

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th November 2018 AT 7:30 PM**

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

In Attendance:

County Councillor Groves

District Councillors Chambers and Godwin plus 3 parishioners

1: Apologies for absence:

S Baxter (Clerk) Ill health

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 appended to these minutes).

4. **Minutes:** The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 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.

6. **Parish Lengthsman Scheme:**

No report. Vacant position of Lengthsman to be advertised.

7. **Reports from representatives**

1: County Councillor: Cllr Groves

OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

Work on the new Worcestershire Parkway Railway Station is progressing well with external steelworks and glazing nearly finished. We have just released a 'fly through' drone footage video that shows the very first look inside the building. Here is the link to the video: _

<https://youtu.be/I9fm4ThJ2GE>

Later this month, work starts to install the 3 platforms. Following installation of the platforms, work will then concentrate early on paving the car park and the landscaping and planting around the site.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

A Cabinet paper is set to be put to Cabinet members on Thursday 1e(tomorrow) with proposals to widen the scope of services and responsibility transferring into **Worcestershire Children First**.

The rationale behind proposing a wider scope is to strengthen the focus on improving outcomes for children and young people as Worcestershire Children First will have a single focus on children and young people. With a broader scope, this focus will cover the full range of services for children and young people thus supporting a more inclusive and integrated approach. The proposals will be considered by the Council's Cabinet on 15 November.

Ofsted inspectors have found further evidence of improvement in our children social care services. In a letter published by Ofsted, inspectors describe how the quality of support offered to children in care has improved. Inspectors also report how social work practice has got better and that legal processes and care proceedings are being used effectively.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

The Council is supporting the NHS' '**Keep Antibiotics Working**' campaign. Antibiotics are essential to treat serious bacterial infections but they are frequently being used to treat illnesses, such as coughs, earache and sore throats that can get better by themselves. Taking antibiotics encourages harmful bacteria that live inside you to become resistant. That means that antibiotics may not work when you really need them.

For further information on antibiotic resistance visit: [nhs.uk/antibiotics](https://www.nhs.uk/antibiotics)

The celebrations around adult social care at 70 are continuing. In November the Council is partnering with Worcestershire Association of Carers to host a birthday party and to thank carers for the contribution that they make

THE ENVIRONMENT.

The Council's road gritting teams are back in action. Crews have officially been on standby since 15th October. In preparation for the colder months, our six highways depots have been fully stocked with more than 14,000 tonnes of rock salt ready to be spread on the county's roads. The Council's technologically advanced fleet of 30 gritting vehicles all have GPS tracking devices and are equipped with brine sprayers to ensure that the salt sprayed on the county's roads is used to maximum efficiency.

Our highways Twitter account **@WorcsTravel** is now in **#GritterTwitter** mode and gives daily updates on our gritting plans.

Flood risk management in the county has received a £500,000 funding investment from the Government.

Worcestershire is one of 26 Catchment Scale projects in England to be funded by a recent £15m DEFRA allocation for Natural Flood Management (NFM) projects. The project in Worcestershire will focus on three core areas: **Dowles Brook** in the Wyre Forest, **Barbourne Brook** in Worcester City and a cluster of **River Avon** tributaries which includes the **Badsey Brook, Merry Brook** and the **River Isbourne**.

WCC NEWS

The Council has recently announced a Voluntary Redundancy Scheme to make in-year savings to help meet the current financial challenges. All Council staff are entitled to apply although there are a number of exempt roles. Where approved, staff will leave the Council before March 31, 2019.

The Council's **Skills and Investment team** has been awarded £1.4 million from European Structural and Investment Funds to promote apprenticeships in Worcestershire.

For more information visit the [Worcestershire Apprenticeships website](#).

7.2: District Councillors

Verbal report offered but electronic copy not received for inclusion in minutes.

7.3: Report from Village Hall Committee-Cllr Rowley

Baby changing facilities have been put in place in the disabled toilet.

The memorial stone is now in place.

Mrs Val Scott has resigned from the committee after 20 years of Service.

A letter to village hall regular users has been circulated regarding

The Changes to Terms of Hire.

The most Contentious issue being the change to charge for the whole time of a booking and cessation of free half hour clearing up time.

The Booking Secretary has agreed to set up a New Booking system on a new computer purchased by the Village Hall Committee from

Funds donated by Gluttons

Gift of land, i.e. Car Park, Malvern Hill DC have agreed to Keir's Proposal of $\frac{1}{3}$ Tarmac and $\frac{2}{3}$ gravelled. It was expected that 75% of the houses will be occupied by June next year when the car park is due to be handed over.

7.4: Footpath Officers Report

A tree came down over footpath at end of village, this was reported.

7.5: School Representative Report- Cllr Wigglesworth

Nothing to report

7.6: Report from Playscape-Cllr Parker

Nothing to report

7.7. Village Hall Development Committee-Cllr Khan

Still collating all feedback, it has to be decided whether a total rebuild or just an extension to the present village hall, will be speaking to Architects regarding this and getting costings.

8. Update on Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Jenkins

Letters have gone out to parishioners, awaiting feedback.

Public Meeting to be held on 28th November 2018, supported by Andrew Ford – Senior Planning Officer from Wychavon

Cllr Jenkins meeting with David Clark on 20th November, discuss outline plan of action and circumstances where RPC might make grant funding application.

NHPlanning Group would be looking to have a draft of plan for consultation by end 1st quarter of 2019.

9. Finance

1: Payment of Accounts

2: Bank Reconciliation Statement - For information only

10. The following Planning applications were considered for comment

18/01401/HP Branksome, Bransford Road, Rushwick, WR2 5TD

Approved Planning consent

11. Correspondence for Information.

12. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Wigglesworth was asked by Roots if we required the hedge cut Opposite Village Hall. Also did we need help with the grit stored. Yes to both questions.

Cllr Khan asked if the Parish Council would consider a request for financial support to local group of Age UK, Malvern and District?

This will be on the Agenda in December.

Meeting closed at 21:20

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

Mrs Tilling had a concern regarding the frontage of the Keir Site and reported she had made a complaint about presentation of site from roadside re the planting that was in place and litter .

Also that she had attended the SWDP Roadshow in Worcester which was organized to provide people with more information and gather peoples views. Mrs Tilling felt that this event was poorly resourced, explaining that there were no forms available to fill in to offer feedback and little in the way of information to take away.

Mrs Tilling asked if RPC was going to hold a public meeting to raise Parishioners awareness of SWDP Review process and enable public to offer their feedback to RPC. Matter discussed and Cllr Deakin asked to arrange a Public Meeting at Village Hall, in timely manner so as to inform RPC discussions/comments on SWDP Review.

Mr Pomfrett and Ms Griggs spoke to say that they were very concerned regarding speeding through the Village and that the mileage speed signs were not clearly visible. They were worried regarding the school children on the way to/from school. They asked if 20mph sign flashing speed sign (adjacent to railway bridge/Whitehall Crescent) was operational?

Cllr Grove offered to speak with Mr. Pomfrett outside of the meeting to further discuss his concerns.

R Matts was also concerned with speeding and requested better signage.

Further reported growth of weeds etc along footpath on the west side of village that needs cutting back.

Standing orders were reimposed.