

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Mr R Bass, Clerk and Mr G Cook (interested in Councillor Vacancy)

1. Apologies for absence: Mrs P Haywood (Holiday), Mr F Langbridge (Work) - accepted.
District Councillor Mr P Swinburn (Personal -Flood) – 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 8th January 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. An order had been placed for the grit bins – unfortunately they are currently out of stock.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was presented on the work carried out by the Lengthsman.
7. Reports from representatives:
 - 7.1 County Councillor: Mr Grove: No report available.
 - 7.2 District Councillors: A monthly report had been distributed.
 - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rowley advised that PAT Testing had been carried out. The results indicated this was not satisfactory and would need approximately £150.00 to rectify. Some ideas for Section 106 expenditure included new badminton court, new boiler, frontage, blinds and curtains. District Cllr Bass advised he understood the criteria was for new facilities / expansion and not for maintenance works. 4000 hits had been made on the website since its launch.
 - 7.4 Footpath Officers report: No report available.
 - 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 and parking bollards – In progress.
 - 7.6 School Representatives Report: An Ofsted inspection had been completed. This went extremely well highlighting outstanding teaching, good governors and good ethos of the school.
8. Finance
 - 8.1 The payment of accounts as per schedule was authorized. In addition two further cheques were authorized for Mr. Napier £246.10 (Lengthsman) and Mr. K Crump £255.00 (Annual clean to bus shelter)
 - 8.2 The agreed budget information 2014/15 was circulated for information only.

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
Clerk to request a time extension to allow comments to be submitted.
10. One Councillor Vacancy is currently available.
11. The Annual Parish meeting is to take place on Wednesday 14th May at 8.00pm. A suggestion for a Guest Speaker from The Three Choirs Festival was made. Mrs Wigglesworth to enquire and Clerk to arrange.
12. Correspondence for Information: No Round Robin to be circulated this month.
13. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas: Concerns were expressed with the littering caused by youths congregating in the bypass. This is to be reported to the CSO. Mr. Baker circulated some photographs concerning drainage issues effecting a property in Broadmore Green known as The Gig Wheel. Clerk to write to the adjacent field land owner advising of their responsibilities as the excess surface water runs over a public footpath down to this private property.
Mr. Baker indicated that he had not been able to join the Local Neighbourhood Watch to allow for crime alerts. He had extracted one crime statistic this month via the website. Clerk confirmed she would extract statistics from the WCC for future reference (these however would not be up to date). Members of the Parish Council accepted these statistics would be better than receiving none.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk
16th February 2014

