

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2018 AT 7:30 PM**

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

In Attendance:

District Councillor: Cllr. Chambers

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr.Williams, County Councillor Groves
District Councillor Godwin
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): Cllr.Khan requested
A dispensation ref: item 10.
(The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which appended to these minutes).
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 14/10/2018 having 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 and updated.
6. **Parish Lengthsman Scheme:**
No Report, but Billhas agreed to be re-instated as
as Lengthsman.
7. **Reports from representatives**
 - 1: County Councillor:
No report
 - 2: District Councillors
Free parking will be implemented in some areas over the
Christmas Period.
A £30K 1 off emergency fund has been arranged for Universal
Credit towards Food Bank.....

With regard to bus cuts, these will remain in place, but an extra 15K per annum will go towards Community Transport. The

Council may look at it again in the future after they see how it goes.

No further news on the 5 year plan, will probably look at it again after the Election in May.

3: Report from Village Hall Committee-Cllr Rowley

Re. gift of land (Keir) it has been confirmed by Anna Priestly from M.H.D.C. that the approved plan for the boundary will be a hedgerow.

An email has been received from Keir Homes stating that as a Gesture Of goodwill, they are willing to work with the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee to see whether it can be agreed on the Installation of a suitable unpowered entrance barrier to the car park.

The footpath works are scheduled to commence in the New Year. The Committee are still awaiting confirmation as to when the land will be handed over, it was supposed to be in June 2019, but currently 21 of the houses are still to be sold.

Report from the Development Committee states that all feedback has been collated and four Architects have been approached to work with the Development Committee to produce plans for an Updated Village Hall

A question has been raised regarding food safety in the V.H. Apparently some new legislation from the EU is now in force and we Have to find out whether we comply with the new regulations. A Committee Member will be contacting MHDS to see if they can throw Some light on the matter.

4: Footpath Officers Report

No Report.....???????

5: School Representative Report- Cllr Wigglesworth

After the disappointing Ofsted Report, Mr Jeffrey and the Staff have worked extremely hard to put new policies in place. We have excellent Senior Leaders in both Math and English and Early Years which is making a huge difference already.

The new Library flooded yet again last week, although some snagging has taken place.

All Governors have had Safeguarding and Prevent training. KS1 presented a brilliant Nativity Play called 'Hey Ewe'. It was wonderful seeing more than forty children participating to enthusiastically.

6: Report from Playscape-Cllr Parker

More vandalism has been reported, some benches have been smashed. It is now essential to get the gate back on.

7: Village Hall Development Committee

See item 3

8. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan

We held the first public meeting on 28th November 2018 which was a success with about 40 people attending and 12 of those indicating they would be willing in the development of the plan. The feedback from the meeting will be summarised in the next couple of weeks and distributed for your information

Overall the draft vision and objectives were generally accepted by the participants as a good foundation to start development of the plan. These are

Vision

To maintain and enhance the rural character of Rushwick Parish whilst allowing sustainable development that is line with the needs and wishes of the community.

Objectives

Maintaining the character of Rushwick

Commitment to landscape, nature conservation and protection of the local green open spaces, and Develop a sustainable community by encouraging a mix of appropriate village uses to support and enhance the vibrancy of the village

The next actions are

No	Action	Completion	Comments/status
1	Request housing needs study from MHD	14 Dec	
2	Arrange a meeting in early January to meet potential aides and establish steering and working groups	Jan 2019	

3	Contact and meet village organisations and businesses: scope of initial meetings and information required	Feb 2019	
4	Identify source and scope of evidence in public domain and start to assemble data	Just started	Completion tbc
5	Consider and agree an initial assessment what external help we may require	Ongoing	Completion tbc
6	Investigate process for obtaining grants and any other funding and initial estimate of funding that may be required	Ongoing	
7	Establish electronic shared filing system	tbc	Requires PC funds
8	Organise external communication process and format	tbc	Requires PC funds
9	Commence formulation of questionnaire		To start Jan 2019

The Parish Council was informed that a Website is needed. It was agreed that £2k will be put aside to be used as and when needed

9. Finance

- 1: Payment of Accounts
- 2: Bank Reconciliation Statement - For information only

10. A cheque for £250 was agreed to be sent to Age Concern, Malvern Branch

11. The following Planning applications were considered for Comment

No plans

11. **Correspondence for Information.**

12. **Councillors' reports and items for future agendas**

Meeting closed at 21:25

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A Mr Rob Moseley (a Cycling Coach) is looking at cycle tracks in the Malvern Area, and wondered If the Parish Council would be interested developing the Cycle Track situated in Playscape. He would be involved in getting funding for the track and said there is a great need for such a track in this area. The Council agreed that it would be put on the next Agenda for discussion.

Rob Matts Wanted to know what was being done about speeding in the village.

Standing orders were reimposed.

