

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

Present: Cllr Deakin (Chairman), Cllr Parker, Cllr Elcock, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Wigglesworth, Cllr Rowley, Cllr Bennett and Cllr Haywood.

In Attendance: County Cllr Grove, District Councillor Godwin plus 4 parishioners

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Williams (Personal) – accepted  
District Councillor Chambers (Personal) – received
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.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes
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4. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 11.10.17, having been previously circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.  
Matters Arising – None
5. Progress Reports: The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.  
The flag staff has been successfully purchased and installed at the side of the Village Hall.  
Thanks were expressed to Hampshire Flag Company for kindly donating a Union Jack flag.
6. Parish Lengthsman Scheme: Reported as per worksheet.  
A request was made that the gullies located in Upper Wick Lane are inspected and cleared.
7. Reports from representatives: The following updates were received:-
  1. County Councillor – The report was noted.  
Questions included Dualling the Southern Link Road and Children’s Services.
  2. District Councillor Report – Cllr Godwin.
    - Circulated a leaflet MHDC – Working For You
    - Overview & Scrutiny – reported on the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) being a support service with dedicated volunteers. Financial support is required.
    - Central Government is changing the criteria that claimants rent will be paid directly to landlords.
    - Housing for the homeless – Housing Associations have more resources to help with this matter.
    - 5G – Working on the technical aspect to be rolled out nationally in the next 4/5 years.
    - There is to be a meeting with the Minister of the State regarding the proposed listing at the Council House building.
    - Pilot Scheme for Business rates is being monitored.
    - SWDP – Process review 2041
    - History Malvern Radar – Mini historical research centre
    - The number of planning applications has dropped considerably – decline in speculative applications.
    - Increase in the Neighbourhood Plan Applications
    - Malvern Hills Community Awards to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

3. Report from Village Hall Committee (VHC) – Cllr Rowley
  - Gift of Land correspondence is still ongoing.
  - Defibrillator Training has been posted on Rushwick Facebook and advertised in the Parish Newsletter. Please contact Cllr Elcock for further information.
  - Made enquiries concerning funding to purchase a Hearing Loop. She will obtain some prices and liaise with County/District Cllrs to establish if they can help with a grant.
  
4. Footpath Officers report –Cllr Williams – No report available.
  
5. Report from Playscape – Cllr Parker
  - The hedge and brambles have been cut
  - Following report of an unfortunate incident the football goal posts were removed. Sadly this item had been used as a climbing frame. If unrepairable, consideration will be given to purchase a new set.
  - Work to widen the path will be carried out in the near future.
  
6. School Representative report: Cllr Wigglesworth
 

The handover took place on 20th October on schedule although it was rather incomplete on the day as the front of the school had yet to be finished. The contractors have left the site although there are still a few jobs outstanding as well as various snagging tasks.

The school and the contractors worked very well together with respect and consideration. Mr Jeffrey and all his staff have been outstanding. Teaching and maintaining the school's ethos under very difficult circumstances

The school looks very impressive. Once everything is up and running the school will hold an official opening ceremony to celebrate appropriately with the local community.

The KS2 SATS looked a little disappointing for 2017. This was, however, a small cohort with a disproportionate number of complex needs. Indeed when you take out the SATS outcomes for the vulnerable children the figures present a very different picture.

The school is due an Ofsted Inspection soon.

The school budget continues to be very tight and maintaining a viable budget will remain a significant and difficult challenge for the school.

Community Carols will take place at Rushwick School on Monday 11th December at 6.00pm.

8. Finance

1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized.
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information
3. **RESOLVED:** The budget for 2018/19 was set and a precept of £24,500 was agreed upon.

9. The following planning application was reviewed:-

Planning Application No: 17/01394/HP

Location: White Cottage, Grange Lane, Rushwick, WR2 5TG

Proposal: New single storey extension and convert outhouse to additional living accommodation and a new tiled roof over flat roof at rear.

Comments: No Objections

10. To accept contractor quotation to cut an overgrown tree in Grange Lane – Item deferred awaiting third quotation.
  
11. A discussion took place amongst councillors concerning the comments Re: Technical Note Transport Assessment. The Chairman will devise the response and circulate to all councillors prior to submission to Persimmon Homes.

12. Correspondence for Information – Clerk had circulated electronically.  
The Chairman referred to Parish Forum – Further Information which included My Local Area  
The system allows people to search on properties within the district and find a whole range of information with facts and statistics including:
- Details of elected representatives
  - Planning applications and Tree Preservation Orders within a specified radius of a property
  - Nearest hospitals, leisure centres and recycling points
  - Bin collection days and much more
13. Councillors’ reports and items for future agendas  
Cllr Elcock reminded councillors that the Remembrance Service will take place this Sunday at 10.30am.  
The poppy wreath will be laid at the flag pole. Helpers are needed to clear the leaves from the Village Hall car park.

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm  
Sharon Baxter  
Clerk

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

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Abigail Tilling – Please refer to correspondence she circulated.

John Scott - Please refer to correspondence he circulated.  
The Chairman will write to MHDC Enforcement and email the site manager concerning this issue.  
District Cllr Godwin will also make further enquiries regarding what action can be taken.  
Cllr Wigglesworth also highlighted that transport vehicles are still driving through the village to access the site.  
This issue will also be addressed.

Alison – Thanks were expressed for the removal of the brambles on Claphill Lane.