

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th AUGUST 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Grove and District Councillor Bass

1. **Apologies for absence:** District Councillor Swinburn (Holiday)
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 - None.
4. **Minutes:** To consider the adoption of The Parish Council Meeting of Wednesday 9th July 2014.
Having been previously circulated, these were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
5. **Progress Reports:** Matters arising from previous minutes and review of Action Plan.
Cllr Wigglesworth commented on the great success of The Loo Lunch which had raised £502.00.
Cllr Haywood confirmed she had requested for the For Sale Signs to be removed.
The action plan was reviewed and updated. A new HSBC Account had now been opened and monies deposited specifically for the purpose for the Clerk's pension provision.
6. **Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was received as per worksheet.**
County Councillor Grove kindly agreed to pay for the replacement of VAS sign batteries from his Divisional Fund. This would not only benefit Rushwick but neighbouring parishes of Kenswick & Wichenford and Grimley. Appreciation and thanks were expressed to County Cllr Grove for this contribution.
7. **Reports from representatives:** The following updates were received:-
 - 7.1 County Councillor
 - Mental Health Questionnaire – An opportunity of getting people involved in the community.
 - Strong representation has been made concerning the Deloitte application to the planning team.
 - Early stages are being discussed for a second planning development on B485 opposite Newland Crescent.
 - Many challenges and changes ahead with savings of £1m to be made.
 - 7.2 District Councillor
 - Issues to save money with a shared Chief Executive.
 - Parish & Town Conference Wednesday 29th October 2014
 - Would The Parish Council like to make representation with SAVE?
 - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rowley advised fees are to increase from £10 to £11 per hour from January 2015. Also a £50 deposit is required for one off parties to cover any damage that may be incurred.
 - 7.4 Footpath Officers report: A stile is due to be repaired located by the cherry orchard Upper Wick Lane.
 - 7.5 Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker reported that he is in the process of obtaining prices for a lock –up container and looking at various sizes and styles. He reported vandalism to the picnic table and graffiti on the play house. Regular litter and dog waste inspections are being carried out.
 1. Update on football contract – A meeting is to be arranged with Oldbury Park Tigers to progress this matter further.
 - 7.6 School Representative report – Cllr Wigglesworth reported an outstanding diocesan report. The school has full capacity of numbers (135 pupils) starting September 2014.

8. **Finance**

8.1 Payments as per schedule list were authorized.

9. **Planning:** The following planning applications were deferred for comment:-

Planning Application No: 14/00846/HOU

Proposal: Loft conversion with raised ridge height and single storey rear extension.

Location: Nursery Bungalow, Upper Wick Lane, WR2 5SN

Planning Application No: 14/00820/FUL

Proposal: Proposed residential development of 4 dwellings

Location: Woodbine, Bransford Road, Rushwick, WR2 5TD

10. A meeting is in the process of being arranged with Jo Cross Public Engagement Officer to progress the applications for Expenditure of Section 106 monies.

11. Cllr John Baker has resigned with immediate effect resulting in a Councillor Vacancy.

12. Correspondence for Information:

1. WCC – Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan – Please respond by 22nd August 2014

2. Tour of Britain – 10th September 2014

13. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Parker agreed to examine the strimmer to see if repairable. If not, The Council resolved to purchase a replacement to the value of £400.

A request was made for the Lengthsman to attend to the flower beds located by the bus stop.

Cllr Parker reported a Land rover speeding within the village.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Sharon Baxter (Clerk)

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

