

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Sharon Baxter
District Councillors Walton & Chambers
One member of the public

1. Apologies for absence: County Cllr Grove (Illness) – received
2. Declaration of Interests
 1. Members were reminded to update their register of interests (ROI).
Cllr Khan confirmed due to a change in personal circumstances he had updated his ROI form.
 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.

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| <p>The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes. District Councillor Walton & Chambers presented their reports which included the Five Year Plan, Destination Zero and Boundary Commission Review.</p> |
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4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 08.01.2020 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: No Matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated. Three sets of road roundels are now in place, to help combat speeding.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was presented as per worksheet. The Lengthsman reported the mobile speed sign was faulty. Cllrs Deakin and Parker to reposition the VAS sign on the post to see if it detects the speed of oncoming vehicles. If this fails then the Clerk to make enquiries with the supplier about cost of repairs.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
 1. Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rowley
'Gift of Land - No movement regarding the tarmac. Keir said they had already gone beyond what MHDC required of them. A heavy roller is to be put over the surface. The Parish Council has engaged a solicitor to act for them regarding the transfer of the car park.
It was proposed and agreed that a couple of tons of granite dust will be purchased to fill in the gaps.
Three new committee members have been appointed with one new member agreeing to be the new Chair. A new Treasurer is required. There is also a possibility of another two members if the timing is right. Future meetings are to be held every alternate month on a Wednesday evening instead of the current Thursday evening.
The new website is working well.
The Village Hall has now been decorated.
Various other minor housekeeping items were discussed and agreed.'

- a. Update on the Gift of Land from Kier- Legal Position
At the January Parish Council meeting delegated powers were granted to Cllr Deakin in conjunction with the Clerk to obtain three quotations and to proceed to engage a solicitor to act for the Parish Council to transfer the Gift of Land from Kier to the Parish Council, to the value specified in the 2019/20 financial year budget.
Three quotations were obtained from (Parkinson Wright Solicitors, Hallmark Hulme and Harrison Clark Rickerbys) with the successful appointment of Parkinson Wright Solicitors.
2. Footpath Officers report: Cllr Williams had walked the length of the footpath from the Bransford bridge to the river. Nothing to report.
3. Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker
The zip wire has been fenced off and the seat removed to facilitate repairs to the ground surface. The lock number to open/close the security gate will be given to the school to help alleviate parking problems.
 - a. Update from Working Party - Toddler Playscape: Cllr Jenkins
A preferred supplier has been chosen to develop and enhance Playscape and a draft S106 application is starting to be prepared. Clerk to make enquiries with MHDC to check if they are in agreement for Playscape to be developed as the land in question is leasehold.
 - b. **RESOLVED:** To accept supplier quotation from Produlic to develop and enhance Playscape funded at a cost of £30,006.58 subject to S106 funding.
Thanks were expressed to a small group of parishioners for the scope of work and review of bids undertaken.
4. School Representative report: Cllr Wigglesworth.
'The first half of the term has passed already and everyone is very settled and working hard! Fortunately the school has not experienced the illness of last term this half term.
We had a Governor's Meeting last month and parking problems were noted. We wondered whether it would be possible for the school to hold a key/lock number to the gate to be used in emergencies when they very occasionally occur. Parking, as in all schools, is a problem and as the school has grown the parking problem has become worse. The Governors, therefore, wondered too whether the MHDC would be able to repaint the yellow zigzag parking signs outside the school. Parents are tending to park on them which causes even more chaos!
The Governors and the school would greatly appreciate the help.'
5. Village Hall Development Committee: Cllr Khan
The last meeting took place on 23rd January. The constitution has been found.
Clerk to seek clarification on the actual amounts of S106 funding available to date from MHDC.
8. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Jenkins
The consultant is working on the draft text which will form the policies to insert into the Neighbourhood Plan document. It is anticipated the next public consultation will take place in early March.
9. **RESOLVED:** For the Parish Council to authorise purchase of a new laptop to the value of £700 for the benefit of the Clerk.
10. Finance
 1. Payment of accounts as per schedule was authorized as per schedule.
In addition The Council **RESOLVED** to make a donation of the value of £200 to support Nora Parsons Day Centre
 2. Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information
11. Planning:
Update Planning Appeal Ref: 19/00375/OUT
Cllr Deakin confirmed he had attended a meeting at MHDC to gain some advice and establish what is required from the Parish Council including the format of the appeal hearing.
He will attend the appeal hearing and make representation where he will express a few ideas from a local

perspective i.e. the bus service, travelling to school and cycling, making reference is to the village survey. Only new information is required for the appeal.

The Planning Inspector will make a site visit before a decision is reached.

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review

- Briefing for Parish and Town Councils

Tuesday 31 March 2020, Guildhall Worcester

Cllr Jenkins volunteered to attend the afternoon session on behalf of the Parish Council and provide update. Clerk to make a booking for him.

Enforcement update Snowdrop Way – Action is being pursued under enforcement.

For Information Only

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)

Planning Application Refused

12. Update on use of Social Media: Cllr Khan

Cllr Khan has kindly volunteered (on a three month trial basis) to help update Parish Council information

for social media purposes

Subject to this success, after a three month period, the Parish Council may be able to take over the administration and ownership of the website.

13. Correspondence for Information: Circulated by the Clerk

a. Request for pavement and road repairs – Christine Avenue – Clerk to acknowledge and ref to County Cllr Grove

14. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

A request was sent to County Cllr Grove to repaint the zig zag parking signs outside Rushwick Primary School

to help with parking issues.

The Chairman, Cllr Andrew Deakin, announced his forthcoming retirement from May 2020.

It is with great sadness to announce the death of Mrs. Glenda Montgomery, being the wife of a former Chairman, Mr. Rex Montgomery.

Meeting closed at 9.22 pm

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

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A parishioner expressed interest in the planning appeal ref: 19/00375/OUT making enquiries about representation from the Parish Council and any further response to be made.

Standing Orders were reimposed