

Rushall Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 28th November 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)

Mr. Paul Oatway (PO)

1. Apologies:

None

Action

2. Minutes of PC Meeting 18th July 2024

Minutes acceptance proposed by NC, second by RT.

3. Declaration of interest

None

4. Correspondence

- CG has written to WC regarding ditches (cabinet and full council). CG has received an acknowledgment. Drains have been flushed twice at Rushall Bridge. The ditch hasn't been cleared as it was too full on the last visit – a formal work request has been raised. The ditch down Church Lane has been dug out, awaiting a date to rebuild the 'head' at the drain. The drain pipes into the ditch along the Church lane spur have still not been cleared.
- Last cabinet meeting on 19th November, CG raised query against local transport plan. The area boards had been listed in two sections – those with meetings in time and those that weren't. CG noticed that the list was incorrect, ie: Pewsey wasn't listed. The local transport plan is going to public consultation until 24th January 2025. CG recommends we all read it as it covers period to 2038.
- Lloyds have written – they will charge £4.25 per month for the community account. Will try Co-op, NationWide. CG to check with

CR/CG

PCAP.	
<p>5. Matters arising from Minutes of 18th July 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>6. Budget/Precept/Annual Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance: £17,908.22 • Budget/Further invoices: Election Costs - £82.50 Clerk Salary – February 2025 Next section of footpath – TBC Possibly bank charges for Lloyds £5.25 per month • Precept 2025 - 2026 The tax base has changed which affects Band D. Clerk’s fee has increased in according with the National Rate. JR – need to ensure that we have enough to afford projects CG – there will two fees for the footpath, £5,000 each. There are funds to cover this expense. There will still be a reserve to pay for maintenance. All agreed that the presented precept (attached) is to be accepted. 	
<p>7. Police Report</p> <p>Recent update circulated. Raised that there are no issues in Rushall. However, there are concerns regarding hare coursing in the surrounding area.</p> <p>CG and PO attended the PAB meeting where there was a good presentation from the Police; looked at crime in the area, compared statistics to previous years. Current policing levels were discussed, and PCSO’s. Unlikely that the latter will return to the area. It was a very detailed and comprehensive presentation. There is a focus on speed watching and the Police are keen to support local community speed watch. However, staffing issues within the Police have been a problem.</p> <p>Further information can ben gained with the link below: Wiltshire PCC home (wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk)</p>	

<p>8. Planning Applications Considered</p> <p>None for Rushall</p> <p>TPO received and the Horse Chestnut Tree has since been pruned by Southern Electricity.</p> <p>CG has been involved with the Village Design Statement (VDS) which is included within the local plan. VDS needs to be kept up to date to be accepted. Rushall's plan was approved by Kennet, then WC would take them on. However, it was subsequently removed by WC. Rushall's VDS is on our website but needs updating.</p> <p>CG asked after the process in updating the VDS. It must be updated with the local policy. There is an example on WC's website which we can follow. CR to look into it. Complete design guide. CG will arrange for our VDS to be checked. To have the docs approved they go via local planning board. Once Rushall's VDS is checked, the RPC need to arrange a working group.</p>	<p>CR</p>
<p>9. Village Hall Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CG – attended village hall meeting on 26th November. The recent events have been very popular. A lot of hard work by the village hall team. Grant funding was discussed at the Area Board Meeting. VH would like additional storage. Possibly an outside shed. The funding for the shed will qualify for a grant from PAB. CG Asked if the RPC would be interested in a joint project as RPC have sand bags/jell bags to store. VH will need to apply for the grant as Parish Council's cant apply for grants. CG asked PC if we are happy to join in with the project. All agreed. CG to notify VH. 	<p>CG</p>
<p>10. Community Speed Watch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IG – Keith Rogers has completed SW training and joined the team. Currently running events every two or three weeks. IG appealed for further volunteers. IG has asked for better collaboration with the Police Speed Watch. 	
<p>11. Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG)</p> <p>LHFIG meeting a few weeks ago. Two items discussed that are specific to Rushall;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continuation of Elm Row footpath application has been accepted to present as a bid. - The raising of the kerb near Wheelright /Chudleigh Cottages in Rushall; meant to be completed out of the local Highways funding pot. Unfortunately there were insufficient fundings and so it was transferred to LHFIG as an item. Funding was agreed on Monday. No timescale as yet, hoping this will be within 2025. 	
<p>12. Newsletter</p> <p>CG The last newsletter went out covering Spring 2024, the next newsletter will be within the next couple of months.</p>	<p>CG</p>

<p>13. Website</p> <p>CR ensures website is updated</p>	<p>CR</p>
<p>14. Safe Pedestrian Access Scheme</p> <p>See LHFIG</p>	
<p>15. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flood Task Force; CG put in order for PEAS ie: gel sacks, sand bags etc. CG has already collected the boxes. CG took part in Wiltshire's Flood Meeting on 23rd October. WC are trying to clear ditches in the area. CG chasing works. b) Cllr PO Pewsey QPM – for Pewsey Division West; Discussed new funding. Allocated £1m for school activities in the School Holidays, up to 11 year olds. Predominately families who are financially struggling. Camps being created across the county. Also previous Government announced a Household Support Fund. £3m will go to underprivileged members of the communities for food/household repairs etc. RPC can nominate anyone who isn't on benefits, PO will look into this. More work needs to be done with pensioners – many are too proud to apply. Also allocated £21m for Highways, and a further £7m to bus services; extend hours/frequency. Area Board Grants will increase. c) Rushall School – asked if the school need permission to move their signs. Where the school park and by the pedestrian gate. CG mentioned the Town and Country Planning Act. CR to ask Brambles and School to take down their signs at the crossroads. IG and CG had a meeting with RS, regarding the Forest School. No further action has been taken by the school. d) Highways – patching work completed on the Devizes Road. The Parish Steward has not attended all the allocated slots for Rushall. CG hopes the next visit will be on Thursday 5th December e) Emergency Plan – currently on the website CR to check f) BKV – Rushall had a disappointing result, but hopefully the pond and footpath will help our results for 2025 g) Data Protection – ICO paid h) Speeding Petion – no comment i) SID – new device delivered this week. Currently have three SID's to rotate with the villages j) Risk Assessments – Up to date k) Salt Bins – Full l) Whistledown Path – CG strimming the verge by the gate 	<p>CR/CG</p> <p>CR</p>
<p>17. Dates of next meetings:</p> <p>7.30pm, Thursday 27th February 2025 7.30pm, Thursday 29th May 2025 (Annual General Meeting) 7.30pm, Thursday 17th July 2025 7.30pm, Thursday 27th November 2025</p>	
<p>Meeting concluded at 20.30hrs</p>	

Signed:
