

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker, Cllr Rowley and Cllr Wigglesworth,

In Attendance: County Councillor Grove & District Councillor Chambers (Both arrived 8.15pm – due to a meeting at MHDC). Parishioner Mr Scott.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Haywood (Holiday), Cllr Elcock (Work) and Cllr Williams (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.

No Questions for Public Question Time.

4. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 11.05.16 and Planning Committee Meeting of 25.05.16, having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: No matters arising from previous minutes. The action plan was reviewed. The footpath had been cleared of overgrown vegetation by Summer Hollow.
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  
Has started the process to address water/flooding issues raised by Mr. Scott from Broadmore Green. The culvert on the Bransford Road is due to be inspected within the next two months. This is not an acceptable timeframe and Cllr Grove to pursue.  
Money is available for improvements to pavements:  
Upper Wick Lane & Tan House Lane – inspected but do not warrant resurfacing at this time.  
Cllr Grove to request this is included in the 2017 Programme of Works.  
Grange Lane/Coronation Ave – inspected – tired looking but do not present as a trip hazard. Do not warrant resurfacing at present.  
New digital economy – Faster Broadband  
Bus Service Bill  
Various events to celebrate the Queen’s Birthday are happening this weekend.  
Hartlebury Museum is offering free adult admission on Father’s Day, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016, accompanied by a child.
  - 7.2 District Councillors – Cllrs Chambers  
Update on Waste Procurement – Cost saving exercise.  
He confirmed Worcester City did not want to enter into partnership with MHDC and Wychavon.  
Planning Peer Review - Report forthcoming  
Changes to Assets – This is progressing. All staff to work from one building – The Council House.  
Internal works to take place at the Council House.  
Land Purchase. Can generate with 5 year Strategic Plan to allow new business potential.

- Heard nothing further regarding a meeting with Philip Rawle.
- 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rowley  
A new vacuum cleaner had been purchased  
The defibrillator is ongoing  
Looking into a grant to replace the boiler  
Work is in progress in respect of the flag pole  
The AGM was successful – A forum is looking at future on-going improvements.  
A subcommittee has been formed to look at improvements via section 106 monies.
- 7.4 Footpath Officers report  
Cllr Williams has been equipped with standard equipment to carry out this role together with a definitive footpath map. He has also been supplied with some wood to carry out repairs to a broken stile.
- 7.5 Report from Playscape  
a. Update on Football Contract – Awaiting update from solicitors.  
Cllr Parker reported Playscape has been well used. As a result this has generated more litter.  
**RESOLVED** : To help alleviate the issue with litter -to purchase a suitable store to store full bin bags of litter prior to collection from the refuse collectors.
- 7.6 School Representative report – Cllr Wigglesworth  
The Open Day was held today to view the extension plans for the school building.  
Highways confirmed parking would not be an issue and therefore no extra parking is indicated in the plans. The architect confirmed completion will be August/September 2017.  
The Parish Council to submit comments to the design team expressing their concerns that parking will be an issue in light of the increase in pupil numbers – parking is currently an issue for local residents and parishioners residing in Upper Wick Lane and Tan House Lane.
8. Parishioner Reports on Trees  
It was reported 2 out of 4 trees located at the bottom of Claphill Lane require an expert opinion to confirm if they have died. Clerk to report to The Hub together with a photograph.  
Cllr Deakin is pursuing quotes concerning a tree on the Main Road- near bend and Upper Wick Lane (dogwood) which has become very overgrown.
9. Water Issues & flooding Broadmore Green. County Cllr Grove has been working in conjunction with Mr. Scott to address and action 12 issues identified.
10. Update on Flag Pole (Cllr Elcock) – Item deferred until July 2016.
11. Finance  
11.1 Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized.  
11.2 Auto Enrolment Pension Update- Clerk confirmed the staging date was 01.06.16 and that the statutory declaration had been completed and acknowledged.
12. Planning: To consider planning applications received below and prior to this meeting:-  
Planning Application No: 16/00717/HOU  
Proposal: Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of the property in a neutral colour.  
Location: 49 Christine Avenue  
Comments: No objections –applaud the neutral colour.
13. Correspondence for Information: –Clerk had circulated electronically.  
Cllr Deakin requested a July agenda item NDP Planning – The Power of Neighbourhood Planning.
14. Councillors’ reports and items for future agendas  
Cllr Wigglesworth reported that Roots Farm shop had a break in on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The Police are to be commended on the speed and efficiency on their handling of this incident.

- 15. **RESOLVED:** To approve National Pay award 2016-18 negotiated by The National Joint Council and is recommended to all councils which use the local government national conditions of service as the terms and conditions of employment for their employees.
  - a. New pay scales for 2016-17, which should be implemented as soon as possible and back dated to 1st April this year.
  - b. Pay scales for 2017-18 to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm  
Sharon Baxter  
Clerk

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