

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

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Grove, District Councillors Swinburn and Bass.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Williams (Personal) & Cllr Bennett (Illness) - Accepted
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 14th January 2014 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: No matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated. Cllr Deakin and Cllr Parker to challenge the landowner concerning a large overgrown tree located in Grange Lane.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was received as per worksheet. It was noted that all Councillors' are delighted with the work carried out by Mr. Napier and the service he provides to The Parish.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
 - 7.1 County Councillor: Cllr Grove
 - Still trying to resolve the problem concerning footpath 524 no vehicle access
 - Additional gritting is to be carried out across The Division
 - Road Safety Partnership – confirmed all speed limits in Rushwick will remain the same.
 - WCC has increased council tax for 2015/16 by 1.94% (approximately £20.50 for a band D property)
 - Love Food – Hate Waste Campaign to reduce landfill.
 - 7.2 District Councillor: Cllr Swinburn. The report was circulated.
 - It was confirmed there is a zero percent increase to Council Tax for 2015/16.
 - Please submit applications to be considered for the Ward Budget.
 - Cllr Haywood reported the hazards of vehicles reversing along the Ashpath. Clerk to request from Gordon Morris no parking signs by order of the Parish Council to erect along the Ashpath.
 - Cllr Swinburn confirmed he had participated in a radio interview concerning people who had been affected by flooding. The scheme was to help protect/harden properties from future flooding. An extension had been granted until September 2015 due to low take up.
 - 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee:

Thanks were expressed to The Parish Council for £500 donation to assist with surveyors fees. Plans are ongoing for 2015 – costs/prices are trying to be established. Following an accident in the Village Hall and from a Health and Safety perspective prices were in the process of being obtained to reseal the floor. Supporters Club – shortfall in subscribers for 2015 (102) against 2014 (120). Cllr Rowley requested a Divisional Fund Form request monies to assist with the floor.

- 7.4 Footpath Officers report: Mr. Haslam reported footpath 521 - Upper Wick to Railway Line. Concerns have been expressed regarding the state of the ground along this footpath, especially where coppicing has taken place by the railway line. Once the weather improves the landowner will endeavour to arrange that this path is made negotiable. If this is not improved by the March Parish Council meeting The Council will write to the landowner.
- 7.5 Report from Playscape: Playdale are to be contacted concerning repairs needed to the log roll and design survey to assist with the section 106 application.
The Council discussed and agreed a claim should be made for monies from the Ward budget to assist with legal fees between them and Oldbury Park Tigers. Cllrs Deakin & Parker to pursue.
- 7.6 School Representative report: It was initially discussed to consider providing a one year intake throughout the school. It was then decided not to pursue in which the headmaster was very disappointed. Since then, more plans have developed and it is expected that the school may be expanded.
The Chairman of Governors is resigning from September 2015- seeking a replacement.
Sadly a school governor and ex Parish Councillor Mr. Gilbert (Geoff) Harris had passed away.

8. Finance

- 8.1 Payment of accounts as per schedule distributed was authorized.

9. Planning:

Application No: 14/01647/HOU
 Proposal: Single storey Extension
 Location: 2 Whitehall Close, Rushwick, WR2 5TJ
 Comments: No Objections

- 10. Update on progress with applications for Expenditure of Section 106 monies – On going
- 11. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th May at 8.00pm at the Village Hall.
Suggestions for a guest speaker included representatives Malvern Hills Science Park or Worcester LEP
- 12. Correspondence for Information: None
- 13. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas
Cllr Haywood reported a rusty dangerous manhole cover located along the Ashpath.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm
 Sharon Baxter (Clerk)

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