

RUSHWICK'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th MAY 2017 AT 8.00PM IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Mr. A Deakin (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: 16 parishioners were present as per attendance list.

1. **WELCOME:** Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all parishioners.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Jean & Ian Kennedy and Tony Sharp
3. **POLICE REPORT:** PCSO Martin Butcher reported that monthly summaries are now produced detailing crime figures and police surgeries which replace the annual reports.
The Clerk confirmed she had not been receiving these reports and requested if she could be included on the email circulation list.
The Safer Neighbourhood Team is now led by Alex Den following the retirement of Sergeant Ian Blanchard. PC Paul Kennedy has now taken over the role from Sarah Ransome- Williams. The focus at the moment is on shed/garage burglaries. Please be safety conscious and ensure these out buildings are locked and secured.
Currently there are a few operations running targeting travelling criminals on A38, including cross border operations.
The following crime statistics were offered for the year 2016/17:-
Theft/Burglary/Criminal damage – 5 incidents
Burglary non dwelling – 1 incident
Burglary dwelling – 2 incidents
Criminal damage – 5 incidents
Anti- Social Behaviour – 15 incidents
Generally speaking, Rushwick remains a good safe place to live.
PCSO Martin Butcher offered website details on how to register for automatic crime updates.
He then took questions from members of the public.
Q. Can anything be done concerning the screaming motorbike noise on the A4440?
A. There are powers to prosecute if the offendant can be caught.
4. **MINUTES:** The minutes of Wednesday 11th May 2016 were approved.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM APPROVED MINUTES:** None
6. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Cllr Deakin presented his report.

Q. A request had been received from a parishioner requesting fortnightly litter picks.

A. The Parish Council had decided this was not feasible due to lack of volunteers and time.

It was confirmed Cllr Parker kindly picked up and disposed of rubbish from Playscape 2/3 times a week. In addition the Parish Council organised and participated in Village Tidy Ups.

An agenda item would be placed on the June agenda to consider the frequency of litter picks and also to consider purchasing some litter pick equipment.
7. **FOOTPATH OFFICERS REPORT:** Cllr Elcock confirmed a section of the footpath by Brookfield Farm is going to be improved underfoot. Several gates have been repaired. He requested any damage to be reported.
Q. Cllr Wigglesworth asked when the stile is to be repaired located by the cherry orchard?
A. Cllr Williams is attending to this.

8. **SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Cllr Wigglesworth presented her report.
 Q. Does Bullying occur in the school?
 A. None – The children care for one another and there is a lovely atmosphere.

9. **REPORT FROM PLAYSCAPE:** Cllr Parker presented his report.

10. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:** Cllr Grove had submitted a report.
 Clerk will circulate report to parishioners upon request.

11. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S reports:** Cllrs Godwin and Chambers – No report available

12. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/17:** Distributed for information.
 Q. What is Village Facilities Contingency and why has this money not been spent?
 A. Clerk confirmed this was for any Village emergencies and the need to spend the money had not arose.

The Chairman thanked parishioners for attending. He then closed the meeting at 9.00pm

REFRESHMENTS

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 12TH May 2017
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Signed Date