

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2024 AT 6.00 PM
AT RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Jenkins (Chair), Cllr Lowe, Cllr Williams and Cllr Haywood.

In Attendance: Sharon Baxter (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer) and District Councillor Peter Whatley

1. Apologies: Cllr Hemsworth (Personal) and Cllr Griffin-Blugher (Personal) - Accepted
2. Declarations of Interest
 1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 2. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None.
 3. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None
3. To Consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of The Localism Act 2011) written requests to be with the clerk prior to the meeting - None

Public Question Time

District Councillor Report – The report was noted.
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4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 12.06.2024 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: The underpass continues to be maintained on a weekly basis. Verges/pavements have been cleared along the Bransford Road and Broadmore Green and the VAS sign has been attended to in Upper Wick.
7. Finance
 1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorised.
This included the deposit to ESP Scotland Ltd of £36,900 for the new play equipment.
 2. The monthly Bank Reconciliation to 15.06.2024 was approved
 3. Budget Monitoring to 30.06.2024 - Reviewed and noted.
8. **RESOLVED:** The NALC Model New Financial Regulation (April 2024), with modifications were adopted.
9. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
 1. Report from Village Hall Committee: Cllr Griffin-Blugher
The British Heart Foundation funding programme is available from October for free replacement of the defibrillator. For its immediate replacement the cost would be £700. The Council agreed to progress with the funding opportunity from the British Heart Foundation. Cllr Griffin-Blugher to progress.
Transfer of Ownership of the Village Hall to the Parish Council - To progress with Quality Solicitors Parkinson Wright
Village Hall Extension - Awaiting costs from the Architect and Planning. Cllr Griffin-Blugher to meet with Kay Poole to further explain amendments to plan to ensure the project is possible within the budget and timeframe available.
 2. Footpath Officers report: Cllr Williams
The boardwalk below Brookfields has been examined by the Public Rights of Way Officer who confirms it all need replacing, and he needs to seek quotations for its repair and then appoint the successful contractor. The timeframe indicated is 4 to 6 weeks.

3. Report of Play Area: Cllr Hemsworth
The contract with ESP Play Limited has been placed. We have received notification that the S106 funding from MHDC is due to be credited into our bank account by the end of this week. Cllr Hemsworth met with a representative from ESP Play Parks on site, for a site survey to be conducted.
4. School Representative report: Position Vacant - No report available
5. Speeding Issues & Crime Prevention Update: Vacant - No report available
 - a. Safer Neighbourhood Team Parish Contract July - September 2024 – Three policing priorities for the upcoming quarter were identified to include: -
 - Illegal/inconsiderate parking outside the school and village hall especially from vehicles from the Kier Housing Development
 - Anti-Social Behaviour at the underpass
 - Reckless driving from the A4440 roundabout and speeding from A4103 to the Village Hall.
10. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Lowe
The plan now needs to be displayed in public places for a statutory period of time for compliance purposes.
11. WCC Highway Issues - Progress Update: Cllr Jenkins
No further response from WCC Highways to report
12. Planning: The following Planning Applications was considered: -

 Planning Application No: M/24/00820/PIP
 Location: Hillcrest, Bromyard Road, Crown East, Worcester, WR2 5TR
 Proposal: Permission in Principle for proposed new build development within the garden of Hillcrest, of up to 3 houses.
 Comments: No objections in principle but we echo the comments made by the Landscape and Footpath Officer.
13. Correspondence for Information: Circulated by the Clerk throughout the month.
14. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas - None

The meeting closed at 6.17 PM.

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No Questions for Public Question Time

District Councillor Peter Whatley

The Electoral Commission issued final plans yesterday for County Council Divisions confirming that Rushwick be encompassed with Alfrick and Malvern Link.

Housing and sustainability are at the forefront under the new Labour Government.