

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Mr A. Deakin (Chair), Mrs M. Rowley, Mrs P Haywood, Mrs V Wigglesworth, Mr F Langbridge, Mr I Parker and Mr J Baker

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk

1. Apologies for absence: Mrs V Bennett (Illness) - accepted. County Cllr Mr Grove and District Councillors Mr P Swinburn and Mr R Bass (Council Meeting) – received.
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

To consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): None requested.

There were no questions for Public Question Time.

4. Minutes: To consider the adoption of The Parish Council Meeting of Wednesday 11th December 2013. Having been previously circulated, these were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: Matters arising from previous minutes and review of Action Plan.

Members voted that they would like to see the land usage at Crown East as a Country Park with provision for some allotments. This was unanimously accepted. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.

Upon receipt of the grit bin order and confirmation of costs, the Divisional Fund Payment Request Form will be completed and submitted to WCC .
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: No update available.
7. Reports from representatives:
 - 7.1 County Councillor: Mr Grove: No report available.
 - 7.2 District Councillors: A monthly report had been distributed.
 - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: No meeting took place in December 2013.
 - 7.4 Footpath Officers report: No report available.
 - 7.5 Report from Playscape:
 1. Update on the football contract between The Parish Council and Oldbury Park Tigers Football Club. No further progress to report.
 2. Update on replacement of gate posts and parking bollards – In progress.
 - 7.6 School Representatives Report: Nothing to report.
 - 7.7 Police Report – 1 Assault Grange Lane and 1 Theft catalytic converter in Christine Ave.

Clerk relayed the message from Sarah Ransome-Williams highlighting how time consuming it was extracting accurate monthly crime statistics. Members expressed their disappointment but understood they could obtain this information via the internet (Crime Mapper) and anyone assigned to NHW crime alerts. The Council appointed Mr Baker to the role of police liaison and requested if his name could be added to the NHW list to ensure they were kept informed.
8. Finance
 - 8.1 The payment of accounts as per schedule was authorized. As no timesheet had been received from Mr. Napier no payment was authorized.
 - 8.2 The budget comparison December 2013 against the budget 2013/14 was reviewed and agreed.

8.3 The Risk Schedule and Model Scheme of Delegation was reviewed and adopted.

8.4 The budget was set and approved for 2014/15. Members unanimously agreed to request a precept of £21687.00

9. Planning: No planning application to consider.

The Council resolved to discuss Item 10. In Confidential Session

10. The Clerks amended Contract of Employment was approved/signed following her Annual Review.

11. No interest had been expressed for the Councillor Vacancy

12. Members agreed to make their own individual representations to the subsidised bus service review 2013

13. Correspondence for Information: Noted as per Agenda.

The Chairman reminded Councillors to complete and return the questionnaire requested by County Councillor Mr Grove.

14. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas: Mrs. Wigglesworth raised a question from a parishioner as to why the Parish Council did not offer support to the elderly in the form of Coffee Mornings. The advice given was to contact the church who already offered this facility.

Meeting closed at 8.07pm

Sharon Baxter

Clerk

12th January 2014