

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Williams (arrived 8.00 pm), Cllr Khan, Cllr Wigglesworth, Cllr Rowley & Cllr Haywood

In Attendance: Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Sharon Baxter plus 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: None
District Councillors Walton & Chambers
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 13.11.19 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.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: Updated as per worksheet.
A request was made for the VAS sign to be looked at, as it appears not to be working. This is to be referred to the Lengthsman.
7. Reports from representatives: Updates:-
 1. Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rowley
 - a. Update on the Gift of Land from Kier- Legal Position
Meeting notes 28th November 2019
The new website is working well but still needs a few tweaks
Parish Council to find a Solicitor to facilitate the handover of the car park
Hedging has now been planted around the car park satisfactorily
Some concerns have been regarding the tarmac being so porous, this could mean that it will be damaged over time, needs sealing. Also incorrect gravel used on the remainder of the car park is not fit for purpose
The Committee would request some S106 monies to be available for landscaping
Costing is also being obtained for bollards, solar lighting, the frontage levelled off and the maintenance of the trees.
The Village Hall will be decorated between 4th and 7th February 2020,
Therefore, the hall will be closed for booking during this time.
Andrew Deakin gave notice that he will be retiring from the Committee at the AGM.
Thanks were given to Andy for all he had done for the Committee over the years.
A call has gone out for new members, and will be discussed at the next meeting.
 2. Footpath Officers report: Cllr Williams
Had attended to a fallen tree branch covered in ivy located on the footpath eastwards of the cricket ground. He had also inspected the footpaths by Summer Hollow and tidied them up.

3. Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker
The car park is due to be closed to facilitate repairs as the surface is covered in puddles.
 - a. Update from Working Party - Toddler Playscape: Cllr Jenkins
All supplier bids have been received to develop Playscape. These are in the process of being reviewed. They range in price from £25K - £35K with the intention to be funded from S106 monies. A final decision is due to be made in January 2020.

4. School Representative report: Cllr Wigglesworth
School breaks up on 20th December 2019. A successful term where new teachers have settled in well. A successful Nativity play occurred.

5. Village Hall Development Committee: Cllr Khan
A meeting had been held on 21 November to discuss picking up the momentum with the Village Hall development project. Keith Stoke-Smith has agreed to take on the role of Chair and this was agreed to by all the committee members present.
As a way forward the committee agreed:
 - The finances currently available would be established.
 - Consideration would be given to finding/employing someone who could establish what grants were available and apply for them on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - A Feasibility Study would be needed.
 - That putting a design together for comments might be more worthwhile than asking for opinions through another survey (the question of a rebuild or new build will be dependent in part on finances).

The next meeting of the committee will be on the 23rd of January 2020.

8. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Jenkins
Public Consultation is being held today.
Report update to follow next month.

9. Finance
 1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized.
 2. Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information
 3. Agreed Budget 2020/21 and precept – MHDC to be advised a precept of £26722.00 is required for the financial year 2020/2021.

10. Planning: Cllrs are reminded to view MHDC website.
 1. Discuss South Worcestershire Development Plan Review
Preferred Options Consultation 4 November to 16 December
2019 – Response required by 5.00pm Monday 16 December 2019
A public consultation took place at Rushwick Village Hall on 25th November 2019 to help formulate comments.
The Chairman in conjunction with the Clerk were granted delegated powers to submit the response by 5.00pm on Monday 16 December 2019.

 2. To consider request from Persimmon Homes to adopt Public Open Spaces off Bransford Road in Rushwick – The Parish Council decided not to adopt this area as Public Open space due to the cost implications and also the plans to redevelop their existing play area.

11. Update on use of Social Media: Cllr Khan – To update next month

12. Correspondence for Information: Circulated by the Clerk

13. Councillors’ reports and items for future agendas
There has been an increasing number of complaints about dog fouling in Rushwick.

District Cllr Walton has arranged for signs to go up around the village to raise awareness and to advise people