

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker (arrived 7.40pm), Cllr Elcock, Cllr Williams, Cllr Haywood, Cllr Rowley, Cllr Wigglesworth and Cllr Bennett

In Attendance: County Councillor Grove, District Councillor Chambers & Godwin and Mrs Tilling

1. Apologies for absence: None
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.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of Wednesday 9th December 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
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
 - 7.1 County Councillor – *Cllr Grove*

WCC Leader Adrian Harman has been removed from the Conservative Group. He is due to attend Court on Monday 18th January 2016 with drink driving charges. It is anticipated Simon Geraghty will be elected as the new Leader and Anthony Blagg as the Deputy.
Challenging times with financial saving of £25m to be year on year over the next 4 years.
Gritting – There is a sufficient supply of the grit to cope with the winter weather conditions.
Devolution – A meeting is to be arranged with the Minister.
Flooding – Ongoing monitoring.
Update on Rushwick School – Cabinet meeting 04.02.16. Clerk to circulate school report to all Councillors.
Opportunity to apply for Divisional Funds – Interested parties to submit applications.
The Council agreed to apply for a portable VAS sign.
Budget - £11m savings to be made from the Spending Review. County Council is to impose 2% increase on Council Tax and an additional 1.94% on additional Adult Services. This totals 3.94% increase. Based on a Band D property this equates to £40.00 per year.
The Chairman expressed his thanks to Mr. Grove for some advice/information on the 420 bus service.
 - 7.2 District Councillor – *Cllr Chambers*:

The 4 year Strategic Plan Review has increased to a 5 year rolling plan. This was received well at a recent Overview and Scrutiny meeting.
The District Council tax is to increase by £5.00 per year (via a special dispensation)
Two Neighbourhood Conferences are due to take place on 25.01.16 2-4pm and 28.01.16 6-8pm
Discussions are taking place with Ivor Phumfrey in respect of Waste Collection.
Cllr Godwin: Updated the Parish Council on a joint Overview and Scrutiny Meeting concerning S106 and CIL monies.

Worcestershire County Council is currently consulting on the future use of Children's Centre buildings. This matter was discussed at MHDC O&S on 12 January and the Council will be formally responding, but concern was expressed that there had been very little response from the district, only 4% to date, and it was felt that this may be due to the lack of awareness that this consultation was actually underway. The Committee has asked that all Members be made aware that this consultation is on-going so that they can raise awareness within their communities and encourage those with an interest in Children's Centres to respond before the closing date of 29 January.

7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rowley – Nothing to report

7.4 Footpath Officers Report - Cllr Elcock and Cllr Williams to attend formal training as volunteer Wardens with Amanda Hill WCC.

7.5 Report from Playscape – Cllr Parker – Nothing to report
a. **RESOLVED:** To engage the services of Parkinson Wright Solicitors to write a Contract/ Heads of Terms between Rushwick Parish Council and Oldbury Park Tigers Football Club .
Clerk to forward tenancy agreement/title document The Parish Council has with MHDC.

7.6 School Representative report – Cllr Wigglesworth – No report available.

8. Finance

8.1 Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized.

8.2 Budget comparison to December 2015 against budget 2015/16 was reviewed.

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

9. Planning: The following planning applications were discussed:-

Planning Application No: 15/01773/HOU

Proposal: Single storey side/rear extension

Location: 121 Christine Avenue, Rushwick WR2 5ST

Comments: No Objections

Planning Application No: 15/01652/HOU

Proposal: Two storey side and single storey rear extension

Location: 5 Minett Avenue, Rushwick WR2 5TQ

Comments: No Objections

Planning Application No: 15/01778/FUL

Proposal: 1 pair of semi-detached houses and associated works

Location: Land At Upper Wick Lane, Rushwick

Comments: To Follow

For Information Only

Planning Application No: 15/00333/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 4 detached 3 bedroomed dwellings

Location: Green Hedges, Claphill Lane, WR2 5TP

APPROVAL OF FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

10. The Village Tidy-Up was arranged for Saturday 2nd April 2016 10.00am to meet at The Village Hall.

11. Correspondence for Information; Circulated by the Clerk electronically.

12. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas:

Cllr Deakin to request repairs to the A4440 Rushwick Island and Bromyard Road. To report via Hub.

