

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker, Cllr Williams, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Wigglesworth, Cllr Haywood and Cllr Rowley.

In Attendance: District Councillors Swinburn and Bass.

Prospective new Parish Councillor Mr Peter Elcock and prospective new District Councillors David Chambers and Douglas Godwin.

1. Apologies for absence: Mr P Grove (Personal) and Mr G Cook (Work)
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.

Public Question Time – No questions asked.

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 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.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
  - 7.1 County Councillor: No report available.
    1. Viability of a bus service to new doctors surgery – deferred until June meeting
  - 7.2 District Councillor: Cllr Swinburn.
    - SWDP – Public examination stage 2 early March. Stage 2b resumes April. Aspects of allocation end May and the Inspector produces report September 2015. Anticipated to be enforced from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.
    - A Special Council meeting took place where it was voted to share senior back office staff with Wychavon District Council – making further savings.
    - District Councillors are seeking to resolve with residents the issues concerning access along the Ash Path and will advise accordingly. (Request signage from Cllr Grove for a green sign stating Public Footpath)
  - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee:
    - Cllr Rowley advised the floor is due to be refurbished on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015. This will take approximately four days to complete.
    - An emergency pull cord to the value of £328.00 is to be fitted in the disabled toilet.
    - Community First are to carry out a ‘Health Check’ of the Village Hall costing £125.00
    - Notification that Dave Bennett is not standing as Chairman of the Village Hall next year.
  - 7.4 Footpath Officers report: Footpath 521 reviewed on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 - Upper Wick Lane to Railway Line. Most of the ruts where tree cutting had taken place have been filled in and there is now reasonable access.
  - 7.5 Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker
    1. The PlayArea Safety Inspection report was reviewed – no high risks identified. Medium risk to include refurbishing zip wire area with more bark chippings.

- Additional litter bins are required. Playscape to consider supplying more. More signage is required to encourage people to take their litter home.
- The picnic table has been vandalized and the police have been informed of this situation.
- People have been caught using accessing the play area via the Bean field and as a result the fence had been broken (this has now been repaired).
- Dog fowling continues to be a problem.

7.6 School Representative report: Cllr Wigglesworth suggested all Year 6 children enter a short story writing competition in conjunction with Radio Two.

8. Finance

8.1 Payment of accounts as per schedule distributed were authorized.

9. Planning: (Cllr Deakin & Parker declared an ODI in respect of planning application 15/00327/HOU – Friend)

Planning Application No: 15/00327/HOU

Proposal: Two storey side extension

Location: 90 Christine Avenue, Rushwick, WR2 5SR

Comments: No Objections

Planning Application No: 15/00333/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 4 detached 3 bedroom dwellings

Location: Green Hedges, Claphill Lane, Rushwick, WR2 5TP

Comments: No Objections

The Council resolved to support statement A and pay £192.58 in respect of the Whitehall Inn for Rural Rate Relief

10. Update on progress with applications for Expenditure of Section 106 monies –

Playscape – on going – Advice received monies granted must be in respect of capital not revenue expenditure. The Cricket Club has submitted a 106 application requesting monies for

- Artificial surface practice nets
- Artificial surface match wicket
- Patio area with access into clubhouse
- Hard standing car park area.

11. Information:

1. Meeting with Planning Developer – Chairman - An update/outline was circulated to all Councillors.

2. Request from Vicky Simpson – Senior Planning Officer MHDC – 106 Monies

Resolved to request monies of £68K be used to develop Playscape. Clerk to liaise with Vicky Simpson.

12. Correspondence for Information: Circulated by the Clerk via email.

13. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Parker to report motorbikes using the pathway from Christine Avenue to the Ashpath as a cut through. Signage is required stating no motorised vehicles allowed – enquire P Grove)

Cllr Rowley advised a Fish & Chip Van and a Thai Van will be visiting the village. Please check the Village Hall website for times.

Cllr Williams expressed an interest in attending a half day seminar for rural issues. He will make a booking and report back.

Meeting closed at 21.53pm

Sharon Baxter

Clerk

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