

**Rushall Parish Council.**

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

**7.30pm, St Matthew's Church, Rushall.**

*Attendees:*

Mrs. Caroline Larken (Chairperson)  
Mr. Colin Gale  
Dr. Richard Tilbury  
Mrs Lorraine Wornes  
Mr Paul Oatway

**1. Apologies:**

Mrs Claire Ridge  
Mr John Rogers

**Action**

**2. Minutes of PC Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Minutes acceptance proposed by CG with the minor corrections identified and seconded by RT, all agreed. Minutes signed by CL.

**3. Declaration of interest.**

None.

**4. Correspondence.**

All circulated

- Email about getting ready for winter. All have received it.
- Colin wanted to draw attention of the committee to PCAP on various projects
- A working group meeting was held on 20 November 19 about the precept and to which this has been explored in detail and agreed

**5. Matters arising from minute's 24<sup>th</sup> July meeting.**

Defibrillator – John to mark the cabinet number – outstanding

JR

Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership payment is outstanding – Claire to complete

CR

Article on the work of the parish council and to celebrate achievements of the work of the council, PR about how to contact and alert the community to the roles of the councillors – Lorraine to complete this and share with Colin to add to the next newsletter

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<p><b>6. Budget/Precept/Annual Audit.</b>  Current balance £11,140.17 with everything paid</p> <p><b>Deductions Due:</b>  <b>Claire to check Community First membership – hasn't been taken from our account.</b>  <b>Clerk Salary next due in February 2020</b>  <b>Village Hall use £22 for last use</b></p> <p><b>Precept:</b>  <b>Following a working group meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November , a precept application was agreed. Please see attached documentation. ( CR to attach file)</b></p> <p><b>Rushall Model Financial Regulations corrected and completed</b>  <b>Committee members wanted to commend Colin for the work he has done on this – thank you .</b></p>	<p>CR</p>
<p><b>7. Police Report</b></p> <p>From 30<sup>th</sup> August</p> <p>I have pleasure announcing the publication of my latest annual report and for the first time the report includes an additional public summary of Wiltshire Police's year – the Force Management Statement.</p> <p><a href="https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/article/1844/Annual-report">https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/article/1844/Annual-report</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/4911/Force-Management-Statement-2019-">https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/4911/Force-Management-Statement-2019-</a></p> <p>I am pleased to say it's been another busy and successful 12 months for my office and the Force.</p> <p>Amongst the good news stories highlighted in this annual review are the following:</p> <p>On-going campaigns, including the Op Sceptre knife amnesty last year, has helped drive down</p>	

knife crime - dropping by 18 per cent in Wiltshire.

Good progress is being made on replacements for Marlborough and Warminster police stations and the refurbishment of Royal Wootton Bassett which is due to start in the autumn.

My continued investment in our police to combat the ever growing threat of cybercrime.

It never ceases to amaze me how well our small force punches above its weight – dealing with such massive incidents like the Salisbury nerve agent attack as well as responding to an increased local demand year on year.

Counter terrorism, knife crime, dangerous drug networks, modern day slavery and sexual exploitation are emerging national threats which land at our local door too.

It's even more incredible that the police tackle all of this on a very tight budget after years of under-funding from the government.

We face the same complex range of threats that bigger and better-funded forces face; a good example of this is when the Home Secretary announced in March that a selection of police forces were to receive a proportion of £100m set aside to tackle serious violence.

We saw none of that money despite us being affected by Organised Criminal Gangs and their County Lines dealings. Our county is at the receiving end of County Lines with gangs coming in to exploit the vulnerable and deal drugs.

The formula which allocates funds to me by central government needs reforming - we have been historically under-funded and the people of Wiltshire and Swindon deserve a better and fairer deal.

The Prime Minister's recent announcement for 20,000 more police officers is of course welcomed and I look forward to seeing how that will look for our force.

However, I hope after reading both reports you will agree that Wiltshire Police deserves more financial recognition and support from the government.



<p>CG: there has been more theft – in Devizes on the church roof taking lead – those stealing were caught in the act. No issues to report in Rushall – although we need to be vigilant about our St Matthews church in light of the thefts of lead from churches in the local community</p>	
<p><b>13. Newsletter</b></p> <p>CG – winter newsletter agreed poster of the defibrillator to be added to the newsletter to alert again where it is located and managed by South West Ambulance Trust</p>	
<p><b>14. Website</b></p> <p>CR- updated website 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Will continue to try and update it weekly.</p>	CR
<p><b>15. Safe Pedestrian Access Scheme</b></p> <p>CG: see item 11 above</p>	
<p><b>16. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Tree Guard and WW1 trees - another guard is needed for the additional tree to be planted plus a replacement tree for the one that has died.</li> <li>b) Bench and Tree Donation – May 16<sup>th</sup> for tree nominating a place in the village for this and the bench donated by the 3 men from Rushall who went to school here and want to celebrate their 70 year friendship – they are planning a party – details to follow</li> <li>c) Highways – acknowledge ongoing cuts will have an impact to the council and asset transfers are taking place in Pewsey, Salisbury and Devizes where local parishes will be taking over more responsibility for parks and playing fields etc</li> <li>d) Community Emergency Plan – no need for discussion on this</li> <li>e) Health and Wellbeing – to take off today</li> <li>f) BKV ( Best Kept Village ) awards will be located in the Village Hall</li> <li>g) Data Protection – nothing to update</li> <li>h) Speeding Petition – waiting for freight decisions</li> <li>i) SID – it has arrived and is in North Newnton</li> <li>j) Defibrillator – as discussed above</li> <li>k) Bulb planting – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec date for diary and we will be in a position to go with spades 10.30 am and dig in bulbs – suggestion of the school on the corner where there is a lot of green space</li> <li>l) Tourism Board – CG had brought two tourism boards to the meeting in order to discuss the potential of a tourism board for Rushall to be located at the stocks. This would answer a previous BKV comment that the parish were not making the most of the stocks area. CG identified the history text and potential pictures for the board. All were in agreement.</li> <li>m) CG raised the annual donation of £50 to the church towards the Christmas Tree. CL identified that a similar offer should be made available to the VH. CG stated that this was a long standing position but in recent years the VH had not taken up the offer. CG proposed and CL seconded and was agreed that upto £50 donations should be available to both the church and VH towards the cost of Christmas trees as it was agreed that this was for the benefit of the whole community.</li> </ul>	CR

**17. Dates of next meetings:**

Thursday, February 27th - 7.30pm  
Thursday, May 28th - 7.30pm  
Thursday, July 30th - 7.30pm  
Thursday November 26th - 7.30pm

**Meeting concluded at 8.30pm**

**Signed:**