

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM  
IN RUSHWICK VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: Sharon Baxter (Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer), District Councillors Godwin plus 6 parishioners.

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

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| 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 10.01.18
  - Planning Committee Meeting of 18.01.18Having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
5. **Progress Reports:** Matters arising from previous minutes - None  
The action plan was reviewed. The portable VAS Sign is now in operation.
6. **Parish Lengthsman Scheme:** Reported as per worksheet.
7. **Reports from representatives:** To receive an update
  1. County Councillor – No report available
  2. District Councillor - Cllr Godwin
    - Due to have 50 Syrian refugees between now and Christmas 2018 who will be dispersed around the County.
    - Planning Open Access to the Council House
    - MHDC is looking at development land for housing encourage by central government to supply.
    - Compulsory Training took place in respect of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and planning.
    - A Peer Review is due to take place over a 9 week period looking at best practice and processes.
  3. Report from Village Hall Committee – Cllr Rowley  
The hearing loop will be installed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. Thanks were expressed to County Cllr Grove, District Cllr Godwin and also Gluttons for assisting with funding this project.  
Seeking quotes for a garden area at the rear of the Village Hall with the hope that Section 106 monies to fund it.  
Ongoing saga of the car park – A letter will be sent to reply to an email from Simon Rowles setting out precisely what the Village Hall Committee would like to happen. This includes the area to be fully tarmacked, finishing edging stones surrounding the site, barrier/gate and laid out parking spaces along both sides of the car park.  
The Supporters Club is down on subscriptions for 2018. Therefore, the monthly prize will be £25 first prize with £15 second.

Finally, Cllr Elcock has resigned as Chairman of the Committee due to work commitments. Mrs Tilling has agreed to take over this role.

4. Footpath Officers report – Nothing to report.
5. Report from Playscape – Bark chippings are due to be replenished under the zip wire. The Annual Playsafety Inspection is due to be carried out in March.
6. School Representative report – A few snagging problems are due to be resolved over the February Half Term. An official Grand Opening is planned to take place in the future.

8. **Finance**

1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorised.
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information

9. **The following planning applications were discussed with comments:-**

Planning Application No: 18/00068/HP  
Location: 5 Callows Orchard, Rushwick, WR2 5GU  
Proposal: Single storey rear extension  
Comments: No Objections

Planning Application No: 16/01700/FUL  
Location: Land at Bransford Road (Kier Living)  
Proposal: Discharge of Condition 20 – Construction Environment Plan  
Condition 24 – Access for occupation  
Condition 26 – Alteration to Bransford Road  
Condition 27 – Travel Plan  
Condition 33 – External lighting  
Condition 34 – Extension to the Village Hall Car Park  
Comments:

Rushwick Parish Council (RPC) restricts its comments at this time to;  
CONDITION 33 - EXTERNAL LIGHTING  
CONDITION 34 – EXTENSION TO THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

CONDITION 33 – External Lighting

There are no street lights in Rushwick and no street lighting of any type agreed for this development. With regard to provision of external house lights for individual properties RPC would require the developer to ensure that these are PIR controlled and have a 5 minute timer function. RPC notes that ‘Pagoda’ lights proposed do have these specifications but would observe that some lights already fitted to properties appear dysfunctional. RPC has received Parishioner reports that lights have been on all night, which would appear to breach approved scheme agreements for the development.

CONDITION 34 – Extension to the Village Hall Car Park

RPC fully supports Rushwick Village Hall Management Committee comments on this issue.

Planning permission states;

The extension to the Rushwick Village Hall car park shall be provided, in accordance with construction details that have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local planning Authority, before any of the dwellings hereby approved are first brought into use, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The District Council identified the provision of an extension to Rushwick Village Hall car park as a community benefit to be secured as part of the development proposal.

Schedule 6 of the 106 agreement as Clause 2a states ‘the Owner will set out the Village Hall Land as an extension to the existing car park’, we have always been led to believe that this car park extension would be fully finished to

match the existing car park, which is finished to tarmac.

This stated obligation, as outlined and promised by Greenlight Developments and supported by MHDC Planning Officers under planning to;

*‘provide a fully finished, surfaced and bounded car park to Rushwick Village Hall at no cost to it or The Parish’*

RPC would thank Kier Living for their proposal but believes it doesn't comply with relevant planning conditions or Schedule 6 of the 106 agreement as Clause 2a which states the Owner will set out the Village Hall Land as an extension to the existing car park which implies all of the gifted land not a portion of it. This has always been our understanding of the requirement and would request that they comply with this intention without any further delay. RPC believed this matter was to be formally discussed by all parties before being agreed?

RPC has served notice of acceptance to MHDC and stands ready to accept transfer of gift of land once the Owner has met their obligation to set out the Village Hall Land as a car park.

Planning Application 18/00037/FUL

Location: School House, Crown East, Worcester, WR2 5TU

Proposal: Conversion of light industrial unit and attached dwelling to form 1 dwelling house

And alterations of existing curtilage boundaries to form new gardens, triple garage and construction of new access

Comments: The Parish Council has no objections to this application. It is a very sympathetic use of the building and an appropriate and worthwhile approach.

Application Ref: 17/000036/REG3

Applicant: Worcestershire County Council

Proposal: Worcester Southern Link Road Phase 4 (Further Information)

No further comment to make

#### **For Information Only**

Application No: 17/01193/FUL

Location: The Gardens, Bransford Road, Rushwick, WR2 5TA

Proposal: Erection of 96 dwellings, the formation of a new vehicular access onto Bransford Road ....

Application Approved

MHDC Tree Preservation Order number 610 (2018) – Two Ways, Rushwick

Tree Preservation Order made 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

10. Proposal to purchase and install a litter bin on the railway bridge – **ITEM WITHDRAWN**  
(Subject to agreement MHDC will empty it)
11. Request to consider Village Shop/Post Office – To contact the Plunkett Foundation to check the feasibility of this community project.
12. To Discuss Devising a Parish Neighbourhood Plan.  
Without a Neighbourhood Plan comments submitted in respect of planning applications are not given any Statute Provision. We need to consider the extent of the work involved, the cost element and funding availability.  
In the first instance to contact Kirkwells, Community First and NALC to arrange an invitation to a separate meeting to update us further.
13. Correspondence for Information - Clerk has circulated electronically to all Councillors.
14. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas:  
Cllr Elcock advised that new kerbs/paths had been tidied up in Orchard Close by WCC.  
Cllr Haywood confirmed she had reported a pot hole to be repaired located in Christine Avenue.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

**Abigail Tilling** – Please refer to correspondence circulated.

Mrs Tilling referred to Kier Building Site and External Lighting. She also highlighted the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Requested support from the Parish Council in respect of planning application 18/00037/FUL.

**Mr Spencer**

Seeking Parish Council support in respect of planning application No: 18/00037/FUL