

Minute No. 252

ROCHFORD PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the **Ordinary Business** meeting of Rochford Parish Council held on Monday, 26 September 2022 at Rochford Village Hall starting at 8.00pm

Attendance: Cllrs C Lord (Chairman), A Prosser, T Jones, and M Gough,

In Attendance: Clerk – C Powell

1) Apologies: Cllr M Powell, District Cllrs Thomas & Bruton.

2) Declarations of Interest: None declared and no changes

3) Public Question Time

Cllr D Chambers gave the following report:-

1. Families from Ukraine: Worcestershire County Council continue to work closely with the six Worcestershire District Councils to help provide accommodation with families throughout the county. Over two thousand families have offered their homes to Ukrainian families, with the number of guests arriving increasing all the time.

The Malvern Hills District is hosting an above average number of guests. School funding for children of Ukrainian families receive higher than normal funding for schooling, to assist with their additional needs. Early years (age 2-4) £3,000, Primary (age 5-11) £6,580, secondary (11-18) £8,755.

2. Following the unsuccessful Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) submission to the government the County Council is continuing with its complete review of its policy regarding bus services in Worcestershire.

3. At a recent meeting of the County Council, I submitted a Notice of Motion calling on the relevant Cabinet Members to work with relevant agencies and partners to encourage all schools in Worcestershire with year 7 and above, to offer CPR training programmes. Last year I encouraged the promotion of Defibrillators and the need to increase their number across the county.

Every year, 30,000 people in the UK suffer a cardiac arrest out of hospital, 80% of these occurring in the home. Sadly, less than 1 in 10 people survive. When a defibrillator is not immediately available to someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest, then someone practicing CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), is the next best thing.

I further urged all County Councillors to encourage their Town and Parish Councils to offer support and encouragement for CPR training programmes in their communities, which I do so now by means of this item.

4. At a meeting of the Children and Families Overview & Scrutiny Panel on 20th September, of which I am Vice Chairman, we received a very positive report from the Director of Worcestershire Children First, regarding "Supporting Families First". This

is a relatively new initiative, set up in 2020, it uses a multi-disciplinary approach to promote children remaining with their families, preventing the need for them having to be placed in care wherever possible.

The work which is done with these children and their families is extraordinary and indications are, that this new initiative really is making a very positive impact.

Cllr Chambers also report on the fact there is a shortage of foster carers especially for the 11 year olds and above, siblings & Ukrainian children. There is also an initiative for buddy carers to relieve foster carers for a weekend or holiday.

Cllr B Thomas – report was sent too late for meeting but will be circulated to all councillors by email.

4) Minutes of Last Meeting

Read and agreed minute note 251

5) Progress Reports for information

Bus Shelter – Works were now complete and Mark Haywood had been paid in full. Cllr Lord has the bench which he will fit.

Highways Speeding – Cllr Chambers confirmed that the roundels had been ordered. He stated that there was further funding available if there were other requests.

He also confirmed that Hannah had now left the highways department and had been replaced by Tania Crake.

It has been confirmed that it is safe for us to do the Community Speed Watch (CSW). Data collation is taking place according to PC Ness Snape to see if the CSW can go ahead.

Clerk to find out from police if there is a cost for a speed van to come to the village.

6) Finance

Income & Expenditure cashbooks and the Bank Reconciliation to date were agreed by all.

36 Jubilee mugs are on their way. Cost is £266.02 – Clerk to be re-imbursed.

7) Footpath & Highways Reporting

VAS post has been knocked down by a car by Dunstan House – Cllr Chambers to report

Clerk to report reflection bollards on corner before St Dunstan's Lane that have been damaged by verge cutter.

Grit bin at end of St Dunstan's lane – grit is solid & may need new bin. Clerk to ask lengthsman to check bins and report on state

8) Planning

M/22/00838/HP – Rochford Court – Decision notice – Approved

M/22/00818/HP – Rochford House – Decision notice - Approved

- 10) Correspondence**
West Mercia Polie – Operation Snap
- 11) Councillor’s reports and items for future agenda**
- Speeding
 - Arrange meeting dates for 2023
- 12) Date of next meeting**
- Monday 28th November 2022 at 8pm