

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker, Cllr Elcock, Cllr Williams (departed 8pm), Cllr Bennett, Cllr Rowley, Cllr Wigglesworth, and Cllr Haywood.

In Attendance: County Councillor Grove and District Councillor Chambers plus 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: District Councillor Godwin (Personal).
2. Mr Robert Jenkins was co-opted to fill the councillor vacancy and his Declaration of Office duly signed.
3. Declaration of Interests
  1. Members were reminded to update their register of interests.
  2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary: None
  3. Other Disclosable Interests: None
4. 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
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5. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council Meetings stated below, having been previously circulated, were signed as a true and correct record:-
  - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016
  - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
6. Progress Reports: No Matters arising from previous minutes. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.
7. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: An update was received as per worksheet
8. Reports from representatives: The following updates were received:-
  1. County Councillor –The report was noted.  
Council Tax due to increase by 2.94% on a band D property.
  2. District Councillor – Cllr Chambers
    - Site changes are progressing well. It is anticipated staff will move back in in May.
    - Waste Procurement Exercise is concluded to keep in house and to make an adjustment of £250K per year.
    - Parish & Town Conference is to be held on 24.04.17.
  3. Report from Village Hall Committee  
Flag Pole ongoing  
Grant for a boiler ongoing  
Plans for the new extension – ongoing  
Agreed to purchase four small card tables.  
Following a complaint about the cleanliness of the hall to look into appointing a regular cleaner.  
Emergency lighting has been repaired at a cost of £672.00  
The British Heart Foundation is kindly donating a defibrillator machine.  
Monies set aside in the budget for 2017/18 to be used for maintenance/repair costs.
  4. Footpath Officers report  
One complaint had been received from Mr. Love in which his wife experienced problems negotiating a gate. This is receiving attention.
  5. Report from Playscape
    - a. Update on Football Contract – In progress  
The car park is being heavily used as a result of the work to the school extension.

As a result the surface is in poor condition with several pot holes. Cllr Deakin & Parker to look at filling temporarily with some loose aggregate.

6. School Representative report: Report from Cllr Wigglesworth  
Works to the extension started on time. Cllr Wigglesworth confirmed she has been appointed to the 'Building Committee'. There is restricted parking. The verges have been churned up by the construction vehicles which need to be reinstated. The first priority is to remove the trees.
  
9. Finance
  1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized.
  
10. No planning application to consider
  
11. Correspondence for Information – Clerk had circulated information electronically.
  
12. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas  
Cllr Parker resolved the issue concerning a piece of iron protruding a fence in Claphill Lane.

Meeting closed 8.55 pm  
Sharon Baxter  
Clerk

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

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **Abigail Tilling – Bransford Road**

Questioned District Cllr Chambers regarding a start date for the housing development to the side of the Village Hall. He confirmed this will commence as soon as possible.