

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Khan, Cllr Rowley & Cllr Haywood

In Attendance: Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Sharon Baxter
District Councillors Walton & Chambers
Chairman and Treasurer of Rushwick Pre- School Committee

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Parker (Illness), Cllr Jenkins (Personal), Cllr Williams (Personal), Cllr Wigglesworth (Personal) – All accepted.
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.</p>
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<p>District Councillor Walton presented his report.</p>

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 11.12.19 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: An update was presented as per worksheet.
The Lengthsman has agreed to administer the mobile VAS sign.
Clerk to liaise with WCC to order three sets of roundels to help combat speeding funded by a grant.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
 1. Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rowley
Nothing to report
 - a. Update on the Gift of Land from Kier- Legal Position
Cllr Deakin is to request a site meeting with Kier to discuss the car park surface and finish.
 - b. **RESOLVED:** To grant delegated powers to Cllr Deakin in conjunction with the Clerk to obtain three solicitor quotations and to proceed to appoint a solicitor, to act for the Parish Council to transfer the gift of Land from Kier, within defined budget agreed for 2019/20.
Councillors to be updated of the situation at the next Parish Council meeting.
 2. Footpath Officers report: Cllr Williams – Nothing to report
 3. Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker
Remedial repairs are required to the car park to fill in the pot holes.
 - a. Update from Working Party - Toddler Playscape: Cllr Jenkins
One final meeting with the preferred supplier is to go ahead to establish exact costings.
 - c. Proposal to accept supplier quotation to develop Playscape funded from S106 monies.
A decision is to be reach at the next Parish Council meeting.
 4. School Representative report: Cllr Wigglesworth – Nothing to report.
 5. Village Hall Development Committee: Cllr Khan
A meeting has taken place and a new Chairman appointed.

8. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Jenkins
A Public Consultation meeting was held on the 11th December 2019 to deliver the Analysis of the Village Survey to parishioners. This has also been uploaded onto the Parish website.

9. Finance

1. Payment of accounts as per schedule was authorized.
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information
3. The budget comparison to December 2019 against budget 2019/20 was reviewed.
4. The Risk Schedule and The Model Scheme of Delegation were reviewed and adopted.
5. The Asset Register 2019/20 was reviewed. There are no additional assets to include at present.

10. Planning: The following planning applications were commented on: -

Planning Application No: 19/01838/FUL

Location: Branksome, Bransford Road, WR2 5TD

Proposal: Construction of a single detached 4 bed dwelling

With associated parking and landscaping (removal of Condition 4 Ref: 19/00546/FUL)

Comments: No Objections

Planning Application No: 19/01385/FUL

Location: Aymestrey Court, Bromyard Road, Crown East

Proposal: Conversion of former gymnasium into Residential dwelling (amendment)

Comments: This amendment information does not offer anything of use or merit to address Rushwick Parish Council's concerns or objections

Planning Application No: 19/01492/FUL

Location: Bedwardine House, Upper Wick Lane, WR2 5SU

Proposal: Two storey extension to care home

Comments: No Objections

Planning Application No: 19/01239/FUL

Location: Westways, Claphill Lane, Rushwick, Worcester, WR2 5TP

Proposal: New vehicular access with new driveway to Westways and new gated field access. Alterations to existing access to allow pedestrian access only

Comments: No Objections

Planning Application No: 19/01867/FUL

Location: Rushwick Pre School Playgroup, Upper Wick Lane, WR2 5SU

Proposal: Demolition of the existing mobile unit and the erection of

A purpose built new pre-school building, including a new hard-standing and play area and a parent waiting area.

Comments: No Objections

11. Update on use of Social Media: Cllr Khan

It was established that the Parish Council would like to use both social media and also continue with a newsletter, which is delivered to every household. Enquiries are to be made to ask about the ownership

of the Facebook page in the first instance.

12. To discuss parking/speeding in the village

Parking on kerbs in the village appears to be a growing problem. This is restricting access in many instances.

We need to educate people and request that they show consideration when parking throughout the village.

An article is to be placed in the Parish Newsletter to highlight this issue.

There have been a number of complaints on the new estate regarding speeding.

To help deter speeding the Clerk is to liaise with WCC regarding the installation of three sets of roundels.

The Lengthsman is to take responsibility of the mobile VAS sign.

13. Correspondence for Information: Circulated by the Clerk

14. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas - None

Meeting closed at 9.32 pm

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

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Treasurer and Chairman from Rushwick Pre- School Committee attended this meeting regarding the urgent need for a new building at Rushwick Pre-School stating the current Pre-School is housed in a temporary portakabin on the school site. The building has been here for a number of years and is deteriorating significantly. It is in desperate need of replacement. The school site is owned by the diocese who has given the Pre-School permission to apply for planning permission for a new building.

Rushwick Preschool is a community facility, and is currently the sole provider of pre-school care in Rushwick, which already has a waiting list for spaces. The purpose of the new build is also to provide new provision, meaning that the Pre-School is able to increase its capacity to meet the demand for spaces (which will only increase with new housing developments).

Support of the Parish Council with the new build is requested, and for the Rushwick Pre-School to be considered in the 'Neighbourhood Development Plan'. The Pre-School has a fabulous fund-raising team who have raised a significant amount of money towards the new build. However, with the immediate need for a new building support is required from the Parish Council and local community to help with funding this project.

Can the Parish Council help with S106 funding? Can the criteria for S106 funding be looked into? Any help support and guidance would be most appreciated.

The Treasurer and Chairman were advised that whilst the Parish Council are very supportive of this application they are unfortunately unable to make a financial contribution. It is anticipated that S106 funds held by MHDC can be used for Playscape Development and Development of the Village Hall.

Cllr Deakin referred a parishioner query to Cllr Walton concerning the Kier Site, Bransford Road. Specifically there is a flow of water around the western end of the pond dam on the Kier site. The water level was spread well beyond the safety fence around the pond. This needs investigating.

Standing Orders were reimposed