

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8th AUGUST 2012 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Mr A Deakin (Chair), Mrs M Rowley, Mrs V Wigglesworth, Mr D Bufton, Mr P Lewis, and Mr F Langbridge

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillors Mr P Swinburn and Mr R Bass, and Footpath Warden Mrs B. Webber

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mrs V Bennett, Mr I Parker, Mrs P. Haywood (illness), County Councillor Mr A Davies and Mrs S. Baxter Clerk– Accepted.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllrs. Deakin and Rowley re Village Hall and Cllr. Bufton re Playscape.
3. **Minutes:** To consider the adoption of the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of Wednesday 11th July 2012. Having been previously circulated, these were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
4. **Progress Reports: Matters arising from previous minutes and review of Action Plan.**
The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.
5. **Parish Lengthsman Scheme:** Work completed by Mr Moore in the month of July 2012 was reported on. The correct safety use of the strimmer was discussed and the Lengthsman to be advised of the procedure.
6. **Reports from representatives:**
 - 6.1 County Councillor's report: Cllr A Davies was not available to make a report.
 - 6.2 District Councillor's report: A report was circulated. Cllrs. Swinburn and Bass also reported on:
 1. Potential changes in the kerbside recycling scheme to include glass from 1st January 2015
 2. The internal strategic review process being undertaken by the District to ensure that they are well placed to continue to give the cost effective services required during the anticipated period of reduced central government support.
 - 6.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: None available.
 - 6.4 Footpath Officer's Report: Mrs Webber Reported that:
 1. The path from the Gateway to the underpass was being overgrown with Brambles. The Chairman suggested that they were the responsibility of the landowner and would ask the Clerk to write. Mrs Webber had contacted the County Footpath officer but had received no assistance to identify the owner and Cllr. Swinburn assured her that they were there to provide just that help and if they were again unable to respond then the help of Cllr Davies should be requested.
 2. The footpath by Roots, across the railway and down to the river by the Teme bridge was also overgrown and may need strimming in the next week-end tidy up or by the Lengthsman.
 - 6.5 Report from Playscape: Mr Bufton advised that:
 1. Fund raising ideas included a Classic Car Show in 2013 and wanted to keep the council informed.
 2. They were hoping to bid for a grant to provide a running track around the playing field to create future income from an athletics club. Planning approval may need to be sought.
 3. In the spring all of the picnic benches had been renovated but one had now been vandalised, probably by local youths, this was to be reported to the Police.
 - 6.6 School Representative's report: No report available

7. **Finance:** All payments on the schedule were authorised.

At 9.15 pm Cllr. Swinburn had to leave and gave his apologies for not being able to attend the next meeting.

8. **Planning:** There were no new planning applications to consider. However a special planning meeting was arranged for Wednesday 15th August at 7.30 pm at the Chairman's home to discuss:

1. The council's response to the CALA homes proposals for the Clap Hill Lane site. Once this was clearly established they would invite the Chairman and Secretary of RAD (Rushwick against Development) to meet with them to clarify their objections and to see if they can be accommodated within that response.
2. A request had been received from Mrs Helen Langbridge to assist in the dilemma that the pre-school group are experiencing as the planning permission for their temporary portable building expires in May 2013.

9. **Request to support St Thomas' Church:** Mrs. Abi Tilling had requested help with the cost of moving Pews, replacing carpet and maintaining the churchyard grounds, the Chairman was to ask the cost of the current ground maintenance provision with a view to possibly making a contribution or a grant towards the Pews or Carpet.

10. **Correspondence for Information:** Noted as per list.

1. The County council had issued a Public notice regarding moving the 30 MPH area to include the section of the B4485 Bransford Road 420 metres west of Swinton Lane for a further 200 metres westwards.
2. A request had been received from the potential Evening Bus service operators for the council to conduct a transport needs survey. This was to be reported back by September and the council was unsure if issuing it with the Newsletter would be in time. The chairman was asked to investigate possibilities.

11. **Councillors' reports and items for future agendas:** Cllr. Bufton reported that he had received a letter from the occupants of New House, Bransford Road reporting the death of a second feline family member since they had moved here due to road traffic conditions outside their home. They attributed this to the excessive speeds being driven within the 30 MPH area and asked if the VAS could be resited to influence the speed driven in both directions in this section of road. The chairman will write to respond and enquire from the County Highways about the possibilities of alternative siting of the VAS, Cllr Davies to be copied into this request.

12. **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 12th September 2012 at 7.30 pm at Rushwick Village Hall

Meeting closed at 10.00pm
Cllr R. Basss for S Baxter (Clerk)
9th August 2012