

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker, Cllr Elcock, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Rowley, Cllr Wigglesworth  
Cllr Williams and Cllr Haywood.

In Attendance: Sharon Baxter (Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer),  
County Councillor Grove, District Councillors Chambers plus 1 parishioner.  
Mr Wayne Nicholls –Prospective New Lengthsman who was introduced to all Councillors

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Bennett (Personal) –accepted.  
District Cllr Godwin (Personal) – 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.

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 14.02.18 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
5. **Progress Reports:** Matters arising from previous minutes - None  
The Action Plan was reviewed.  
**RESOLVED:** To proceed with replacing the polycarbonate panels to the Bus Shelter near Christine Avenue up to the value of £250.  
Cllr Deakin to obtain quotes to revamp the three sided noticeboard near the Village Hall.  
The Clerk obtained information from the Plunkett Foundation and reported strong community support is required together with a steering group to proceed forward. Councillors felt this could be encompassed under the Neighbourhood Plan.  
Clerk reported and circulated the Neighbourhood Plan Support Package issued by Kirkwells. Cllr Deakin and Cllr Jenkins to facilitate a meeting with David Clarke regarding some advice on NDP.  
Item to be placed on the April agenda.
6. **Parish Lengthsman Scheme:** An update was received as per timesheet.
  - a. **RESOLVED:** To appoint Mr Wayne Nicholls as the new Lengthsman, following the retirement of Mr Bill Napier. Mr Napier was thanked for his services and the first class work delivered to the Parish.
  - b. **RESOLVED:** For Wayne Nicholls to enter into a Contract of Services, as the new Parish Lengthsman from 01.04.18 to 31.03.19 under the same terms and conditions and rate of pay.
7. **Reports from representatives:** To receive an update
  1. County Councillor – Cllr Grove. The Report was noted.  
Cllr Grove confirmed he had some unspent ‘Road & Pavement Funds’ to be divided amongst the 10 parishes he represents. He suggested this could be put towards the Lengthsman’s contract. It will be approximately £330.  
Requests can be made for a Green Grit Bin including one year’s supply of grit in the event of not being able to secure a yellow grit bin, upon request. Cllr Deakin will apply for a yellow bin for Bransford Road/Newland Crescent in the first instance and then apply via this route for a green grit bin if unsuccessful.

2. District Councillor – Cllr Chambers  
 5 year strategic/business plan in place.  
 Council Tax Band D will increase by £5.00 per year.  
 Subject to planning permission the extension to the Council House will go ahead.  
 The Council House will be open to the Public for the first time in 10 years.  
 Telephone service will be brought in house saving £100K per annum.  
 Plan to set up a private housing company to increase the Council’s asset value.  
 Weekly bin collections on alternate weeks commence 2 April 2018.  
 Brunel House is up for sale with 12 bids received.  
 SWDP being looked at until 2041.  
 Outcome of the joint Peer Challenge to be reported in the next 3 weeks.  
 5G test bed to take place at Malvern Science Park.
3. Report from Village Hall Committee – Nothing to report
4. Footpath Officers report – Cllr Williams had carried out an inspection walk where he had reported two  
 To Countryside Services two broken stiles in need of repair.  
 Cllrs Williams & Deakin to assess and remove rubbish/tree branches on the path at Summer Hollow.
5. Report from Playscape – Nothing to report
6. School Representative report – Cllr Wigglesworth  
 School was closed during the snow.  
 Some snagging works had been carried out over half term.  
 Frustratingly now contractors are off site repairs are difficult. There is still a leak in the library.  
 A well-established PTA has been set up.  
 On April 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 it will be established how many children are in reception class.  
 There are 154 children in total in the school.

8. **Finance**

1. Payment of accounts were authorised as per schedule
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information

9. **The following planning applications were considered:-**

Planning Application No: 17/01833/OUT (Additional)  
 Proposal: Outline planning application with matters of scale  
 and land landscaping reserved for the erection of two dwellings.  
 Location: Two Ways, Upper Wick Lane, Rushwick, WR2 5SN

Comments: Rushwick Parish Council notes Planning Officers guidance that all previous comments will be taken into account in the determination of the planning application.

