

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker, Cllr Cook, Cllr Williams, Cllr Haywood and Cllr Rowley.

**In Attendance:** County Councillor Grove and District Councillors Swinburn and Bass.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Wigglesworth (Holiday) and Cllr Bennett (Personal) - Accepted
2. Declaration of Interests
  1. Members were reminded to update their register of interests.
  2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary: None
  3. Other Disclosable Interests: None
3. To consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): None requested.

Public Question Time – No questions asked.

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: No matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was received as per worksheet.
7. **Reports from representatives:** To receive an update
  - 7.1 County Councillor: Cllr Grove
    - Savings of £5M (out of £25M) need to be found for Financial Year 2015/16
    - Please report pot hole repairs/highway repairs for improvement
    - WCC is holding a roadshow at Crowngate, Worcester on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014
    - Please note there is sufficient grit to take care of all roads in Worcestershire during the Winter
    - Road marking improvements to improve safety will be completed at the Whittington roundabout before Christmas 2014.
    - Compost bins are available for sale
  - 7.2 District Councillor: A report was circulated.
    - MHDC has deferred their decision to support the decision to contract out the services of Worcestershire Hub to CIVICA.
    - Jack Hegarty commenced his role as CEO on 01/12/14
    - JAP (Joint Advisory Panel) held a lively session on the SWDP.
    - Cllr Bass is seeking feedback from local residents who belong to Housing Associations with any issues.
  - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rowley advised they are looking at a new project for a sports hall and new frontage.

- 7.4 Footpath Officers report: Mr. Haslam submitted the following report:-
1. Footpath RW350 from Upper Wick across cherry orchard towards Powick Bridge, the stiles across the stream has been repaired by Will Edmonds. Many thanks to him for organising and carrying out this work.
  2. RW525 I cut back the tree blown down and blocking the footpath near the Cricket ground.
  3. RW512 across field adjacent to Village Hall, has had the path reinstated by the landowner, but there are still problems with wet ground near the stile leading across to Claphill Lane. This could be due to back of water from the lake
  4. RW513 Bransford Road to Summer Hollow has been cleared and now totally accessible.
- When dog walking I carry a pair of secateurs to attend to minor clearances,  
There are no outstanding matters that have been previously reported.  
Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

7.5 Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker is seeking options to upgrade the car park security.

- 7.6 School Representative report: Report from Cllr Wigglesworth -
- It's nearly the end of a successful Autumn Term. Maths, handwriting and reading are above national average. Phonics and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) are just below national average. The school is aware of this and it is all in hand. The free school meals have been an outstanding success and the staff and dinner ladies have worked hard to achieve this. The school Hall improvements have worked well and all the asbestos has been taken away. FORS (Friends of Rushwick School) have given a new projector to the school, and all the school IT was updated at half term. The school is full and the head teacher Mr Jeffrey has worked hard to maintain standards throughout the school. All school Christmas activities, the Fair and the plays have taken or will have taken place. Happy Christmas and New Year.

## 8. Finance

- 8.1 Payment of accounts as per schedule distributed were authorized for payment.  
It was agreed due to the proposed change to car park security the services of Matthew Griffin would no longer be required. He was thanked for his efforts.
- 8.2 The Council discussed and approved the budget for 2015/16 and agreed to request a precept for £23455.00 for 2015/16 from MHDC.

## 9. Planning: The following planning applications received below were commented on:-

Planning Application No: 14/01550/FUL  
Proposal: Erection of 2 3 bedroom detached dwellings  
Location: Land adj. Whitehall Inn, Bransford Road, Rushwick, WR2 5TA  
Comments: No Objections

Planning Application No: 14/00820/FUL  
Proposal: Proposed residential development of 4 dwellings  
Location: Woodbine, Bransford Road, Rushwick, WR2 5TD  
Comments: No Objections

10. It is envisaged a Section 106 application for Playscape would be submitted by February 2015. The Committee is currently working on submitting a planning application to support this. The Parish Council would like to enter into discussions with Melanie Baker to seek the viability of section 106 funding to support the Village Hall.
11. Cllr Deakin and Cllr Parker are to hold a site meeting to determine the course of action and consult with local homeowners concerning an overgrown tree identified in Grange Lane.
12. The Parish Council discussed the re launch and production of Parish Newsletter/Magazine. Advertising and production costs will be explored..

- 13. **Correspondence for Information:**  
Letter from WCC – Tree Survey on Smallholdings Estate – Removal of 3x dead elms
  
- 14. **Councillors’ reports and items for future agendas:** None

Meeting closed at 9.37pm  
Sharon Baxter (Clerk)

Signed ..... Chairman..... Date.....