

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Grove and Mrs Tilling.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Williams (Personal) - accepted  
District Councillor Chambers (Personal) – 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
3. To consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): None requested.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were signed 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 received as per worksheet  
The Chairman to request that the drain opposite the T-Junction in Upper Wick be cleared.  
A request was made for the trees to be cut back in the play area.  
Also the Bund on the entrance to the Village be cut back and made tidy - (Invoice separately)  
Clerk to request the road sweeper visit the village.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
  - 7.1 County Councillor – Cllr Grove
    - School grants for each pupil need to be increased. There are mechanisms in place to address over next 18 months.
    - Free Wi-Fi is to be available in all County Council libraries.
    - Cathedral Island - £1.9M is to be spent on developing the Plaza according to Phase 2 Plans.
    - Vulnerable Children – Emphasis on Fostering.
    - Dualling of Carrington Bridge – Business proposal to go forward. £70m project. Now waiting for the Autumn statement for notification.
    - Job Figures has fallen by 181 claimants on last year
    - Devolution – A case has been submitted to Central Government.
    - Divisional Fund £500 available
  - 7.2 District Councillor – No report available

- 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rowley
- Quotes were still in the process of being obtained for the bell pull to comply with legislation.
  - Front Door has had a new lock fitted and a list of key holders has been compiled.
  - Purchase of new chairs and trolley - ongoing.

7.4 Footpath Officers report - Cllr Williams had circulated a report.

7.5 Report from Playscape

1. Proposal to accept football contract – Contract is with the solicitors.

The Chairman and Cllr Parker inspected Playscape following two complaints received.

The Chairman to respond to Ms. Smith. Clerk to update Mr. Evans

7.6 School Representative report

- Cllr Wigglesworth reported the term is going well. Parents Evening has gone well.
- Consultation Pupil Admission Numbers to increase from 20 to 30.
- Drop in session 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 4-6PM to discuss/ask any questions – no formal plans as yet. Consultation document is available to view on the school website.
- It was highlighted out of courtesy builders should liaise with the school regarding school parking
- The Chairman confirmed he had received a letter of complaint from Mrs Wall concerning children's safety. He had spoken to the site foreman and also referred to the MHDC Planners.

8. Finance

8.1 Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized.

8.2 **Resolved:** To reduce the production of the newsletter to two issues per year (April and September) from Spring 2016.

**Resolved:** Budget for 2016/17 was agreed and request precept of £23725.00

9. **Resolved:** To offer financial support of £150.00 and place a free advertisement in the next newsletter for Nora Parsons Day Centre

10. Planning: To following planning applications were received-

1. Application No: 15/01419/OUT

Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved (except points of access) for an urban extension to Worcester of up to 965 dwellings.....

Location: Land west of Worcester and north of Bromyard Road (A44) Lower Broadheath

Comments: Clerk to request a time extension until after Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

2. The Parish Council in theory would like to offer support to Rushwick Pre-School but have to follow the formal planning process and await the plans before comment.

11. **Resolved:** To adopt the General Power of Competence

12. To discuss and arrange Village Tidy Up – To organize in the Spring 2016.

13. Progress update on applications for Expenditure of Section 106 monies – Nothing further to report.

14 Correspondence for Information:

1. Bus Service Timetable 420

2. Advertisement opportunity – Your life your choice

3. Complaint from Ms. Wall – Children's Safety in respect of planning application 15/00870/FUL

15. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Elcock confirmed The Remembrance Service was very well attended and the poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council had been placed at the milestone.

The Parish Council to express their condolences to the family of Colonel John Reynolds who had recently passed away.

Cllr Wigglesworth confirmed the white road signs in Upper Wick had been reinstated and the hedged had been cut back and looked very tidy.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

Sharon Baxter

Clerk

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

**Public Question Time**

Abigail Tilling – Asked if The Parish Council would offer support in respect of the school consultation.

She raised concerns if the school did expand this would raise concerns with school parking and also the size of the play area within the school.

She also highlighted the problems with restricted visibility due to cars parked in Claphill Lane.