Rushwick Parish Council (RPC) has concerns relating to this application, objects and recommends refusal of planning permission on the following grounds;

- 1 LAND NOT IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT
- 2 ACCESS
- 3 SAFETY

1 LAND NOT IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development is;

- Not identified within the current SWDP, as it applies to Rushwick Village.
- MHDC ‘5 year land supply plan’ identifies sufficient sites not to warrant development of this site.

Five Year Housing Land Supply

Malvern Hills District Council carried out their latest five year housing land supply update in April 2016. The council can demonstrate a Five Year Housing Land Supply in the Malvern Hills sub-area of 6.70 years with a 5% allowance (or a ‘leeway’ of 508 dwellings) and 5.85 years with 20% allowance (or a ‘leeway’ of 294 dwellings).

RPC believes MHDC has demonstrated that it is currently able to fulfil its obligations in identifying a supply of deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years' worth of housing against the housing requirement set out in the recently adopted SWDP without development of this site.

## 2 ACCESS

RPC notes applicants assertion, in response to RPC previous comments of 22.12.17 relating to access to the site that; "The agricultural track is beyond the gate at the junction of the private road into our suite which we won't be using."

Further;

"No new access's or uses of the birches are proposed." Also;

"Access over the bridge off the metalled road (*GRANGE LANE*) is followed by a short section of gravelled road leading up to the private entrance to our site."

RPC would ask that it is stipulated, as a condition of planning, that all development traffic and future home owner vehicle traffic is restricted to using this access.

That this should include any future delivery/service and support vehicles to the dwellings as the applicant repudiates points raised by RPC relating to safety of Parishioners using public rights of way that are co-terminous with the site. PROW Rushwick RW-519 & RW-520.

RPC notes with interest comments from The Ramblers Association and Countryside Access Mapping Officer (Countryside Service) who also raise concerns relating to access to the site over PROW RW-519 & RW-520.

RPC would also like to alert MHDC's and Planning Officers to the railway bridge that will form part of access route identified by the applicant as sole route of entry/access/egress to the proposed development site and to the weight restriction placed upon it. The bridge is property/responsibility of Railway Authority and consultation with them prior to development traffic use is paramount to identify responsibility for upkeep and repair in light of proposed development and new traffic use.

This bridge has only recently been resurfaced and 'speed humps' constructed.

## 3 SAFETY

In light of applicants submission that they will not be using PROW RW-520 RPC withdraws it previous objections in relation to that public safety aspect.

This development will require vehicular access along Public Right of Way RW-519.

RPC's main point regarding safety going forward with this development is that of safety of pedestrians in light of;

- a) Applicants identification of this PROW as access route
- b) increased vehicular movements
- c) degradation of the track surface and potentially bridge structure
- d) lack of identified safe walking route

Many children and Parishioners use this route to go and from;

- School
- The village play area at Playscape
- Village bus stop
- Village Hall
- Village Pub
- Visit their friends and neighbours
- Walk their dogs
- Go for a stroll

RPC considers that this development makes the area less safe for its Parishioners.

RPC objects this planning application and recommends REFUSAL.

Planning Application No: 15/01419/OUT (Additional)  
Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved  
For an urban extension to Worcester of up to 965 dwellings  
Location: Land at West of Worcester and north of Bromyard  
Road (A44), Lower Broadheath  
Comments: No further comment to make

10. **Correspondence for Information**

Clerk to place an agenda item re: Dog Waste Bin Request on the April agenda following an email request.

11. **Councillors' reports and items for future agendas**

Cllr Wigglesworth suggested using a page in the Parish Magazine Re: Dog Fouling to remind people to clear up after their dog.

Meeting closed at 9.26 pm

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

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**John Scott – Broadmore Green**

Seeks the Parish Council's help with dust generated by Kier.  
The Chairman and Mr Scott will compile a letter to Kier for submission.