

RUSHWICK'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th MAY 2018 AT 8.00PM IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Mr. A Deakin (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: 16 parishioners were present as per attendance list.

1. Welcome: Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all parishioners.
2. Apologies for Absence: County Councillor Grove
3. Police Report: No representative present. Monthly summaries are now produced detailing crime figures and police surgeries which replace the annual reports. These will be posted on the website for future reference.
4. Guest Speaker Alice Spearing – Engagement Officer, St. Richard's Hospice Presented a brief overview of services to raise local awareness in the community with the opportunity for the public to ask questions.
5. Minutes: The minutes of Wednesday 10th May 2017 were approved.
6. Matters arising from Approved Minutes: None
7. Chairman's Report: Cllr Deakin presented his report.

He advised Cllr Jenkins would be the lead person helping to development the Neighbourhood Plan.

He also advised a meeting is to take place on 15th May 2018 concerning the Gift of the Car park.

The Village Hall AGM is to take place on 23rd May 2018 at 8.00pm.

He announced the resignation of Cllr Bennett after many years of dedication in serving the community. Mr Bennett referenced his wife's service as a Councillor with some interesting historical archive information from 1977.

8. Footpath Officers Report: Cllr Williams confirmed he is continuing to walk, clear and report problems on the public footpaths.
A parishioner highlighted the problems she was encountering with dog fouling with people disposing of their black bags on her drive and in her hedge. They should be encourage to pick up dog mess and take home. The Chairman highlighted MHDC are seeking to promote and support the problems surrounding dog fouling, including a website which highlights the area hotspots where this occurs. Fines can also be imposed.
9. School Representative Report: Cllr Wigglesworth presented her report.
'At last the building work is finished and we have a beautiful new school!
Following the completion of the £1.2 million school expansion project we our working our way towards seven single age group classrooms. 30 children are starting in Reception in September.
We continue to be an inclusive school and celebrate that children have different interests and capabilities. Our aim is to encourage and develop the potential in everyone.
The school now offers wrap around care, Little Stars, catering for pupils of all ages. It is run by school staff starting at 7.30am and finishing at 6.00pm every week day during the school year.
We have many clubs which are free of charge and run by staff who volunteer their time. These include, to name a few, football, netball, chess, art, choir and drama.

The children have enjoyed a successful year sports wise. Our Boccia and New Age Kurling teams have been outstanding the Kurling Team reaching the Worcestershire Winter Games Final. The Netball and Football teams have both achieved excellent results the Football Team reaching the Worcestershire Finals. Last week we had an Ofsted Inspection the result of which should be published by half term. There will be a Grand Opening of the school on Friday 22nd June. As always I would like to thank the head teacher Mr Jeffrey, the deputy head Mrs Hulls and all the staff and ancillary staff for their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm to enable Rushwick Primary School to be the thriving school it is.'

Q. How many children are attending the school that are not from the village?

A. Residents in the village take priority and are all children are currently being catered for.

10. Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker reported Playscape is popular and frequently used.

A ROSPA Inspection has recently been carried out indicating no significant issues. A section 106 application is currently being worked on to try to obtain some new equipment including a portakabin. The area is monitored frequently to keep litter free to aid enjoyment.

11. County Councillor Report: Cllr Grove had submitted a report. Clerk will circulate report to parishioners upon request.

12. District Councillors report: Cllrs Chambers and Godwin presented a report. Clerk will circulate report to parishioners upon request.

Q. Please update on the movement/development of the ring road?

A. There is no WCC Highways Long Term Plan for the next 5 or 10 years. A more sound Strategic Management Plan is required.

12. a Update on Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Jenkins

An overview was presented on the importance of this document and the legislative weight it will carry in shaping the village. It will be used to determine future planning applications and the future of Rushwick by stipulating guidelines, designating green spaces and housing needs.

The next stage is to define the village area, registering it , then carrying out some public engagement and apply for grant funding. It is important to involve the community in devising this document. Grants are available up to £9K. If anyone would like to get involved please contact Cllr Jenkins.

Comments

Need to engage with a younger mix of people and raise public awareness to capture a wider audience.

13. Statement of Annual Accounts 2017/18: Distributed for information.

Q. What are the Solicitor/Legal Fees for in respect of?

A. Playscape and a football contract.

Comments: Flag Staff – Wonderful tribute to the late Colonel John Reynolds.

The Chairman thanked parishioners for attending. He then closed the meeting at 9.38pm

REFRESHMENTS

Signed Date

