

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Grove, District Councillor Chambers & Godwin and Mr Scott.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Haywood and 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 asked in Public Question Time.

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of Wednesday 13th January 2016 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
Cllr Deakin to ask the Lengthsman to clear the gullies located in Tanhouse Lane.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
 - 7.1 County Councillor – Cllr Grove
 - Budget 2016/17 - £36m saving to be found from 16/17 budget. So far an extra £5m has been found over the next two years. Further budget savings to be found.
 - Council Tax to be increased by 2% plus an additional 1.94% for adult social care. This equates to approximately £42.00 per year on a Band D property.
 - Worcester is to take on 50 Syrian refugees. This is to be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure they settle into the community. They are to be housed in private rented accommodation.
 - WCC has plenty of grit in stock.
 - Flooding – This is still an issue within the County and the County Council and Environment Agency are working together to try to resolve.
 - 5 candidates are applying for the Police and Crime Commissioners Post – voting 5.05.16.
 - Thanks were expressed by Cllr Deakin for the £500 grant received, which will assist with a purchase of a portable VAS sign.
 - 7.2 District Councillor – Cllr Chambers
 - The 5 year Strategic and Business Plan was approved on 02.02.16.
 - An update report was presented on the SWDP – Once this has been adopted ‘Full Weight’ will be attributed to it. The three Council formally considering adoption of SWDP on 25.02.16

Cllr Godwin – Confirmed he had contacted the developer from the ‘Oakland Development’ Upper Wick Lane concerning the Ashpath where he was assured work is to be carried out shortly to finalise the tarmac surface and bollards. The entrance /visibility splay at the Ashpath will then be finalised in line with the agreed original specification.

- 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee – Cllr Elcock
- Leaflets have been distributed to join 100 Club
 - It is anticipated that some of the Village Hall User Groups will participate in the Village Clean Up on 2nd April 2016
 - Public Forum is being established – To discuss the Village Hall expansion.
 - The call point in the disabled toilet has now been installed.
- 7.4 Footpath Officers Report - Cllr Williams to circulate a report.
Cllr Elcock & Williams to attend an Induction in March, followed by training at WCC.
- 7.5 Report from Playscape – Cllr Parker – Weather conditions too wet.
a. A draft sub-lease and tenancy notice has been prepared by the solicitors.
The next step is to arrange a meeting with Oldbury Park Tigers Football Team.
- 7.6 School Representative report – Cllr Wigglesworth – The school is to proceed with expanding.

8. Finance

8.1 Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized.

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

Planning Application No: 15/01778/FUL

Proposal: 1 pair of semi-detached houses and associated works

Location: Land at Upper Wick Lane, Rushwick

Comments: Cllr Deakin to liaise with the footpath officer to gain opinion as to what is considered to be an appropriate surface for a Public Right of Way, prior to response being submitted.

Planning Application No: 15/01756/HOU

Proposal: Two storey side and single storey rear extension

Location: 2 Crown East Lane, Lower Broadheath, WR2 6RJ

Comments: Property is not within the Parish Boundary.

10. To consider a suitable memorial for Colonel John Reynolds

Cllr Elcock suggested a flag staff to be located outside the Village Hall. He will research costs.

Cllrs Deakin & Bennett to approach Mrs Reynolds and Clerk to enquire if planning permission is required. Item to feature on the March agenda for further consideration.

11. Correspondence for Information: Circulated by the Clerk electronically.

12. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Bennett commented that the building construction vehicles associated with building works at the side of The Whitehall Inn are destroying/breaking up the footpath. It is anticipated this will be made 'good' once building works are completed.

Cllr Deakin to request repairs to the A4440 Rushwick Island and Bromyard Road. To report via Hub.

Cllr Deakin commented on the amount of litter at the entrance to the village. He agreed to litter pick.

Cllr Wigglesworth to enquire if/when the road sweeper can sweep Upper Wick Lane to The Cricket Club.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Sharon Baxter

Clerk

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