

## Rushall Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

7.30pm, Rushall Village Hall

### Attendees:

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

1. Apologies:	Action
None	
<b>2. Minutes of PC Meeting 30th May 2024</b>	
Minutes acceptance proposed by NC, second by RT.	
<b>3. Declaration of interest</b>	
None	
<b>4. Correspondence</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Notice of Highway Closure C351 (5 day closure) 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.</b></li><li>• <b>Nick Holder response dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 to WC Full Council Supplemental Questions regarding flooding at Rushall Bridge. Drains were cleared on 19<sup>th</sup> June. They will not redo the head but will dig the ditch.</b></li><li>• <b>Police Report to be covered under Section 7.</b></li></ul>	
<b>5. Matters arising from Minutes of 30th May 2024</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>None</b></li></ul>	
<b>6. Budget/Precept/Annual Audit</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Current balance: £19,275.85</b></li><li>• <b>Budget/Further invoices:</b></li></ul>	

<p>Election Costs - £82.50  Website - £16.00  Clerk Salary – August 2024  Next section of footpath - TBC</p>	
<p><b>7. Police Report</b></p> <p>Updates are now regularly being received.</p> <p>Last report detailed incidents from 01st April 2024 - 30th June 2024</p> <p>2 crimes and 1 incidents have been recorded in the Rushall Parish area.</p> <p>There have been 0 reports of dwelling burglaries. (One of the crimes is a non dwelling burglary to a business premise)</p> <p>Four Instances of Speed enforcement.</p> <p>Updates can be found on the PCC website below.</p> <p><a href="http://wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk">Wiltshire PCC home (wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)</a></p>	
<p><b>8. Planning Applications Considered</b></p> <p>None for Rushall</p> <p>CG attended a planning meeting in Trowbridge 25<sup>th</sup> June. Planning improvement plan – they plan to recruit more officers. The team are looking to improve their customer outlook. CG asked who they consider to be their customer – they believe it is everyone i.e.: applicants and local parishes. A focus remains on neighbourhood plans.</p> <p>CG mentioned Horse Chestnut Tree outside of the bungalow has a Tree Preservation Order on it. It will need to be pruned in preparation for SSE works. There is a planning application forthcoming.</p>	
<p><b>9. Village Hall Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CG – The VH are working on regular events. RPC are now advertising the VH events on the website. Prosecco and Cream Tea event 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024, Jumble Sale 14<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. Community Speed Watch</b></p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IG – Awaiting new recruit. KR is booked in for the second course in August and will observe tomorrow’s session. The police have also conducted their own checks.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11. Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bids for proposed parish works are being put forward in the next few months, CG will put submit proposals for the next stage of the footpath as part of Rushall’s bid.</li> <li>CG discussed the possibility of a new electronic speed sign and potential costs, along with a repeater 30mph sign opposite Elm Row for southbound traffic. Also looking to reduce the speed signs at both ends of the village from 50 mph to 40 mph. CG to advise.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CG</b></p>
<p><b>12. Newsletter</b></p> <p>CG The last newsletter went out covering Spring 2024, the next newsletter will be Sept 2024.</p>	<p><b>CG</b></p>
<p><b>13. Website</b></p> <p>CR has updated the website and ensured there are links to the village hall events. Some of the risk assessments have not been uploaded correctly. CR to amend.</p>	<p><b>CR</b></p>
<p><b>14. Safe Pedestrian Access Scheme</b></p> <p>See LHFIG</p>	
<p><b>15. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Flood Task Force; CG attended the virtual meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. CG concerned as ditches at Church Lane, Rushall need clearing and there doesn’t appear to be a clear focus at the meetings on how to achieve this. CG attended the Highways Cabinet meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July where he raised his concerns, he has been asked to write to Nick Holder (cabinet member for Highways) to discuss the Flood Task Force meetings. CG requested the gel sacks. CG will chase. Ditch at Avon Villa is due to be dug in the next month.</li> <li>b) Rushall School – letter sent to neighbours regarding the forest school they are proposing. Residents have asked for more information. School advised they will discuss this with the residents in September. Nothing will be done until November. No further information is available.</li> <li>c) Highways – Parish Steward is visiting regularly and CG is in regular contact. He cleared weeds at Rushall Bridge and grits into ditches in Church Lane. There is a Highways Management Plan for the next two years which is yet to be discussed at the Area Board. Wiltshire Council has recognized that the Pewsey Area has some of the worst maintained roads in the area. For example the A342 was up for review during the last maintenance period and was overlooked. Its up for review again this year. Wiltshire Council have explained they will spend more money on C Roads. Rushall’s C341 road is in poor condition with only patch repairs.</li> <li>d) Emergency Plan – currently on the website</li> <li>e) BKV – CG submitted. Currently within the Judging Period. CG noted we need a new sign at the Stocks. Stocks not repaired this year but hope to attend to that in the coming months. The telephone box needs painting, CG is chasing painters.</li> <li>f) Data Protection – ICO paid</li> </ul>	<p><b>CG</b></p> <p><b>CG</b></p> <p><b>CG</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g) Speeding Petion – no comment</li> <li>h) SID – currently being purchased.</li> <li>i) Risk Assessments – CR to chase it being published on the website.</li> <li>j) Salt Bins – Full</li> <li>k) Whistledown Path – very overgrown. Getting thinner.</li> </ul>	<b>CR</b>				
<p><b>17. Dates of next meetings:</b></p> <p>7.30pm Thursday 28th, November 2024</p> <p>2025:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Thursday 27th February 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Thursday 29th May 2025 (Annual General Meeting)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Thursday 17th July 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Thursday 27th November 2025</td> </tr> </table>	Thursday 27th February 2025	Thursday 29th May 2025 (Annual General Meeting)	Thursday 17th July 2025	Thursday 27th November 2025	
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<p><b>Meeting concluded at 20.30hrs</b></p>					
<p><b>Signed:</b></p>					