

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2024 AT 7.30 PM
AT RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Hemsworth (Chair), Cllr Lowe and Cllr Haywood

In Attendance: Sharon Baxter (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)

District Councillor Peter Whatley

1. Apologies: Cllr Jenkins (Personal), Cllr Wise (Personal), Cllr Williams (Personal) and Cllr Griffin - Blugher – All accepted
County Councillor Scott Richardson Brown (Personal) & District Councillor Sarah Rouse (Personal) – Received.
2. Declarations of Interest
 1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 2. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None.
 3. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None
3. To Consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of The Localism Act 2011) written requests to be with the clerk prior to the meeting - None

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions for Public Question Time
District Councillor Report - The report was noted.

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 13.03.2024 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.
Cllr Wise had made enquiries with MHDC who have agreed the location and collection of a new litter bin to be installed near the park area of Worcester Gate. It was identified there is a spare bin. The next steps are to arrange fitting this into position.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: The Lengthsman continues to work diligently cutting back verges and footpaths, cleaning and clearing gully grates in Upperwick, Claphill Lane and Bransford Road.
7. Finance
 1. **RESOLVED:** Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorised for payment.
 2. Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement - For Information Only
8. Reports from representatives: The following updates were received: -
 1. Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Jenkins
The Deeds have been recovered.
Kay Poole - To gather all quotations and relevant documentation to proceed with the proposed extension of the village hall.
Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Griffin Blugher to look at architects to draw up plans, prior to applying for funding.
It was reported that the defibrillator located on the front wall of the village hall, requires new parts and is unusable at the moment. To consider repair, replacement and moving the location of it.
Item deferred to next agenda.

2. Footpath Officers report: Cllr Williams
 - ‘1. Inspected the path from Brickfields to the pedestrian level crossing and cut back thorns near the kissing gate.
 2. Ditto the path from there to Christine Avenue - no issues.
Looked into a complaint re. the field opposite the Bransford Road / A4103 junction : that it has been totally ploughed over including the footpath.
 3. Checked the condition of the Oldbury Woods path. Still impossibly muddy.’

3. Report of Play Area: Cllr Hemsworth
Awaiting feedback from Mark Hammond who has been sent the planning permission and quotations for the perimeter path and the official legal funding agreement to proceed.
Looking at funding streams to install a new path.
The annual ROSPA inspection has been carried out. The tower unit has been decommissioned but is due to be replaced under this new funding agreement.

4. School Representative report: Position Vacant - No report available
Cllr Jenkins/Cllr Hemsworth to progress a meeting with the new Headmaster.

5. Speeding Issues & Crime Prevention Update: Cllr Wise
Still seeking two volunteers for the community speed watch. To be advertised on Facebook/website.

9. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Lowe – This has been re - edited and contact made with Ian Macleod at MHDC to establish who can review it.

10. WCC Highway Issues - Progress Update: Cllr Jenkins
Ongoing - Highway Issues.
A parishioner had submitted a complaint concerning parking concerns opposite the Village Hall and Kier Estate. It was agreed to alert the police by capturing under policing priorities for the quarter and referring to WCC to enquire if double yellow lines could be an option to alleviate the problem.

11. Planning: **For Information Only**
Planning Ref: M/24/00060/FUL
Proposal: Erection of children’s play equipment to replace existing.
Location: Rushwick Village Green, Upper Wick Lane, Rushwick
Application Approved.

12. Correspondence for Information: Circulated by the Clerk throughout the month.
The Annual Parish Meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 8.00pm at Rushwick Village Hall. Ian MacLeod Director of Planning and Infrastructure from MHDC has accepted the invitation as a Guest Speaker.

13. Councillors’ reports and items for future agendas - Nothing to report.

The meeting closed at 8.44 PM.

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

Standing Order were adjourned.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

District Councillor Peter Whatley

Malvern Hills District Council has been successful in securing £20 million Levelling up Funding from the UK Government to develop Malvern Theatres.

SWDPR

The Transport plans are due to be available between August - October 2024, then looked at by the Inspector followed by a public consultation. There is to be no railway station before at least 2035.

He will keep us updated of any changes. WCC are under pressure to provide bus services.

Referencing the SWDPr Cllr Hemsworth asked if a definitive list of all the outdated evidence could be obtained. Cllr Whatley to ask this question.

Standing Order were reimposed.