

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Mr P Grove, Clerk, Mr G Cook and Mr C Williams (both interested in Councillor Vacancy)

1. Apologies for absence: Mr F Langbridge (Work) - accepted. He has also confirmed his resignation with immediate effect.
District Councillor Mr P Swinburn & Mr R Bass (Meeting MHDC) – received.
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

To consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): None requested.

There were no questions for Public Question Time.

4. Minutes: To consider the adoption of The Parish Council Meeting of Wednesday 12th February 2014. Having been previously circulated, these were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: No Matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was presented on the work carried out by the Lengthsman.
 - 6.1 It was resolved to renew the Lengthsman's Contract of Services from 01.04.14 to 31.03.15.
7. Reports from representatives:
 - 7.1 County Councillor: Mr Grove:
 1. Questionnaires were being analysed-only 10% response.
 2. Can we please consider long term projects/plans how the Divisional Fund money from April 2014 is to be spent?
 3. £450 has been paid to provide grit bins within the parish. An extra £200 has been allocated to the Lengthsman's budget.
 4. A request was made for a school Governor for Rushwick Primary School. Could we assist in trying to allocate a name to the vacancy?
 5. Work is underway on the Ketch Island and County are trying to find ways to alleviate/reduce disruption to the public.
 6. Public Transport is looking at savings via subsidies and reduction of bus companies and services.
 7. Adult Services are under review.Cllr Gove confirmed he had been suspended from The Conservative Group and removed from The Fire Authority for supporting not to reduce Fire Authority Facilities.
 - 7.2 District Councillors: A monthly report had been distributed.
 - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: They are looking to replace the boiler and are in the process of seeking quotes. The curtains are going to be replaced with blinds with the help from grant monies. Plans had been drawn up to consider a new frontage to the building.
 - 7.4 Footpath Officers report: No report available.
 - 7.5 Crime Information – Clerk confirmed that she was unable to extract crime statistics for Rushwick in isolation as only Broadheath was listed on the WCC website link.

7.5 Report from Playscape:

1. Update on the football contract between The Parish Council and Oldbury Park Tigers Football Club.
No further progress to report.
2. Update on replacement of gate posts – In progress.

7.6 School Representatives Report: Nothing to report. All in order.

8. Finance

- 8.1 The payment of accounts as per schedule was authorized. In addition a further cheque was authorized for Worcestershire County Council for £531.00 for rent of land.

9. Planning:

Planning Application No: 14/00125/HOU

Proposal: Demolition of existing detached garage and single storey extension and erection of new two storey extensions and detached double garage with associated alterations.

Location: 4 Upper Wick Lane, Rushwick, WR2 5SN

Rushwick Parish Council wish to object to this application with the following comments:-

1. The boundary on the north side of the plot is outdated and not consistent with the recently approved planning application No. 11/01198/FUL for the four properties off footpath 510.
2. The entrance off Upper Wick Lane is shown parallel to the main road. Please refer to the approved application noted above which shows the entrance at an angle to the main road; thereby maintaining the visibility splay.
3. The existing hawthorn hedge line on Upper Wick Lane is encroaching onto the footpath, reducing it to well below the standard width. Currently mothers with pushchairs have to walk on the road when taking their children to school. Trimming the hedge would make no reasonable difference to its width. Therefore we request this be replaced with a fence or wall.
4. The extension roof ridge height is shown higher than the existing roof ridge height. Please can the details be clarified on the plans?
5. The slate roof tiles are not sympathetic with the surrounding houses.
6. The proposed development is massive considering the original footprint. Is another 4 bedroomed executive house required within the village with 4 houses in the immediate vicinity (being 4 bedded) remaining unsold.
7. There appears to be inadequate space to the front of the double garage to allow vehicles to turn.
8. We request that Highways examine the turning point within the property to deliver a safe exit.
9. We are concerned that Highways did not comment on the visibility splay which is shown as inaccurate.
10. The development projects forward beyond the original building line i.e. Kitchen window bay and lounge extension.

10. Mr Gareth Cook was successfully appointed by co-option.

11. Correspondence for Information: Noted as per list.

12. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas:

Mr. Parker questioned the number of times the Parish Magazine would be distributed within a year. The Chairman confirmed twice a year; being Spring and Autumn. Mrs. Bennett confirmed that the May Fayre would take place on 18th May 2014. She also requested if the Lengthsman could carry out some work to the bund/bank leading up to Bedwardine Close. Mrs. Haywood questioned how social housing was allocated in respect of new developments to local people, following a parishioner request. She was advised in the first instance they need to feature on a Housing List. Mrs. Wigglesworth advised of drainage problems located by The Fox Inn (there are a row of drainage pipes covered by debris just after Otherton lane on the right hand side heading towards Malvern). Clerk to report. Mr. Cook highlighted that the village needed more dog bins. The Chairman confirmed this issue had been fully investigated would not be pursued due to the cost implications and issues surrounding emptying dog waste.

Meeting closed at 9.33pm

Sharon Baxter

Clerk

