

RUSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16th July 2020, Rushall Manor, 6.00pm

1. Apologies for absence.

None

2. Minutes of Last Parish Council Annual General Meeting held 23rd May 2019. To be signed by CL

3. Declarations of interest.

None

4. Public Participation:

Those wishing to ask questions in relation to an item on this agenda are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the Parish Clerk no later than 5pm Thursday 9 July 2020 in order to be guaranteed of a written response. In order to receive a verbal response questions must be submitted no later than 5pm Monday 13 July 2020. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further advice. Details of any questions received will be circulated to Council members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

None

5. Parish Council's Annual Review.

RUSHALL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REVIEW 2019-2020

By Caroline Larken

Introduction

This year has seen Rushall winning 2 awards. We received this year 3rd in Wiltshire small Village class and 1st in the Kennet District round small village class..

PC Meetings

Four scheduled meetings took place and the AGM. Project working group meetings were held to review the precept and planning.

Pewsey Area Board

Councillors Colin Gale and John Rogers continue to regularly represent Rushall at PAB's bimonthly meetings. CG also sits on the Community Area Transport Group (CATG), Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) while JR is on the Campus Group.

Village Events

Many regular events were held again including the Flower and Produce Show, monthly Bingo, Coffee Mornings and Community Café. St Matthew's Church continued to hold weekly services and the usual seasonal activities, There was a Harvest Festival lunch followed by the Harvest Festival Service. VH held a Craft Fair, Christmas lunch on 2 dates one for families and one for adults. The Village Hall committee has changed and Clive Tillitson has become Chair.

The Village took part in the Spring Clean

People

The population of the village is now 170 including 45 children (9 attend Rushall School.) Sadly we had 2 deaths Mary Hilton and Isobel Noyes.

All the Councillors remain on the PC.

Planning Applications/ Planning Issues

Whistle Down Upavon – there have been several revised applications and demolition work has started

The Rectory has asked for a dormer window which was approved

Awaiting bollards around school area.

The extension of the footpath from Church Lane to the bus stop was approved

Policing

Regular Police reports were received at PC meetings

Communications

Colin Gale has produced 2 editions of the Rushall Parish News.

Claire Ridge maintains the Rushall website and notice board at the Village Hall.

Precept

The Precept was increased by 14.38%

Rushall School has 100 students and The Organic Forest Kindergarten , won the National award for best outdoor learning environment in January has 33 children

Donations were made to PCAP and Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership.

Best Kept Village Competition

As identified in the introduction Rushall was very successful in BKV with 3rd in the Wiltshire round and 1st in the Kennet round.

Due to COVID 19 the Best Kept Village comp has been cancelled for 2019/20.

CATG

Colin Gale has been actively progressing the following Rushall issues at CATG:

Footpath–

1. CATG announced that Rushall had been successful in its bid for substantive funds for the next phase of the footpath. Work will not start until the next financial year.

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

The team led by John Rogers meet regularly one week in 3. The other team members are Colin Gale, Richard Tilbury, and Caroline Larken. Colin Gale is the co-ordinator for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) that is rotated between 7 parishes we have now bought a second SID also to be shared. Rushall had the old SID for 3 x 2 week periods during the year and had the new SID for 2 x 2 week periods.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator remains in the telephone kiosk and is maintained.

Acknowledgements

The Chairman would like to thank her fellow councillors, and our Clerk, Claire Ridge for all their hard work throughout the year. I would also like to thank our Wiltshire Councillor Paul Oatway for his help and advice. Its villagers make the village and I would like to thank them for their support at various events.

Caroline Larken

Chairman Rushall Parish Council

May 2020

6. Declaration of new Councillors and co-opting of an additional Councillor.
RPC will look for a new councillor. JR has approached Nigel Carston

7. Election of Chairman to Parish Council. RT -proposed election of Colin, second by JR and CL.

8. Questions from the floor.

9. Dates of next Annual General Meeting. Thursday May 27th – 7.30pm