

Rushall Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 7th December 2023

7.30pm, Rushall Village Hall

Attendees:

Mr. Colin Gale (Chairperson) (CG)
Dr. Richard Tilbury (RT)
Mr. John Rogers (JR)
Mr. Iain Goodfellow (IG)
Mrs. Claire Ridge (CR)

Mr Adrian Clark (AC)

1. Apologies:

Nigel Carson.

Action

2. Minutes of PC Meeting 18th July 2023

Minutes acceptance proposed by JR, second by RT.

3. Declaration of interest

None

4. Correspondence

- Email from J. Winskill re: Police Mannequin which has been placed overlooking the road to assist traffic calming.
- BBC Wiltshire Radio contacted JR and CG to discuss the village mannequin. CG passed Mr. Winskill's details.
- Area Board - Highways requested that issues should be raised. CG submitted RPC issues but has had no response.
- The Local Plan is out for consultation. Separate document covering 76 large villages, not clear if it was part of the local plan. Some of the local village information took into account the additional housing. Upavon's quota is zero. CG submitted a response from RPC mainly covering freight management and transport conflicts.
- River House bank retention. It has been completed.

<p>5. Matters arising from Minutes of 18th July 2023</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>6. Budget/Precept/Annual Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance: £19,576.86 • Budget/Further invoices: Footpath: £5,500 Topography survey £2,500 BT Survey for utility lines: £1,500 Election Costs - £82.50 Clerk Salary – February to May 2024 £459.30 • Precept: 75.79 revised tax base. CG has updated the budget matrix (see attached). JR proposes acceptance of the PC Annual Budget, seconded by RT. 	
<p>7. Police Report</p> <p>Correspondence from local police, dated 23rd October 2023. Chris Wickham has introduced two mobile police units. The units are moved regularly to Swindon and Salisbury so unlikely we will see them in the Pewsey Area. From 1st July to 30th September there has only been one vehicle theft in the Pewsey area. Police have been to Rushall on four occasions regarding speed awareness.</p> <p>Catherine Roper distributed a letter recognising that the rural areas need neighbourhood policing. The Police and Crime Commissioner has given her permission to purchase two new neighbourhood police cars, this will increase the number of vehicles from two to four.</p> <p>Reports can now be viewed on-line.</p> <p>Wiltshire PCC home (wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)</p>	
<p>8. Planning Applications Considered</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>9. Village Hall Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG - the village hall are running regular events. Events have been mapped out for 2024 such as beetle drives, bingo evenings and curry nights. Overall the committee are doing very well. Saturday Coffee mornings are very busy. • IG asked about funding for a table tennis set. May entice younger people to use the hall. JR is not aware of any plans. The village hall will be able to raise money with Pewsey Area board if they wished to. IG will take this further with the village hall. 	<p>IG</p>
<p>10. Community Speed Watch</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IG – IG has taken the lead on Community Speed Watch. IG asked JR how to transfer the responsibility officially with the Police. JR has notified his POC (Mr. R. Foukes) and will chase up a response. IG needs access to the paperwork – IG will also write to Mr. Foukes and explain there are new members that will need training. • IG and CG received refresher training on 7th December, JR and RT will be trained on the weekend. • IG recommended a deputy so there isn't a single point of contact for the returns. • IG and RT to organise a date to conduct an official handover. Adrian will also join the roster. Min of two people are required and maximum of six. The group of parish's are in the rota. 	JR/IG	
<p>11. Local Highways and Footpath Implementation Group (LHFIG)</p> <p>CG – most of the updates are in the newsletter. RPC are unable to put forward a bid for funding in 2024, Pewsey Vale already have two bids from other parishes in the area. Costings for the Phase 3 footpath is estimated at approximately £90,000. Looking at quantity of drop kerbs, Joe Wookey has asked for just one by the style to gain access to the field. Cost is largely associated to the telegraph poles. The application for funding will be split into two. The timeframe is approximately 2026 to finalise the footpath plan.</p> <p>IG – concerned that children from Upavon will be using the pathway so it would make sense that they donate towards the costs. CG has discussed this with Upavon Parish Council but their funds are allocated elsewhere.</p> <p>CG – Highways have looked at repairing the grass area outside the village hall. It will need kerbing as a permanent solution. The village hall would like CG to put this forward with Highways. RPC supported the additional kerbing.</p>		CG
<p>12. Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>CG – passes on any correspondence received for the Parish.</p>	CG	
<p>13. Newsletter</p> <p>CG produced the Winter newsletter which was extremely detailed. The next newsletter will be Spring 2024.</p> <p>IG – would like to see a paperless version distributed to the village. IG will explore how the documents can be sent by email. IG will ask the oil syndicate if we can use their email addresses for the newsletter. CR and IG to liaise to collate one database for the village distribution. Must ensure the parish continue to adhere to GDPR regs.</p>	CG IG/CR	
<p>14. Website</p> <p>CR liaises with our web designers to keep the website up to date. CG to email the newsletter to Bob to update onto the website.</p>	CR	
<p>15. Safe Pedestrian Access Scheme</p> <p>See LHFIG</p>		

<p>16. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Rushall School – CR circulating the school’s newsletters. Carol Service at the Church. IG felt the school firework display was too close to the thatch cottages. IG has written to the school/PTFA. b) Highways – The Director of Highways attended the Pewsey Area Board. Highways received complaints about the state of the road in the area. Highways will respond to all of the items raised. Discussed raising complaints through ‘My Wilts’ on the Wiltshire Council website. They do respond but not always with suitable solutions. The Parish Steward has now left and the council are looking to fill the position. c) Community Emergency Plan 2023 – will be distributed in January 2024. d) BKV – we will enter again next year. They identified a tree that had died along the Rushall/Charlton Pathway and an out of date poster in the bus shelter. e) Data Protection, CR to paid ICO in May 2023. f) SID – ongoing. Problems with speeding in the village. Looking to purchase a further SID. Due in January 2024. g) Risk Assessments – will be distributed in January/February. h) Salt Bins – bins are currently full. i) Whistledown Path – Highways confirmed they will <u>not</u> be adopting the footpath. CG discussed this with Upavon Parish Council. The landowner is currently responsible for the pathway, it hasn’t been adopted by Upavon. Concerns that the pathway will fall into disrepair. CG to raise with Upavon PC. j) Demand Responsive Bus Service – last route was put into effect in October 2023. Runs between Marlborough and Devizes. The Government are extending the £2 per trip into next year. k) Defibrillator – JR conducts a return to a national register bi-monthly. Pads replaced six months ago. Information on the defib attached to the newsletter once a year 	<p style="text-align: right;">CR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CR CG</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CG</p>
<p>17. Dates of next meetings:</p> <p>7.30pm, Thursday 29th , February 2024 7.30pm Thursday 30th , May 2024 (AGM) 7.30pm Thursday 18th , July 2024 7.30pm Thursday 28th , November 2024</p>	
<p>Meeting concluded at 21.05hrs</p>	
<p>Signed:</p>	