

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Williams, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Khan, Cllr Rowley and Cllr Haywood.

In Attendance: Sharon Baxter (Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)  
District Councillor Godwin plus 2 parishioners.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Wigglesworth (Personal) and Cllr Parker (Illness) - accepted  
County Cllr Grove (Personal) and District Cllr Chambers (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: Cllr Khan declared an ODI living in close proximity to planning application 18/00756/OUT.
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 11.07.18 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 and updated.  
Cllr Parker has renovated the Playscape noticeboard.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was presented as per time sheets.  
A request was made to ask the Lengthsman to clear up the fallen tree needles in Grange Lane.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
  1. County Councillor – Cllr Grove – No report available
  2. District Councillor – Cllr Godwin  
Advised that Cllr Chambers had to attend an emergency meeting this evening at County Hall regarding Worcester County Council's financial situation. WCC is struggling with a cumulative of financial issues including a reduction in reserves, Section 106 funds plus a reduction in the support grant.  
An update will follow shortly in the Press.  
An Infrastructure Development meeting is to take place at MHDC tomorrow.  
Outline planning permission has been granted to build 875 houses on the Martley Road.  
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3. Report from Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rowley  
Seeking to purchase a memorial stone in memory of Colonel Reynolds.  
The Development Committee has placed a Question/Comment Box in the hall to obtain feedback from parishioners as to the facilities they would like to see in the Village Hall and ‘Have Their Say’. There is also an online questionnaire available for completion on this matter.  
Cllr Rowley tried to ascertain who the trees belonged to located opposite the Whitehall Inn. It appears they may have an infection and require inspecting. She was advised these trees are privately owned and the home owner should be approached.

4. Footpath Officers report – Cllr Williams  
Overgrown brambles and vegetation had been cut along footpath 516 on the lane at the side of the Whitehall Inn up to the parish boundary.
5. Report from Playscape – Cllr Parker  
The play area is in heavy use and is in generally good order.
6. School Representative report – Cllr Wigglesworth  
The Headmaster Geoff Jeffrey was quite pleased with this year’s SATS results considering the disruption of the long term building works. They came out above National average in English. Maths was down slightly but still on target. Two excellent leaders in Maths and English will commence the start of the new academic year.
7. Village Hall Development Committee (Cllr Khan)  
Continuing to work on the electronic and manual survey. Intention to hold an Open day with a few activities to try and gauge what people like.  
Trying to help source a memorial stone that the Village Hall Committee are looking into.

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

9. The following planning application was commented on:-

Planning Application No: 18/00756/OUT

Location: Staddle Mill, Claphill Lane, WR2 5TP

Proposal: Outline planning application for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of three detached dwellings, all matters reserved except for access

Comments: Rushwick Parish Council supports this planning application but has the following concerns:-

- Anecdotal evidence of seasonal flooding which development may increase
- Concerns about possible increase in traffic movements from the access point
- Lack of public footpath creating increased risk to pedestrians

- Concern this development lies outside the settlement boundary
- The Parish Council objects to speculative development of this nature within the Parish.

For Information Only

Planning Ref: 18/00828/FUL

Proposal: Erection of two detached dwelling houses and detached garages ....

Location: land at (OS 8213 5366), Upper Wick Lane, Rushwick

Application Approved.

10. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan (*Cllr Jenkins*)

It is the intention to deliver a leaflet to every household, to highlight the importance and benefits of the Neighbourhood Plan, formulate a committee, progress through the consultation process and submit the document to MHDC for approval for it to carry substantial weight to future planning applications and the future vision of the Parish.

11. Correspondence for Information – Circulated electronically by the Clerk

12. Councillors’ reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Haywood highlighted the problem with speeding along the Ashpath. This contravenes the Road Traffic Act yet no action appears to be taken. She will pursue this matter further with the enforcement officer at MHDC.

Cllr Khan raised concern of the state of the tarmac road outside the Kier Development/ Hunters Lodge. The Chairman confirmed various issues had been addressed with the site foreman.

Meeting closed at 8.42 pm

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

*Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time*

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A parishioner asked if the Parish Council would be supporting planning application 18/00756/OUT.

He commented that the soakaways could create problems in the winter, lack of footpath provision and the application contravenes the SWDP.

*Standing Orders were reimposed*