

Rushall Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 23 February 2023

7.30pm, Rushall Village Hall

Attendees:

Mr. Colin Gale (Chairperson)
Dr. Richard Tilbury
Mr. John Rogers
Mrs. Lorraine Wornes
Mr. Nigel Carson
Mrs. Claire Ridge
Mr. Paul Oatway

Ms Mel Grace from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN)

1. Apologies:	Action
None	
2. Minutes of PC Meeting 30 November 2022 Minutes acceptance proposed by JR, second by RT.	
3. Declaration of interest None	
4. Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none">January – Wiltshire Council emailed regarding election costs. CG prepared a letter to Cabinet challenging the costs. CG used this to write to Full Council. The additional charge will cost Rushall £82.50 p.a. CG expects this will increase in coming years.	
5. Matters arising from Minutes of 30 November 2022 None.	
6. Budget/Precept/Annual Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none">Current balance £15,818.65Awaiting invoice of £2,000 for topography survey for the pathway.Precept; we will need to revise our future budgeting to take into consideration the election charges. First bill due in 2025.	

<p>Budget:</p> <p>Deductions due: WALC – March - £58 SID April £300 PCAP – Annual - £150 ICO – May - £40 Election Costs - £82.50</p>	
<p>7. Police Report</p> <p>Area Board meeting early March. CG noted there are thefts of oil from household oil tanks. Beware.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for an Alcohol Licence for The Old Tractor Yard. CG proposes RPC consult the immediate neighbours. RT and CG to address. • Application due for Keens Land – removing dormer window, improve attic space. CG advised applicants to discuss with immediate neighbours. CR to chase Wiltshire Council for planning application. PL\20230\0140. K Rogers. 	<p>RT/CG</p> <p>CR</p>
<p>9. Village Hall Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG attending meetings. VH have new treasurer and secretary, due to start at the next AGM. Intend to get WFI and Projectors for the hall. There will be a working group for the Kings Coronation and Street Party • Village Hall will be fund raising due to an increase in utility bills. They have increased their bookings but they are not up to pre-COVID levels. 	
<p>10. Community Speed Watch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JR – Speedwatch is still on hold due to health issues. Ian Goodfellow is keen to assist. RT proposed village Speedwatch is postponed for the next month at least. JR to keep us update on his progress. 	<p>JR</p>
<p>11. Local Highways and Footpath Implementation Group (LHFIG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding – currently awaiting outcome of the bid for additional funding to finish Rushall's Safe Pedestrian Access opposite Elm Row. Currently on a priority scheme and there will be costings conducted in the next few months. • There is a new cabinet member for LHFIG. • North Newton's pathway has been completed. Purpose is to provide safe access for children walking from the village to The Woodbridge bus stop. 	
<p>12. Neighbourhood Watch</p>	

<p>CG – passes on any correspondence received for the Parish.</p>	<p>CG</p>
<p>13. Newsletter</p> <p>Next newsletter late Spring, wants to include presentation on Best Kept Village and the bid for the footpath.</p>	<p>CG</p>
<p>14. Website</p> <p>CR continues to keep Bob up to date.</p>	<p>CR</p>
<p>15. Safe Pedestrian Access Scheme</p> <p>See LHFIG – will also look at extending the footpath at the other end of the village</p>	<p>CG</p>
<p>16. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) King’s Coronation – The Village Hall (VH) are looking at an afternoon tea event. RPC will work with the VH committee. CG to liaise with the VH. Agreed a £600 budget from RPC for the event. b) Highways – If area needs clearing, CG will arrange that this year. CG has raised concern regarding the damaged bollard outside the school. c) Community Emergency Plan - CR to send to RPC to check d) BKV – Kitching Award details have been sent out. Looking at 1st Saturday in April for the Spring Clean. Judging in July. Application for May. CR to include in Website and CG to add to newsletter. e) Data Protection, CR to pay ICO in May 2023. f) Speeding petition - ongoing g) SID – two SID rotations in the village since Christmas h) Risk Assessments – completed i) Salt Bins – bins are currently full. Snow due in coming weeks. j) Whistledown Path – staggered gates are currently surrounded by mud. Unsure of responsibilities for maintenance. k) Talk by Mel Grace from Scottish and Southern Electricity Network (SSEN) spoke about support lines during power outages. Forms were provided to be completed by those with vulnerable residents in their households, SSEN can then ensure that generators are provided to those in need should there be a power outage. Grants are available for ‘warm spaces’ such as village halls to apply for a generator in the event of an emergency. Also informed the council that landlines will cease in 2025. Residents need to prepare for the move to mobiles for all their home calls. SSEN provided leaflets which can be handed out at the next Coffee Morning at the Village Hall. Important telephone numbers are Police non-emergency 101, NHS-24 111, Power Cuts 105, Gas Emergencies 0800 111 999, Floodline/Flood Agency 0345 988 1188. Mel explained she can attend the village hall coffee morning to advise the villagers. CG will ask the committee. l) Paul Oatway: controversial elements of the WC Budget meeting in February – linked to blue badge holders and fees for local council elections. PO will pass on an email linked to costs for the local council. CG expressed concerns regarding transparency of the costs linked to election charges. There appears to be some double charging. PO has concerns about the state of roads. With the new distribution centres at Andover and 	<p>CR CG CR/CG</p> <p>CR</p> <p>CG</p> <p>PO</p>

<p>Amesbury, local roads are under excessive pressure. This can be seen on the road between Upavon and Rushall. PO is raising it with Highways.</p>	
<p>17. Dates of next meetings:</p> <p>Thursday May 25 2023, – 7.30pm Thursday July 27 2023, – 7.30pm Thursday November 30, 2023 – 7.30pm</p>	
<p>Meeting concluded at 21.10hrs</p>	
<p>Signed:</p>	