

ROUS LENCH PARISH COUNCIL.

**Draft minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25th July 2016 at 7.30 pm
in Rous Lench Village Hall.**

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. White, Mr. Dudley, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wicks, Mr. Browne and Mr. Hughes. In attendance: Mrs. N Holland (Clerk), County Cllr. Mr. Holt, Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel, Mr. Wilkinson, David Manning, Rural Communities Manager, Wychavon District Council and 1 parishioner.
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16/16	Apologies: Nil.
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17/16	Declarations of Interest: None declared
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18/16	Dispensations: Nil received.
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19/16	<p>Presentation on the Rural Communities Programme by David Manning, Programme Manager, Wychavon District Council. The programme started at Wychavon District Council and has now been implemented at Malvern Hills District Council. The idea is to work with Parish Councils and Community Groups to help with the ageing population to assist people to remain independent and stay in the community. The project aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) To support vulnerable individuals and communities in Rural Wychavon including older people and the socially isolated.b) To implement a model for strong rural communities by developing existing networks and establishing community champions.c) To focus on building community capacity, thereby enabling professionals to refer into community groups.d) To maximise uptake and impact of existing public, voluntary and community services in rural areas whilst not increasing reliance on them. <p>This is done by:</p> <p><u>Door knock</u> – finding out if services are being used and what is available i.e. Age UK, Rural Housing Association, Fire Authority, Care Associations etc. An information questionnaire is completed. Across the community 450 referrals have been made.</p> <p><u>Information</u> – once the information is collated it is fed back to the Parish Council and key issues highlighted that affect the community i.e. transport problems, Lunch Club etc. The report is anonymous.</p> <p>If the Parish Council decides to join the scheme a Community Folder is given for access in a community area giving details of current services available. It is requested that one of the members acts as a representative for the two parties.</p>
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20/16	Co-option: no applications received. Post to be re-advertised.
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21/16	<p>County, District Cllr. and Police reports:</p> <p><u>County Cllr. Mr. Holt:</u> County Cllr. Mr. Holt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Unemployment figures continue to fall with number of claimants down by 250 since May 2015.b) Worcestershire Parkway Station – County Council now owns all land needed for construction of the site. Four companies have been invited to bid for the contract. Work should start early 2017 with completion March 2018.c) With a new leader in place there has been a reshuffle in cabinet positions. Full details can be seen on the County Council website.d) Anthony Hopkins will be the Conservative candidate for next May Elections in the Inkberrow Ward.
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	<p>e) The County Council has allocated £12 million to its budget for highways maintenance over the next 2 years, known as the 'Driving Home Scheme'. If members feel that any roads in the Rous Lench and Radford areas need attention please let Cllr. Holt know. <u>Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel:</u></p> <p>f) Police and Rural Crime Commissioner invited to attend a meeting to answer questions from members over concerns of services to the rural areas. <u>Dist.Cllr. Mr. Wilkinson:</u></p> <p>g) Advised members to be aware of the South Worcestershire Development Plan boundaries as these will be a key factor in determining planning applications.</p>
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Public Question time: meeting suspended at 19.55, reconvening at 20.00, notes appended to these minutes.

22/16	Minutes: resolved to adopt the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 23.05.16 and Planning meetings held on 07.06.16 and 13.06.16, duly signed by the Chairman.
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23/16	<p>Clerk's report: <u>New Homes Bonus</u> – currently available £1488. <u>Clean, green and safe places event for parish councils</u> on Thursday, 15 September at the Civic Centre in Pershore. Refreshments will be available from 5.30pm. Cllrs. Mrs. Davis and Mr. Browne to attend. <u>Briefing session on “Dealing with development proposals beyond SWDP2 development boundaries”</u> to be held on Thursday 28 July 2016 at The Court Room, Guildhall, Worcester. Please arrive at 6.15pm. The presentation will start at 6.30pm to be followed by a question and answer session to finish at 7.30pm. <u>Lenches Sports & Recreation Club</u> – letter received thanking the Parish Council for the grant towards improvement to container security.</p>
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24/16	Financial matters.
24.1	Resolved to transfer £10 from contingency budget heading to subscriptions.
24.2	Resolved to authorise payments as listed; summary of accounts and bank reconciliation to 07.06.16 agreed. (Appendix 1)

25/16	<p>Reports from representatives: a) Village Hall – nil to report.</p>
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26/16	<p>Planning. Correspondence received from the Planning Authority duly noted: a) W/16/01185/PP – Oakwood, The Green, Rous Lench. Permission granted with 13 conditions/reasons. b) W/16/00573/CU – Grove Farm Land, Mill Lane, Radford. Permission granted with 10 conditions/reasons.</p>
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27/16	Parish Cllrs. report and items for future agendas: Update on land issue Alcester Road; Footpath sign, Little Lane.
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28/16	<p>Resolved to exclude the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items: a) Personnel issues relating to the NALC recommended salary award. Resolved that the salary recommendation increase from April 2016 and April 2017 be awarded.</p>
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Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Public Question time – 1 parishioner in attendance.

Planning Application no: W/16/00567 – concerns raised over change of application to offices.

Planning application W/16/00433 – Cllr. reported that 2 residents have raised concerns over bright external lighting over this site and cars parking on the highway and in the Severn Trent parking area.

Correspondence circulated to members.

1.	Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2016.
2.	Worcestershire Road works weekly report.
3.	Weekly CALC Updates.
4.	Wychavon District Council is proposing to adopt a Policy and Guidelines in relation to its licensing responsibilities under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013. The provision of a policy and guidelines aims to provide residents, applicants and other agencies with a benchmark of the licensing authority's expectations and will assist them in understanding statutory requirements. Please email comments to wrsenquiries@worscsregservices.gov.uk Consultation will remain open until 30 September 2016. Emailed to members 18.07.16.
5.	Clean, green and safe places event for parish councils on Thursday, 15 September at the Civic Centre in Pershore.
6.	Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils AGM June 2016: Minutes of Previous Meeting: Constitution for information circulated to members 24 th May 2016.

Appendix 1 Minute No: 24.2

Payments authorised for payment July 2016.

V No.	REASON	INCOME	PAYMENT	VAT
R16-2	HMRC – VAT payment.	77.42		N/A
P16-11	Admin salary		335.95	N/A
P16-12	Lengthsman		412.50	N/A
TOTAL		77.42	748.45	