topics included the extraordinary meeting to be held by SCC to debate and vote on a proposal for Local government devolution for Suffolk; Police and Crime Plan consultation for 2025-29; if criteria is met individuals can apply for support from the Suffolk Community Foundation Winter Campaign fund; a refurbishment of the Abbey Garden lavatories is commencing on the 6th January, temporary facilities will be in place.

No report was received from SCC Cllr Karen Soons.

0601/25/78 **Planning**

DC/24/1855/FUL

PROPOSAL a. Change of use of dwelling (Class C3) and associated land to special education facility (Class F1a) b. two metre high fencing at front of the site to create secure garden area

LOCATION The White House, Blackthorpe, Rougham Suffolk

OBJECTION for the fence. SUPPORT for the re-application with comments as follows – should be a retrospective application, unsightly fencing, safety issue, signage, dangerous and inappropriate position, should have been supported by a Masterplan.

Re-Consultation DC/24/0934/FUL

PROPOSAL New brewery with associated infrastructure including car and cycle parking, installation of security fencing, construction of service yard and connections to existing adjacent distribution unit to the south, drainage infrastructure, construction of utilities sub-station, on plot landscaping and alterations to existing vehicle access from Fortress Way

LOCATION Plot SP128 Suffolk Business Park Extension, Fortress Way Bury St Edmunds Suffolk

APPLICANT Greene King

SUPPORT

To note applications decided under delegated powers since the last meeting

DC/24/1203/FUL

RE-CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF A PLANNING PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL Planning application - installation of ground-mounted solar PV array comprising 42 panels in two mounting racks

LOCATION Rougham Estate Office, Ipswich Road, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP30 9LZ

APPLICANT Sir George Agnew, Rougham Estates

SUPPORT

DC/24/1513/LB

PROPOSAL Listed building application - 20 solar panels on stable outbuilding

LOCATION Farmhouse Blackthorpe Rougham

SUPPORT

0601/25/79 **Finance**

a. All Councillors confirmed receipt of the bank reconciliation prior to the meeting and agreed this matched the bank statements to 31st December 2024. Balance of the Community Account stands at £10,380.33 and with £22,183.76 in the Premium Account, the Parish Council has £32,564.09 in the bank.

b. It was resolved payments made since the last meeting be approved

Warden's salary + back pay November	249.94
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T C Forestry & Fencing	655.00
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Clerk's salary +back pay November	602.48
Warden's salary December	158.69
Hall hire	26.00
HMRC quarterly payment	530.80
Clerk's salary December	491.60

c. The insurance quotation of £398.11 for 2025-2026 was approved

d. The purchase a novelty litter bin for the play area was deferred pending the possibility of a locality grant award

0601/25/80 **Budget/Precept**

Based on current financial information, an updated schedule of expenditure and income figures to December 2024 were circulated for consideration. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the precept of £21,000 for the financial year 2025-2026 be formally approved. This equates to a percentage decrease of 1.67% with a Parish Band D Council Tax of £47.32 per resident.

0601/25/81 **Play area Inspection Reports**

A quotation for play equipment maintenance and repairs at both Mouse Lane and the Playing Fields has been received from Online Playgrounds for the sum of £8,864.63 + vat. The cost to include a 1.2m pedestrian gate. A further two companies were contacted for a quotation but neither have responded. Following discussion, the quotation was unanimously accepted. SM-W to action.

0601/25/82 **Rougham School car park**

The school has been approached regarding the car park. Curly has filled in the worst of the potholes at the exit, but due to weather conditions and the need for a roller, it is likely to be half term before completion. A meeting with the Head Teacher, Woodlands, the Church and the Parish Council to be arranged following the 'walk about' with Matthew Fox SCC.

0601/25/83 **Footpaths**

Deferred at present.

0601/25/84 **S137 Donations**

Deferred at present

0601/25/85 **Community Activities Update**

No further update.

0601/25/86 **Speed signage / Meeting with Highways**

All issues relating to speeding, dangerous junction at the end of Sow Lane towards The White House, signage, flooding, to be discussed at the meeting with Matthew Fox. DH and SM-W to attend.

0601/25/87 **Clerk's Appraisal**

Completed.

0601/25/88 **Correspondence**

Forwarded as and when received.

0601/25/89 **Any other Council business to be noted**

The housing development at the end of Kingshill Street has been approved. A thank you to DH for attending 'Safeguarding' training. Due to moving house, Cllr Steed tendered his resignation as a member of the parish council. A vote of thanks was given to DS for his invaluable contribution during his time in office.

0601/25/90 **Chairman to close the meeting**

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: Chairman

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