

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2015 AT 7.30 PM
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Grove (arrived 8.30pm) and District Councillors Swinburn.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Wigglesworth (Personal) and Cllr Cook (Work) - Accepted
County Councillor Grove informed the Council he would be arriving later due to his attendance at Upton.
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.

Public Question Time – No questions asked.

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 10th December 2014 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Progress Reports: No matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated. Resolved to rebrand and re-launch the Parish Magazine - To explore printing and colour costs, advertising, invoicing and revamp the newsletter to be produced April/July and November each year for distribution by second Wednesday of each of these months. To trial for one year in the first instance. Work to be carried out by Collette Chappell who is to receive additional remuneration for her efforts.
The large overgrown Leilani tree located in Grange Lane was inspected and it was thought that this tree belonged to the property owner.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was received as per worksheet.
7. Reports from representatives: To receive an update

7.1 County Councillor: Cllr Grove

- Work on the Southern Link Road is causing traffic problems to be kept to a minimum level of disruption
- Savings of £5M (out of £25M) need to be found for Financial Year 2015/16 – Budget meeting to be held on 17.01.15
- The road layby on C2066 Naples is closed between March and September 2015 for resurfacing work.
- New campaign to reduce landfill. £600K pot of money has been allocated to support ‘Love Food Hate Waste’
- A Meeting is to take place on 22.01.15 regarding reducing/enforcing speed limits within the Hallow Division.
- Gritting – Highways now have high tech vehicles to carry out gritting operations. It is envisaged a better service will be provided in future.
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7.2 District Councillor: Cllr Swinburn.

- Pre-hearing for SWDP process is underway. A principle day in respect of the Temple Laugherne Development is 4th/5th March 2015 to be held at Sixways. Since the last examination a new barrister has been appointed.

- Planning Application Stage 2 Bedwardine Close has been passed.
 - Community Engagement – A resource guide is available from the website.
- 7.3 Report from Village Hall Committee: Resolved to donate £500 to Rushwick Village Hall Committee To assist with survey costs for proposed new building works.

(Cllr Deakin and Cllr Bennett declared an Other Disclosable Interest due to being Treasurer and Cllr Bennett married to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and refrained from voting)

- 7.4 Footpath Officers report: Mr. Haslam reported a notice had been placed on the Public Right of Way near the property called The Chimes in Claphill Lane and there was nothing to indicate why. It was suggested this may be in respect of a recently approved planning application. Clerk to make further enquiries.
- 7.5 Report from Playscape: Nothing to report.
- 7.6 School Representative report: Nothing to report.

8. Finance

- 8.1 Payment of accounts as per schedule distributed was authorized.
- 8.2 The budget comparison was reviewed to December 2014 against budget 2014/15.
- 8.3 Agreed budget 2015/16 – For Information only
- 8.4 The Risk Schedule and The Model Scheme of Delegation were reviewed and adopted by The Council.

9. Planning: To consider planning applications received below and prior to this meeting
Planning Application No: 14/01732/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for 2 no. 2 bedroom dwellings including passing place (with all matters reserved except for access).

Location: Land at (Os 8213 5366), Upper Wick Lane, Rushwick, Worcestershire

Comments: Item referred to Planning Committee for comment by 28th January 2015

For Information

Planning Application No: 14/01550/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 2.no. 3 bedroomed detached dwellings

Location: Land adj. Whitehall Inn, Bransford Road, Rushwick, WR2 5TA

Approval – Full Planning Permission

Site at Oak View Cottage, Crown East, Rushwick, Worcester, WR2 5TU

Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J1860/A/14/2226521

Decision: The appeal was dismissed.

10. Update on progress with applications for Expenditure of Section 106 monies – On going

11. Correspondence for Information:

1. Letter from WCC re: complaint Footpath RW524 – County Cllr Grove to investigate and report.
2. Enquiry from Chris Lewis-Farley land ownership of grass verge neighboring 1 Coronation Avenue now established responsibility of WCC
3. Enquiry from Steve Martin concerning renting land located behind scout hut in Crown East for business use – It was established this land did not belong to The Parish Council.
4. Request from Ron Evans to anchor the litter bin into position located by the school. – This is to be referred to the Lengthsman to fix.
5. Request for free IT support – An advert is to be placed in The Parish Magazine to promote this.

12. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Graffiti was reported on the underpass. Cllr Bennett has also reported fly tipping in a gateway entrance on Claphill Lane.

Under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting(s)) Act 1960 - The Council resolved to exclude the public and press from agenda items 13. as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

- 13. Cost of Living Increase – Approved to accept National Pay award negotiated by The National Joint Council and is recommended to all councils which use the local government national conditions of service as the terms and conditions of employment for their employees.

Meeting closed at 9.22pm
Sharon Baxter (Clerk)

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