

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 February 2019 AT 7:30 PM

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

In Attendance:

County Councillor: - Cllr Groves

District Councillors: - Cllr Godwin, Cllr Chambers

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. Williams, Cllr Haywood

2. Declaration of Interests

Members were reminded to update their register of interests

Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary: None

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).

Mrs Tilling presented copy of Petition re proposed Lioncourt Housing  
Development – discussed in Public Question Time to Parish Council

4. Minutes:

The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 09.01.19 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: A report was received and read out for the benefit of  
the meeting.

7. Reports from representatives

1: County Councillor:

Report offered verbally; electronic copy to follow.

2: District Councillors

Report offered verbally; electronic copy to follow.

3: Report from Village Hall Committee-Cllr Rowley

Regarding the new car park, Keir have asked where we would like  
the new barrier be situated, It was decided that it should be at the entrance to the  
new car park rather than at the point of entry to existing car park.

#### Village Hall decoration:

Some minor redecoration of the village hall has taken place, but full redecoration is needed. One quote has been received of £850. A second quote is needed and this is in hand.

#### Food Hygiene Practice.

It seems the Committee has a duty of care to inform users of the requirements. This could be done by way of a Health and Safety Statement which sets out the responsibilities of the Committee and individual users.

This could be included in Booking Conditions.

All users would need to sign to say they had read the statement at the time of booking.

A draft statement will be issued for agreement at the next meeting.

#### Booking Secretary Vacancy:

We still do not have a new Booking Secretary; no one as yet has come forward, Frank Jolley continues to act in post and embed new electronic systems.

Recruitment ongoing.

#### Committee Secretary Vacancy:

Alison Khan informed the meeting that after two years as Secretary, she would be standing down at the AGM. RVHM Committee is seeking a replacement.

Several minor housekeeping items were also dealt with at the meeting.

#### 4: Footpath Officers Report

No report

#### 5: School Representative Report- Cllr Wigglesworth

The Head Teacher and all the staff at Rushwick School are working very hard to maintain high standards. The new English, Maths and Early Years leaders have already made a huge impact on the school. Half term begins on Monday 18th February 2019.

#### 6: Report from Playscape- Cllr Parker

Just the usual litter picking going on. The new gate needs to be installed as a matter of urgency to stop cars parking after hours.

#### 7: Village Hall Development Committee-Cllr Khan

Two firms of architects had given presentations to the Development Committee on their ideas for the village hall. They were Vivid Architects and Glazzard's (who had produced the last feasibility study in 2017). Both firms had experience of working over a long period of time with a village hall committee (in one case over seven years) to design and build a new hall.

Both firms had been provided with the feedback from the surveys that had been

undertaken with villagers.

Vivid were more impressive and had produced some interesting suggestions. Glazzard's had gone no further than reproducing what they had produced for the 2017 exercise.

Arrangements are being made for a third firm (Pinelog) to be seen as well. To get a better understanding of the preference of villagers a further survey would take place to get an idea of priorities using a 1-8 rating system. The Committee agreed that a £25 raffle prize would be offered to those that took part.

8: Update on Parish Neighbourhood Plan- Cllr Jenkins  
Report offered verbally; electronic copy to follow.

9: Finance

- 1: Payment of Accounts were authorised as per schedule
- 2: Bank Reconciliation Statement - For information only
- 3: Agreed budget and precept for 2019/20 – For Information Only
- 4: The budget comparison to December 2018 against budget 2018/19 was reviewed.
5. The Risk Schedule and The model Scheme of Delegation was reviewed and And approved by Committee Vote and signed off.
6. The Asset Register for 2018/19 was reviewed and updated and accepted.

10: Planning

The following Planning applications were considered for comment

Planning application No. 18/01709/HP

137 Christine Avenue, two storey side extension.

NO OBJECTIONS

New street names, reference land at Bransford Road/Hams Way, were discussed and it was agreed that the names of the Key Commanders of both armies from English Civil War Battles of Worcester and Powick would be put forward for consideration.

RPC Cllr's to put forward suggestions and Chairman would respond to MHDC Officer.

11. Proposal to discuss and seek permission to fund Village Events:

It was proposed to hold a 'Tea Party' in honour of Rex and Glenda Montgomery who are leaving the village after 43 years.

Rex had been member of RPC and served as Chair for several years.

They have both been Involved in various village groups and events over the years and stalwart in promoting the Village Hall and developing Playscape.

It was agreed that £350 be allocated for this event.

12. Correspondence for Information.

1. Notification of Tree Preservation Order 629 – Information was circulated

13. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas.

It was agreed that the Village Clean-up will take place on the 30th March 2019 starting at 10.00 am

Meeting closed at 21:30

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

## PUBLIC TIME

Mrs A Tilling thanked the Parish Council for publicising and hosting the Lioncourt Homes Briefing relating to potential development of 140 new homes, on land behind Whitehall Inn, between Claphill Lane and the A4440.

She went on to ask the District Councillors;

- the likelihood of these proposals being successful
- the land identified being included In the SWDP Review and MHDC five year rolling land supply plan.

Councillor Chambers said he could not comment on the proposals.

It was discussed that there were a large amount of sites identified in Review processes 'Call for Sites' and that these sites had to be inspected and considered before approval and this would take time.

Mrs Tilling then presented a Petition to the District Councillors and RPC, signed by 617 Rushwick Residents objecting to the Lioncourt Homes proposed application.

Standing orders were reimposed.