

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST 2013 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Mr A Deakin (Chair), Mrs. P. Haywood, Mrs. M Rowley, Mr J Baker, Mr I Parker and Mrs. N. Holden

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Mr R. Bass,

The Chairman welcomed a new member of the Council Mrs. N. Holden, who had recently been co-opted.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mrs V Bennett, Mrs V Wigglesworth, Mr F Langbridge, County Councillor Mr P. Grove, District Councillor Mr P Swinburn and Mrs S. Baxter Clerk– Accepted.
 2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** was explained for the new councillor and none were declared
 3. **Consider written requests for Dispensation:** None
 4. **Minutes:** To consider the adoption of the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of Wednesday 10th July 2013. 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.**
The Action Plan was reviewed and the condition of the footpath discussed last month by Broadmore Green was agreed to be added. The Footway to Bransford was in urgent need of improvement to both surface and overhanging hedges. The Ash Path retains its “loose” surface, but still needs finishing .The “No Parking” signs had been costed at £180 and wording was to be agreed. Grit Bin slabs will be laid in identified sites.
 6. **Parish Lengthsman Scheme:** No report was available from the Lengthsman, but it was noted he had been very active and effective, and he is to go on a course to equip him for roadside work.
 7. **Reports from representatives:**
 - 7.1 County Councillor’s report: Cllr. Grove was not available to make a report.
 - 7.2 District Councillor’s report: Cllr. Bass reported on:
 1. The need to consider the possible applications for S106 monies to be available for Open Spaces and Community Facilities as a result of development sites in the Parish.
 2. The recent appeals decisions and the MHDC’s need to respond to them.
 - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr. Mrs. Rowley reported on the new website WWW.Rushwickvillagehall.com.
 - 7.4 Footpath Officer’s Report: There was no report from Mrs Webber. The clerk would be asked to seek finance to fund the new addition to the action plan.
 - 7.5 Report from Playscape: Cllr Deakin advised that: there had been no meetings
 1. The football contract was still in negotiation and would be followed up with Mark Chappell.
 2. There had been complaints of excrement in the playhouse, this would be kept under observation.
 - 7.6 School Representative’s report: No report available - holidays
 - 7.7 Police Report: there had been no crime but 1 RTA on the A4440 where 2 people had been injured in a car
8. **Finance:** All payments on the schedule were authorised, together with £191.50 for the Lengthsman.

9. **Planning:** Application 13/00919 to return Shenstone stores to residential use as a single dwelling was discussed and the council made – no comment.
10. **To consider the use of seven acres adjacent to Crown East Lane:** The possible uses of the site to be made available to the village for recreational purposes as part of the Temple Laugherne Development was discussed. Ideas included; Public open space set to grass, orchard, perimeter path for exercise with benches, and allotments. The option of self-financing the upkeep by continued agricultural income was mentioned but not endorsed. It was agreed that local villagers be consulted and this was to be added to the action plan for the Chair and Cllr. I. Parker to undertake.
11. **Correspondence for Information:** Noted as per list.
 1. The Possibility of identifying Assets of Community Value was discussed.
12. **Councillors' reports and items for future agendas:** Cllr. Baker raised the issue of speeding through Broadmore Green and the possible location of the flashing 30 mph VAS, this is controlled by rules established by the Road Safety Partnership. Alternatively would the council consider the training of members in the use of hand held laser speed readers? Cllr. Parker reported similar concerns regarding speeding in Grange Lane and also identified the footway from Crown east to Claphill Lane as being in need of edging and strimming. Cllr. Mrs. Haywood reported that there were still issues regarding the visibility on the access to the Ash Path.
13. **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 7.30 pm at Rushwick Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.15pm
Cllr R. Bass for S Baxter (Clerk)
3rd September 2013