

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST 2015 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker, Cllr Williams, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Haywood, Cllr Wigglesworth and Cllr Rowley.

In Attendance: District Councillor Chambers .

1. Apologies for absence: None
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.

No questions for Public Question Time.

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 8th July 2015 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: No matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated. £500 Divisional funding has been successfully paid to the Parish Council to assist with arranging a football contract.
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 – No report available.
 - 7.2 District Councillor: Cllr Chambers.
 1. A Strategic Review is in progress Senior Executive Management will be reduced with managers working jointly at MHDC and Wychavon. Also an Administration Strategic Review is in place. An Extra Ordinary meeting is to take place on 13th October 2015 to discuss the outcome.
 2. SWDP Update
 - 22.09.15 – SWDP presented to MHDC for approval
 - 30.09.15 – SWDP presented to Worcester City Council and Wychavon for approval
 - Mid Oct – Late Nov – 6 week consultation on the proposed modifications
 - Jan/Feb 2016 – Inspectors Final report
 - Referred to all three Councils for formal adoption Feb/March 2016
 - March – May – Judicial Review
 - May 2016 – Formally adopted
 3. Derived from the NADMC looking into the legal stance on the wording ‘betterment’ against ‘substantial’ that was recorded in respect of planning application no: 15/00504/OUT.
 - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rowley
 - The water heater has been repaired.
 - Awaiting a further quote in respect of the emergency cord system.
 - Would like to replace chairs and storage trollies at a cost of approximately £50 each X 100

7.4 Footpath Officers report: Cllr Williams

In the process of producing a walking map of the area.

Carrying out a walking exercise - yesterday walked footpath 501 on route to Elgar's Birth place
Carried out some clearance works between Bransford Road to Summer Hollow. Cut brambles/nettles to the path running alongside the railway line.

Cllr Parker to liaise with the land owner of Brookfield's Farm to request rubbish clearance which is very unsightly from the footpath. If this is not successful the Parish Council will pursue this matter in writing.

Clerk to liaise with Countryside Access Services to enquire if general assistance and funding is available to produce a walking map similar to Martley.

Can they offer any financial assistance or replace missing way markers?

7.5 Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker

A meeting is to be arranged with Playdale to carry out repairs to the log roll, swing and cargo net (attached to the slide). Still a considerable amount of litter being picked up.

The issue with the security bollards is ongoing.

7.6 School Representative report: Cllr Wigglesworth

Due to school holidays there is nothing to report.

8. Finance

8.1 Payment of accounts as per schedule distributed were authorized.

9. **Planning:** The following planning applications were discussed:-

Planning Application No: 15/00957/FUL

Proposal: Ground mounted solar farm installation of up to 4.0MW capacity including Ancillary buildings, CCTV, security fencing, access tracks, landscaping and all associated infrastructure

Location: Otherton Farm, Otherton Lane, Cotheridge, WR6 5LS

Comments: No Objections but with the following concerns:-

We would like the vehicular access route kept away from Rushwick, as the developer intentions Site Access - to take account of vehicular movements during rush hour.

Planning Application No: 15/00870/FUL

Proposal: Construction of 14 new dwellings with associated road and drainage Infrastructure (revised scheme)

Location: Land at Upper Wick Lane, Rushwick

Comments: No Objections however we would seek assurance assurance that during the construction period access to this development is via Bedwardine Close only.

10. Update on progress with applications for Expenditure of Section 106 monies – Playscape is to submit a S106 application for improvement and enhancement to facilities to the play area. The Parish Council agreed to offer full support. This will be indicated in a letter for Playscape to submit with the S106 application.

A planning application will be submitted from the Parish Council for a porta cabin to be used for storage of sports equipment and also to be used to support fund raising activities.

11. To Discuss Speeding and Parking Issues through the village – Item deferred. Clerk to request attendance from The Police and County Council

12. Correspondence for Information: Noted

1. Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 564 (2015) – Callows Orchard, Rushwick

13. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Wigglesworth to liaise with the landowner requesting an overgrown hedge is cut back by Stanfield House
Cllr Parker requested some advice on bonfires and was referred to Worcester regulatory Services website.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Sharon Baxter (Clerk)

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