

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2019 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: Sharon Baxter (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)
District Councillor Chambers plus 18 parishioners.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Elcock (Work), Cllr Wigglesworth (Holiday) – accepted
County Councillor Grove (Purdah) - received
District Councillor Godwin (Work) - 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.

4. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 13.03.19 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: Matters arising from previous minutes – None
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was presented as per time sheets.
A request was made to ask the Lengthsman to tidy up around the tree stump outside 19 Grange Lane.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
 1. County Councillor – Cllr Grove – No report available
 2. District Councillor – Cllr Chambers
Meetings have progressed to push all work through.
 3. Report from Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rowley
Gift of Land – No date has yet been given for the handover of the car park to the Village Hall.
The Committee is in the process of preparing a Health and Safety statement to comply with legal requirements and then the booking form will need to be updated as will the website.
No one has come forward to take over the Secretary’s role for the Village Hall Committee (required from June 2019), if anyone is interested please contact Abigail Tilling.
 4. Footpath Officers report – Cllr Williams
Cllr Williams has made enquiries with WCC to try and establish who is responsible for the trees/hedges on the public footpath (over the railway bridge between Grange Lane and Christine Avenue). He is awaiting a response.
Cllr Parker to inspect a tree located in Claphill Lane which appears to have died. He will report back.
 5. Report from Playscape – Cllr Parker
Pleased to report there is no litter. The grass has also been cut.
A request has been received from OPT to change the football goal posts for next season which are required to be concreted in the ground. Cllr Parker to progress.
The Playsafety ROSPA inspection has been carried out. The report was reviewed.
 6. School Representative report – Cllr Wigglesworth - No School Report
 7. Village Hall Development Committee -Cllr Khan – Nothing to report.

8. Update on Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Jenkins
The Steering Group are progressing well.
A Housing Needs Assessment is required. Quotes are in the process of being obtained.
Community Consultation is due to take place on 8th May 2019. Questions for the public are currently being devised.

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

10. The following planning application was discussed:-
Planning Application no: 19/00375/OUT
Location: Land at (OS 8163 5361) Bransford Road
Proposal: Erection of up to 42 dwellings together with vehicular/pedestrian access from Bransford Road, Pedestrian/cycle link from Coronation Avenue; Green Infrastructure Including open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage; and other related infrastructure.
Comments: Rushwick Parish Council OBJECTS to this application
Please see comments attached

11. Correspondence for Information – Circulated for information.
Wild Flower Mowing – Clerk had circulated to the Lengthsman and all councillors an email received from WCC requesting that the grass verge NOT to be cut from Bedwardine Close leading to the A440 roundabout as it offers a good opportunity for pollinators and enhances the aesthetic appearance of the area.

12. Councillors’ reports and items for future agendas
Cllr Williams kindly plotted on a map which residents live where in the village.
The Village Clean Up took place and is due to be repeated again later in the year.

Meeting closed at 8.57 pm

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

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A parishioner highlighted problems with speeding along Claphill Lane and construction traffic driving through the village generally. More effort is required to stop this. In the interests of safety more signage is required. He suggested a Traffic Consultation takes place before any further housing developments occur.

Members of the public were oppose to the planning application 19/00375/OUT and were seeking support from The Parish Council.

Objections included:-

1. Traffic increase and speed
2. Sustainability – Bus/cycle
3. Inadequate facilities no shop or doctors surgery
4. Flooding Issues
5. Transport Links – None to Malvern
6. Parking Issues

Parishioners stated this application should not proceed as it was fundamentally flawed. This is supported by a petition containing over 200 signatures.

Standing Orders were reimposed