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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.30 PM IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Mr Deakin (Chair), Mrs Bennett, Mrs Haywood, Mrs Rowley, Mrs Wigglesworth, Mr Parker and Mr Lewis

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Mr A Davies and District Councillor Mr P Swinburn

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr D Bufton and Mr B Mew (accepted) and District Councillor Mr R Bass (received)
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** Mr Deakin & Mrs Rowley declared an interest in Village Hall matters being members of the VHC. Mrs Bennett also declared an interest in Village Hall matters, as her husband is a member of the VHC. Mrs Haywood declared her role as representatives on the School Governors.
3. **Minutes:** To consider the adoption of The Parish Council Meeting of Wednesday 9th November 2011. Having been previously circulated, these were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
4. **Progress Reports: Matters arising from previous minutes and review of Action Plan.**
No matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.
Mr Bufton obtained two additional bags of salt for the grit bins.
5. **Parish Lengthsman Scheme:** Work completed by Mr Moore in the month of November 2011 was reported on.
6. **Reports from representatives:-**
 - 6.1 County Councillor's report: Mr Davies reported on
 - County Council Budget expenditure down £8.6m (7.8%) from last year
 - Freeze on Council Tax – No increase
 - Launch University Farm no Park and Ride site
 - Plans for Super Faster Broadband
 - Rushwick Village Hall Grant Application sadly refused
 - £14.5m Government Grant awarded for road repairs and improvementsHe wished everyone a Happy Christmas
Mr Deakin expressed his dissatisfaction with the road signage at Powick roundabout. Mr Davies confirmed this had been addressed on several occasions.
 - 6.2 District Councillor's report: **Please refer to report attached.**
In addition Mr Swinburn reported on Council Tax freeze and support of super faster broadband. Mr Swinburn advised a visit has been arranged with the Chairman and Mr Chris Bocoock (CEO of MHDC) for Monday 9th January 2012 at 10.30pm to address any issues/concerns.
 - 6.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: Seeking quotes for solar panels in which they are hoping to obtain a grant. Leaflets have been distributed in respect of the supporters club.
The area outside the village hall has been turfed and some additional bollards have been installed.
 - 6.4 Footpath Officer's report: Mr I Love has sadly resigned from this post therefore a new Footpath Officer is required.

- 6.5 Report from Playscape: Playscape is seeking to purchase a bush cutter for £400 and request the Parish Council supports this application. A suggestion made was that they make a grant application directly to Mr Davies. Mr Deakin to inform Playscape of this.
- 6.6 School Representative's report: Mrs Haywood advised the school is not looking to assist with the Jubilee Celebrations, due to half term. The school has a full set of Governors. Reception class was oversubscribed.
- 6.7 Police Report: No report available
7. **Finance**
- 7.1 To authorize payment of accounts as per schedule: all payments on the schedule were authorised.
8. **Planning:** To consider planning applications.
No planning applications to review.
9. **Correspondence for Information:**
All items of correspondence noted in the Appendix were included in the Round Robin for information or to provoke further discussion
10. **Councillors' reports and items for future agendas:** - Mr Parker reported on the speeding issues in Grange Lane. Mrs Rowley reported that the footpath sign is missing at (footpath 9) (footpath over railway). Clerk to report.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm
S Baxter (Clerk)
28th December 2011

