

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
RUSHWICK PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY AT 7:30 PM**

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. Elcock, County Councillor Groves
District Councillors Chambers and 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): None received

(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 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

7 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

2: District Councillors

No Report

3: Report from Village Hall Committee-Cllr Rowley

No report

4 Footpath Officers Report

Reported that a tree had fallen down by River Teme - Moved to side but needs to be cut up and removed.

5: School Representative Report- Cllr Wigglesworth

No report.

6: Report from Playscape-Cllr Parker

Reported littering was a big problem at play area, still having to pick up lots of rubbish that has been left both on the field and in car park
(i.e. alcohol cans and bottles, food bags and wrappers, dog fouling)

7: Village Hall Development Committee

Meeting has been arranged to take place on 17th January 2019 and will meet with Architects on the 24th January 2019.

8. Update on the Parish Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting has to be arranged.

9. Finance

- 1: To Authorize Payment of Accounts
- 2: Bank Reconciliation Statement - For information only
- 3: To agree budget and Precept for 2019/20

2019/2020 Budget was agreed

Meeting Resolved to request drawdown precept of £26,070.00 from MHDC.

This is an uplift of 1.7% over last year

Prop: Cllr Deakin

Sec: Cllr Jenkins

Vote: Unanimous

It was also agreed that £500 be set aside for the Pump Track

Further to use £2500 from Reserves for NDP Provision

10. The following Planning applications were considered for Comment

Planning application No. 18/01774/Ful

From discussion held and issues raised by Councillors the Chairman was to compile RPC response, circulate to all Councillors and submit to MHDC Planning Dept.

11. Correspondence for Information.

None

12. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Meeting closed at 21-45

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was a briefing from P R Consultants on behalf of Lioncourt Homes (LCH) who are seeking to promote

120/130 New homes between Claphill Lane and the A4440.

Lioncourt are based in Worcester, have been trading for five years and build in the region of 300 houses per year.

It was explained that LCH were responding to Malvern Hills District Council's request for new sites in the current SWDP Review process and MHDC 5 year rolling land supply programme for house building.

Further that they had an agreement with the land owner to promote the site for house building, which they hoped would be included within the SWDP Review or could go forward as a speculative application.

LCH would like Rushwick Parishioners to be involved as to what they would expect from the build and any feedback would be appreciated, to see if it could be incorporated within the plan; e.g. house styles/design and types, community green space and play provision, commercial units, start up offices, live/work units.

With regard to infrastructure, they would look to see if a better bus service could be put in place and maybe a new Doctor's Surgery.

They reiterated that the site will have little impact on the village as it will be partly hidden behind the Whitehall Public House, sits down in a low area and with the entrance to the site being situated along Claphill Lane is not on main route through the village.

There will be a formal Public Consultation on the 8th February 2019 in the Village Hall where they hope to gather feedback about their proposals.

Parishioners Questions

Most were worried about this large amount of extra homes being built in the village.

The general consensus of opinion reflected that:-

The Village has had more than its fair share of new homes built within its environs already.

Was there really a need for more as sites within the Village as current developers seemed to be having difficulty selling the new homes already built.

This issue would be exacerbated when considering 900 new homes to be built in West Worcester Development Area.

Other points raised were:

Potential drainage problems with the site affecting houses on Bransford Road

Claphill Lane is very narrow giving rise to road safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle users

General infrastructure issues;

Dangerous junction at end of Claphill Lane with Hereford Road

Increased traffic on the bypass

Greater congestion than on all routes

Poor bus services

No cycle lanes

No footpaths

The overall feeling was that the New Build is not wanted and is not necessary.

The Parish Council will Display information regarding this potential build before the Lioncourt Consultation so they will have their questions/queries ready. (Info to be provided by LCH)

Standing orders were reimposed.

1: County Councillor Groves Report:

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

As part of the Council's Town and City improvements programme, The Shambles and Church Street in Worcester are set for a makeover. The scheme is being delivered in partnership with Worcester City Council who are jointly funding the project. Included in the scheme are plans to widen footpaths, introduce segregated loading bays, remove obstructions, plant street trees and carry out other updates to improve the overall look and feel of the two streets. You can find out