

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wigglesworth, Cllr Rowley & Cllr Haywood

In Attendance: Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Sharon Baxter plus 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Khan (Training MHDC) - accepted  
County Cllr Grove, District Councillor Chambers - 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.

<p>The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes. Report District Councillor Walton was circulated.</p>
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4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 09.10.19 and the Planning Committee meeting of 04.10.19 were both signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: No Matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated. The Chairman confirmed the mobile VAS speed sign will be rotated at three WCC Highways approved locations. These included beneath the school warning sign, adjacent to Whitehall Close, the 30MPH repeater signs on the Claphill Lane (opposite 3 Quarter Mile Cottage) and beneath the Upper Wick and Cricket Ground flag signs on Upper Wick junction. The Chairman met with WCC Highways to identify a suitable location to consider installing white marker gates to the entrance/exit of the village to serve as a speed deterrent. It was established that there is not enough space on the verge at Roots end of the village and only one gate can be installed in his location. The football contract is now with the solicitors.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: Updated as per worksheet. The Lengthsman has agreed to take on the responsibility of moving the mobile VAS sign to the approved locations on a rota basis. Clerk to ask if the gullies can be cleaned in Upper Wick to the Cricket Club.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
  1. Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rowley
    - a. **RESOLVED:** To pay £500 to Rushwick Village Hall to assist with redecoration costs as identified in 2019/20 budget
    - b. An update was presented on the Gift of Land from Kier  
No land transfer has taken place. There is some discontent with the state and finish of the tarmac. Legal advice is in the process of being sought. Awaiting a response.
  2. Footpath Officers report: Cllr Williams  
The rubbish/debris has been collected beyond the field gate leading to Brookfield's farm. Cllr Williams to inspect an overgrown ivy hedge located on a Public Right of Way by the cricket club heading towards the pedestrian bridge near the bypass.

3. Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker  
The zip wire needs to be closed to facilitate repairs. A notice sign will be displayed and the area fenced off shortly. There are puddles across the car park that also need attention. Cllr Parker continues to monitor the security of the car park by volunteering to open/close the security gate.
  - a. **RESOLVED:** To pay £2000 to Playscape as identified in 2019/20budget for play equipment repairs and general maintenance to Playscape.
  - b. Update from Working Party - Toddler Playscape: Cllr Jenkins  
Cllr Jenkins is in the process of making a recommendation of a preferred supplier to use, to supply the new play equipment, to enhance the toddler play area (subject to S106 funding application). A scope of works has been devised looking at new play equipment, enhancement and repair works. This will feature on the December Parish Council agenda.
4. School Representative report: Cllr Wigglesworth – No report
5. Village Hall Development Committee:  
A new chair is in the process of being appointed for this committee to progress forward.

8. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Jenkins  
The Village survey has now been analysed and is available to view on the Parish website.  
Cllr Jenkins to liaise with MHDC regarding the Strategic Environmental Assessment required.  
**RESOLVED:** To appoint RCA Regeneration to carry out the final version of the NDP with reason justification texts to insert in the NDP document at a cost of £3K. (50% deposit is required up front of which Cllr Jenkins will try to negotiate.)

9. Finance
  1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized.  
WCC have paid £600 to Rushwick Parish Council to fund three sets of speed roundels for the village.
  2. Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information
  3. **RESOLVED:** The budget for 2020/21 was set and a precept of £26722.00 was agreed.  
This amounted to a 2.5% increase on last year's budget figures.

10. Planning:  
Planning Application No: 19/01385/FUL  
Location: Aymestrey Court, Bromyard Road, Crown East  
Proposal: Conversion of former gymnasium into residential dwelling  
Comments: Rushwick Parish Council OBJECTS to this planning application and recommends REFUSAL  
A site visit was made by members of Rushwick Parish Council (RPC) to development site, prior to our meeting.  
RPC is concerned that information offered in this planning application is too simplistic, vague, potentially inaccurate and inconclusive.  
The drawings submitted are not clear enough to be examined.  
Information about materials to be used in the construction and finish of the proposed building conversion are not sufficient to give certainty as to the look of finished project, its presentation, suitability, nor fit into landscape, given nature of estate and adjacent buildings.  
RPC felt reports and plans/reports did not establish how services and utilities would be delivered to dwelling, nor how waste water would be managed.  
Going forward RPC had concerns and could not be sure how access to site will be achieved, given estate management restrictions and caveats identified in neighbour comments on this application for developer or potential occupants.

For Information Only  
Planning Ref: 19/01314/HP  
Proposal: Garage Extension  
Location: 10 Christine Avenue, Rushwick, Worcester, WR2 5SP  
Application Approved

To Discuss South Worcestershire Development Plan Review

Preferred Options Consultation 4 November to 16 December  
2019 – Response required by 5.00pm Monday 16 December 2019  
Cllr Deakin confirmed he attended the consultation at the Guildhall.

The next steps are to arrange a public consultation meeting, immediately after MHDC consultation scheduled

to take place at Rushwick Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019. This will involve devising a flyer, promoting on social media and a household leaflet drop. Comments received will help formulate a response.

A request had been received on behalf of Rushwick Pre-School who has urgent need for a new building to operate from. The current Pre-School is housed in a temporary portacabin on the school site. The building has been there for a number of years and is deteriorating significantly. It is in desperate need of replacement. They are seeking support from the Parish Council for help with a new build, and for Rushwick Pre- School to be considered in the 'Neighbourhood Development Plan'. In principle the Parish Council would like to offer their support and would like to invite them to a Parish Council meeting.

11. Update on use of Social Media:

Thanks were expressed to District Cllr Walton for creating a Facebook page for Rushwick Parish Council.

This will help to engage with parishioners and be a very informative tool and allow members of the public to express their views. In the process of developing a Village Page, where Parish Council minutes can be shared.

Further update to follow in December.

12. Correspondence for Information: Circulated by the Clerk

13. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Parker reported three complaints concerning dog fouling have been received along Grange Lane/Brookfield's Farm.

District Cllr Walton to investigate the correct procedure with MHDC to help to try to improve this situation.

Meeting closed at 9.38 pm

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

*Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time*

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There was representation from Aymestry Court Management Company who were seeking support from the Parish council. They explained their role and reasons why they were objecting to planning application No: 19/01385/FUL.

These included:-

1. Not in the SWDP – Designated rural area where the wildlife haven should be maintained
2. They were not informed with an earlier application (retrospective) concerning a garage block.
3. Aymestry Management Company maintains/owns the drive and do not wish to give permission to this proposed application.

District Cllr Walton presented his report which the Clerk had circulated in advance to all councillors.

*Standing Orders were reimposed*