

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th JULY 2012 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Mr A Davies, District Councillors Mr P Swinburn and Mr R Bass (joined at 9.00pm) plus 21 Parishioners (as per attendance list) Mr Philip Rawle representing Cala Homes

Parishioners expressed their deep concerns in respect of Planning Application No: 12/00833/FUL for residential development of 31 dwellings including 12 affordable dwellings at land adjacent to Green Hedges, Claphill Lane. Concerns were raised with the short space of time to allow a response, SWDP proposals, the size of the site for the number of proposed houses, invasion of natural light, problems with road infrastructure and visibility splays. The Chairman confirmed all these issues would be discussed and addressed. He confirmed a time extension would be requested to allow community involvement and a response to be formulated.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mrs Haywood (illness) – Accepted.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** All Councillors completed Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests plus any other disclosable interests.
3. **Minutes:** To consider the adoption of The Parish Council Meeting of Wednesday 13th June 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. Mrs Bennett to supply a map to address grass cutting issues.
5. **Parish Lengthsman Scheme:** Work completed by Mr Moore in the month of June 2012 was reported on. The Clerk advised Mr R Wilkes will install and also be responsible for the VAS and invoice the Parish Council accordingly.
6. **Reports from representatives:**
 - 6.1 County Councillor's report: Mr A Davies reported on:
 1. Changes to No. 417 Bus Service from Worcester to Ledbury from 3.09.12
 2. Community Transport – A questionnaire is being devised to establish demand and costs.
 3. Broadband Survey – Please complete online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/broadband
 - 6.2 District Councillor's report: A report was circulated. Mr Swinburn also reported on:
 1. SWDP consultation at the Bank House. To allow amendments for consultation in August with a final vote taking place in November.
 2. Enforcement. Work has stopped on the Ash Path as improvements are required to the access.
 - 6.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: Rushwick Village Hall Management Committee would welcome the opportunity to bid for Section 106 monies in respect of future planning development.
 - 6.4 Footpath Officer's Report: Mrs Webber to inspect the stiles and update.
 - 6.5 Report from Playscape: Mr Bufton advised the AGM had taken place on 4th July 2012. Fund raising will continue to generate monies for play equipment for the younger age group and a BMX bike track. The signage indicating the car park closure time will be displayed. A 'clean up' day is scheduled for 9th September 2012 and fliers will be distributed. Quotes are being sought for the problems with the car park surface resulting in surface water and silt/mud preventing the bollards from closing. The May Fayre was very successful with £1500 profits to be donated to local groups.
 - 6.6 School Representative's report: No report available

7. **Finance**
 - 7.1 All payments on the schedule were authorised. In addition a further cheque was authorised for Shaw Loos Ltd for £120.00
 - 7.2 Budget Comparison – Distributed for Information

8. **Planning:** Planning Application No: 12/00833/FUL
Proposal: Residential development of 31 dwellings including 12 affordable dwellings
New main vehicular and pedestrian access and associated car parking
Location: Land adj.Green Hedges, Claphill Lane, Rushwick
Comments: A time extension is to be requested together with a meeting with the Planners from MHDC.

Mr Philip Rawle representing Cala Homes was available for members of the Parish Council to address concerns and to answer questions.

Planning Application No: 12/00602/HOU
Proposal: Proposed single storey link elevation and detached timber framed double garage
Location: Tan House Farm, Tan House Lane, Rushwick, WR2 5SZ
Comments: No objections providing the materials used are sympathetic to the surrounding.

9. **Vacancy for a Councillor :** Mr Frank Langbridge was appointed by co-option and his declaration form duly signed.

10. **Worcestershire Code of Conduct:** The draft proposals were adopted and the Register of Interests were completed as indicated at item 2.

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

12. **Councillors' reports and items for future agendas:** None

Meeting closed at 11.20pm
S Baxter (Clerk)
27th July 2012

