

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.30 PM IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Mr P Grove, District Councillors Mr P Swinburn and Mr R Bass

1. Apologies for absence: Mrs V Wigglesworth and Mrs V Bennett - accepted.
The Clerk (Illness) – 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 13th November 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.
Reference was made to the Street Naming for land at Claphill Lane. The proposed name of Callows Orchard had been accepted from the developer.
The locations have been identified to site the grit bins within the Parish and WCC has been notified. It was reported that the fly tipping rubbish had still not been removed.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update on the Lengthsman's work as per his worksheet was reported. A new litter bin has been sited by the cricket ground and repairs have been made to the litter bin fixings located by the school.
7. Reports from representatives:
 - 7.1 County Councillor: Mr Grove: Reported on Major Transport Scheme – Worcester (Southern Link Road) to go before cabinet on 12th December 2013. Mr Grove also proposed that WCC pay for new grit bins. Members voted to accept this proposal expressing their gratitude.
 - 7.2 District Councillors: A monthly report had been distributed. Mr Bass suggested that WCC could make a contribution to cost of grass cutting, if it could be arranged that the existing contractor takes on the extra work at a reasonable cost. Further enquiries to be made to see if can become a viable proposition.
 - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: Nothing to report.
 - 7.4 Footpath Officers report: A complaint had been received regarding the state of the footpath from Christine Avenue across the fields. Mr Deakin to liaise with Mr W. Edmonds.
 - 7.5 Report from Playscape:
 1. Update on the football contract between The Parish Council and Oldbury Park Tigers Football Club. No progress to report however the football field is in use by Oldbury Park Tigers.
 2. Update on replacement of gate posts and parking bollards – In progress.
 3. Consideration grass cutting tenders 2014 – Cotswold Gardener expressed an interest in tendering for Rushwick grass cutting, primarily Playscape. It was proposed to renew the grass cutting contract for 2014 with the existing contractor AR Thomas considering the excellent service received. This proposal was seconded and voted in favour to accept.

7.6 School Representatives Report: It was reported that the school had a successful busy term. Mr Clement the new NQT teacher was proving to be a great success with staff and pupils. School had been advised of new Civil Parking Enforcement regulations. No Ofsted inspection has taken place as yet.

7.7 Police Report – No Crime to report.

8. Finance

8.1 The payment of accounts as per schedule was authorized. The value for cheque no. 101188 payable to Mr. B Napier was confirmed as £250.65. In addition a further cheque was authorized for £30.85 payable to Mr. Napier for installing/ repairs to litter bins.

The Council agreed that a new bank account should be opened specifically for The Clerks Pension Provision.

8.2 To consider the preliminary budget 2014/15 in preparation to approve the precept in January 2014.

Councillors confirmed they had experienced problems printing budget information. It was agreed to hold a dedicated meeting to discuss the budget in detail on Monday 6th January 2014 at 7.30pm at the Chairman's residence. Clerk to post budget information to all Councillors for this meeting.

9. Planning: The following comments were made to planning application no.13/01371/HOU- No Objections

10. No interest has been expressed for the Councillor Vacancy.

11. Correspondence for Information: Listed as per Agenda.

Further information to be circulated Major Transport Scheme - Worcester- Cabinet Papers.

12. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas:

Bus Services – In light of proposal by WCC to withdraw bus subsidies we need to confirm if routes serving Rushwick will be affected. To be discussed at budget meeting on 6th January 2014.

Need to have a concrete proposal for land usage adjacent to Crown East as soon as possible.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Mr J Baker (Minute Taker in absence of Clerk)

29th December 2013

