

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Khan, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Rowley & Cllr Haywood

In Attendance: Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Sharon Baxter
County Cllr Grove, District Councillors Walton & Chambers

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Wigglesworth and Williams (Personal) - accepted
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.

<p>The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes. Reports from County/District Councillors were circulated/presented for update.</p>

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 11.09.19 were signed as a true and correct record. The Planning Committee minutes of 04.10.19 are yet to be completed.
5. Progress Reports: No Matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: Updated as per worksheet
7. Reports from representatives: Updates were received:-
 1. Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Rowley
 - The car park still has not been handed over by Kier.
 - Seeking a new Chairperson from April 2020.
 - A request is to be made for £500 for redecoration of the Village Hall.
 2. Footpath Officers report: Cllr Williams – No report available
 3. Report from Playscape: Cllr Parker - No report available.
 - A request is to be made for £2000 for repairs to play equipment. The zip wire requires attention to replace the bark chippings underneath it.
 - a. Update from Working Party - Toddler Playscape: Cllr Jenkins
Cllr Jenkins is analyzing supplier quotations before a recommendation is put forward to the Parish Council.
 4. School Representative report: Cllr Wigglesworth
The school 'Performance Data 2019' was circulated.
Rushwick School's 2019 whole performance data was broadly in line with Worcestershire and national data. Year 6 Writing and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation outcomes were strong. The percentage of pupils in Year achieving greater depth in Reading, Writing and Mathematics was well above the county and national average.
The school has set a planned deficit budget in order to move to one form entry.
There are two new teachers in school, both have settled in well.
Pupil numbers are rising but the school is not full in every age group.
The school was judged as good the July SIAMS Inspection.
 5. Village Hall Development Committee: Cllr Khan – Nothing to report

8. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Jenkins
Cllr Jenkins reported the consultants are currently analyzing the village survey with the objectives to comment on the report, advise on policy and offer some guidance. Clerk to make enquiries to see what grant monies are available for NDP purposes t
Cllr Jenkins outlined proposed timeframes of the NDP process in conjunction with the SWDP proposals.

9. Finance

1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorised.
In addition it was resolved to pay RCA Regeneration £1800.00 (£1500.00 plus £300.00 VAT) for the housing needs survey.
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information
3. Quarterly Budget Monitoring to 30.09.19 – For Information Only
 - £488 for the Village Survey is to be costed against Village Facilities Contingency and not NDP provision.
 - £1200 remaining under the category Election Costs is to be transferred to the category Bike Trail Enhancement. Cllr Jenkins will look into obtaining some costs for enhancing this facility.

10. Planning: A Planning Committee meeting took place on 4th October 2019. No new applications to consider.

An update was presented on the SWDPR 2041 briefing attended by the Cllr Deakin and Cllr Khan outlining

The Governments proposed strategy to deliver 14,000 new dwellings and 295 hectares of employment land by

2041, in which Rushwick could get a new rail halt and up to 1000 dwellings.

11. Update on speeding in the village and action required:-

1. **RESOLVED:** using grant money available from WCC to purchase three sets of 30 mph road roundels to help reduce speeding in the village
2. It was agreed to rotate the VAS sign at three WCC Highways approved locations. These included beneath the school warning sign, adjacent to Whitehall Close, the 30MPH repeater signs on Claphill Lane (opposite 3 Quarter Mile Cottage) and beneath the Upper Wick and Cricket Ground flag signs on Upper Wick junction.
3. It was agreed to investigate the costs of installing white marker gates to the entrance/exit of the village together with identifying size and a suitable location agreed with WCC Highways.

12. Update on use of Social Media: Cllr Khan

An update report will be available next month as work is in progress

13. Correspondence for Information: Circulated by the Clerk

14. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas – None

Meeting closed at 9.22pm

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

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

County Cllr Grove referred to the half marathon 10k race in Worcester and reported on its success and thanked the public for the disruption this had caused.

He also reported on the roadworks on the A38 Bath Road.

The District Councillors highlighted that no firm decision had yet been reached on the proposed rail halt and 1000 new houses, highlighted in the SWDPR as this was subject to public consultation.

Standing Orders were reimposed