

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2015 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker, Cllr Cook, Cllr Williams, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Haywood and Cllr Rowley.

In Attendance: County Councillor Grove (arrived 8pm)

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Wigglesworth (holiday) - Accepted and Clerk (illness) - received
District Councillors Paul Swinburn and Roger Bass (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
3. To consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): None requested.

Public Question Time – No questions asked.

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 11th February 2015 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: No matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was received as per worksheet.
Resolved to renew Lengthsman's Contract of Services for 2015/16 together with increasing his hourly rate of pay by an extra one pound per hour justified by his proactive/attentive work style approach and flexibility and self employed status.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
 - 7.1 County Councillor: Cllr Grove
 - Council Tax WCC element will be raised by 1.94% to support Children Services
 - Reduction in Central Government Grant will be £25m 2015/16 and £25m 2016/17 from staff redundancies and other measures and new revenue schemes are being explored.
 - Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has releases Open for Business Report which indicates Worcester is the 3rd fastest growing economy 16.82% in the country.
 - Divisional Funds of £10K are available for Grant Aid Funding as reported at the last meeting for local Groups. Funds are also available for other repair activities i.e. pavements.
 - Local Resurfacing Work – Claphill Lane will be subject to resurfacing work between 4-30th May 2015.
 - 7.2 District Councillor: Cllr Swinburn. The report was circulated.
 - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee:
Cllr Rowley expressed thanks and appreciation to The Parish Council for stepping in to have work completed on resealing Village Hall Floor. (Cllr Grove reported he had agreed a grant to support this work).
 - 7.4 Footpath Officers report: No report available.
 - 7.5 Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker reported still working on obtaining design survey re: new equipment plus inspection of equipment and repair report from Playdale.
Section 106 applications ongoing. Planning application relating to placing container on field ongoing.
Further: Field and play equipment are well used, even at this time of year.
Cllr Parker continuing to complete weekly inspections and litter pick.

It was reported the car park surface is in a poor state of repair- many potholes are apparent.
A verbal complaint has been received.

7.6 School Representative report: No report available.

8. Finance

8.1 Payment of accounts as per schedule distributed were authorized.

9. Planning:

Chairman reported on site meeting for 14/01732/OUT that he attended.

Main concern raised was of pedestrians safety due to increased vehicle movements along footpath 520.

Woodbine Application 14/00820/FUL – Approved

Crown East Cottage 14/01146/FUL - Refused

10. Update on progress with applications for Expenditure of Section 106 monies –
Playscape – on going

The Village Hall intends to consider and pursue.

The Chairman reported that Rushwick Village Hall Management Committee had written to Cllr P Swinburn and Cllr R Bass asking for grant from Ward Fund to help with New Development Plans and (as discussed at last meeting) Cllr Swinburn had responded they were not able to grant any monies at this time.

11. Information:

Nominations Forms have been circulated. Cllrs discussed and decided they would all be individually responsible for return of forms to MHDC.

Cllr Williams raised items of information from emails recently circulated by Clerk which included:-

- Minibus available for hire (at a discounted rate) for communities and youth groups to aid their travel needs
- University 'Moon Mission' Fitness programme – urged Councillors to report their own relevant activity to project.

The Chairman reported he had received correspondence from Lionel Roberts of Mercia Fine Foods and met with him to hear of development and building plans currently under consideration by the firm.

12. Correspondence for Information: Circulated by the Clerk via email.

13. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Rowley - Resurfacing work to footpath 518 from Grange Lane over Railway Bridge towards Ash path.

Cllr Cook – Gate missing from footpath at rear of Whitehall Inn going under underpass. Discussed it was County Council issue. To be reported via Hub.

Cllr Bennett requested if an item be placed on next agenda to discuss with Cllr Gove the bus service to new Doctors Surgery

Cllr Parker requested a dog fouling notice required outside Village Hall.

Cllr Williams requested following May Elections that Parish Council notices on Village Noticeboards are updated.

Meeting closed at 21.50pm

Margaret Rowley (Minute Taker)

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