

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: County Cllr Grove, District Councillor Chambers plus 2 parishioners

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Jenkins (Holiday), Cllr Williams (Personal), Cllr Elcock (Work) and Cllr Wigglesworth (Personal) - (all 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.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes
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4. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 09.08.17, having been previously circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: Reported as per worksheet.
7. Reports from representatives: The following updates were received:-
  1. County Councillor – The report was noted.
  2. District Councillor Report – Cllr Chambers.
    - The Planning Services are more efficient with planning applications reduced to a 3-5 day target.
    - Youth Newsletter – Direct to Your Inbox – A new annual magazine from MHDC.
    - Rebrand of Malvern Hills District Council to The Malverns
    - Ward Members Visit Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 10-3pm
    - Car Park Consultation ends on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017
    - Community Awards – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Please submit nominations
    - Parish & Town Conference Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at 6pm
  3. Report from Village Hall Committee (VHC) – Cllr Rowley  
A new boiler has been installed.
  4. Footpath Officers report –Cllr Williams  
A request is to be placed to the Street Scenes Warden for dog fouling signs to be placed at various locations/footpaths identified.
  5. Report from Playscape – Cllr Parker – The grass has been cut.
  6. School Representative report: Cllr Wigglesworth  
‘Finally the south side of the new building work was handed over on 31st August. The playground was only finally tarmaced on the Tuesday evening before the school returned on the Wednesday. Work slowed down over the holidays as many of the workmen had had their holiday too. The staff ((and some of the Governors!!)) worked hard to get the school sorted out and ready for the start of the new

school year.

However, the new classrooms are fantastic. Large, bright and spacious with modern new furniture. I could move into the Staff Room it is so lovely!! There are brand new cloakrooms for the children and staff. The north side is due to be finished and handed over on time in October.

There will be an open day for the village to visit the school in the Autumn.

There are 25 children in Reception and all the village children have been catered for. There are 157 pupils in school made up of 123 families. We should all be very proud of our new school.'

8. Finance

1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized.

9. No planning applications to consider

10. A discussion took place as to whether the Parish Council should still produce a Parish Newsletter. This was still felt to be worthwhile despite the popularity of social media websites. The Parish Newsletter will continue to be produced twice a year in the Spring and Autumn.

11. A discussion took place concerning the hedging material planted along the Ashpath (Footpath 520). It was inspected and will be continued to be monitored to ensure it does not encroach onto the footpath.

12. Problems with Construction Traffic and Parking were discussed.  
The Parish Council has written to Kier Living to address issues in respect of signage, parking, construction vehicles /traffic and road safety.  
Kier advised that they will continue to do everything they can to ensure the plan is adhered to, highlighting there was also another development close by.  
Unfortunately until the enforceable deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 very little action can be taken.  
The County & District Councillors have been fully informed of the situation.

13. Correspondence for Information

1. **RESOLVED:** Not to relocate the litter bin located at the bus stop as requested by Mrs Gatty.

14. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Both Playscape and the Village Hall Committee have received £100 contributions from Rushwick May Fayre.

Cllr Haywood requested if traffic calming measures could be imposed along the Ashpath (Footpath 520) and motor vehicle use be monitored.

Meeting closed at 9.07pm

Sharon Baxter

Clerk

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

# **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

## **John Scott**

Delighted to report that 11 out of 12 water /drainage issues in Broadmore Green have now been resolved.  
Hoping to resolve the final outstanding problem within the next few weeks.  
Thanks were expressed to County Cllr Grove for his help and support in resolving these issues.

Commented on the improvements to the website, especially the coverage on the Tour of Britain.

## **Rob Matts**

Questioned if there was an update regarding reinstating the flashing school warning sign located outside Rushwick C E School. County Cllr Grove to follow up this query.

County Cllr Grove advised that Martley Parish Council had successfully secured S106 funding to assist with road safety, reducing speeds to 20mph outside their school.  
Should Rushwick Parish Council seek to do something of a similar nature he kindly offered to help with some monies from his Divisional Fund.