

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Before the start of this meeting thanks were expressed to retired Councillor Valerie Bennett who was presented with a gift to mark her 40 years of dedication, commitment and service to this community.

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

In Attendance: Sharon Baxter (Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer), District Councillor Godwin plus 3 parishioners.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Haywood, Jenkins and Elcock (Personal) - accepted  
County Cllr Grove (Personal) - received  
District Cllr Chambers (Personal) - received
2. Cllr Alamgir Khan was co-opted onto the Councillor vacancy and his declaration of office form duly signed.
3. Declaration of Interests
  1. Members were reminded to update their register of interests.
  2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary: None
  3. Other Disclosable Interests: None
4. 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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5. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 13.06.18 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
6. Progress Reports: Matters arising from previous minutes – None  
The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.  
The Chairman is meeting with a representative from Oldbury Park Tigers at Playscape tomorrow to agree formal acceptance of the football contract.
7. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: No timesheet received this month.  
A formal complaint was received from Mr Deri, Highway Engineer, WCC who was disappointed to see that the large swathe of wildflowers growing on highway land adjacent to the C2298 approaching the A4440 has been cut. He reverted the Parish Council to the Road Verge Management Policy which must be adhered to in future.
8. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
  1. County Councillor – Cllr Grove - The report was noted.
  2. District Councillor – Cllr Godwin  
The final interviews will take place for the Head of Housing on 16.07.18. This will be a shared role between MHDC and Wychavon.  
At the Annual Award ceremony of Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce, MHDC won an award for Health and Wellbeing for staff.  
60 nominations have been received for the Annual Sports Awards.  
Ongoing nominations for the Community Awards.  
Village Re categorisation – Reviewed by SWDP not MHDC. Applications to be submitted to Mr Gary Williams to query incorrect categories, outlining the reason as to why.

3. Report from Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rowley  
The new car park is ongoing.  
Trying to source a memorial stone in memory of Colonel Reynolds from a different supplier due to delays.  
Defibrillator Training was very successful. 24 people are now trained. Further training to take place in the future . New defibrillator pads have been ordered at a cost of £226.80 plus VAT.
4. Footpath Officers Report – Cllr Williams  
The area at the end of the Ash path (entering from Grange Lane before Christine Avenue) had been strimmed. The undergrowth by the Brook which was very overgrown has also received attention. F521 past Brookfield’s Farm to the field beyond Tanhouse Lane had been cleared.  
The nettles and brambles from Summer Hallow to Broadmore Green had been cut to allow access. Help is required to remove a tree branch from this location. Cllr Williams and Deakin to inspect.
5. Report from Playscape – Cllr Parker  
Weed and general clearance works had taken place.  
Trying to source new play bark to place underneath the zip wire.  
A meeting is to take place tomorrow at 6.30pm with Oldbury Park Tigers to finalise the football contract.
6. School Representative report - Cllr Wigglesworth  
The official school opening went very well. The school play, Sleeping Beauty, took place very successfully. School Closes for summer on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
7. Village Hall Development Committee – Mr Aidan Codd presented a report which was noted. Cllr Khan was appointed as Parish Council liaison to this committee.

9. Finance

1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorised.
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information
3. Budget Monitoring Comparison QTR 1 2018/19 - For Information

10. The following planning application was discussed

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Planning Ref: 16/01168/OUT

Proposal: Outline application with all matters except access for the development of up to 1400 new homes; formation of new means of access onto Martley Road and Oldbury Road.....

Location: Land at (Os8202 5595 West of Worcester)

Comments: No comment to submit

11. **RESOLVED:** To accept quotation from Flight Home Improvements for £285.28 to carry out repairs to bus stop near village hall following recent arson attack.  
Please note no insurance claim will be made due to the excess on the insurance policy.
12. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan  
**RESOLVED:** To issue a letter to make an application for designation of Neighbourhood Area for Rushwick
13. Correspondence for Information – Circulated electronically by the Clerk
14. Councillors’ reports and items for future agendas – None

Meeting closed at 8.43 pm

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

*Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time*

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A parishioner questioned when the Kier Site frontage, footpath would be tidied and the screens removed?

A parishioner highlighted that the sink hole was very dangerous leading into the field of this site?

The Chairman confirmed he would address all of these issues at a site meeting he has arranged with Mr Hobbs, following on from a letter sent to the CEO of Kier addressing several issues a few months ago.

A parishioner highlighted that the public footpath in Claphill Lane had been cut (not sure by whom) but the debris had just been left and need removing to avoid people not having to walk into the road.

*Standing Orders were reimposed*