Rudford and Highleadon Parish Council Minutes 24th July 2017

0717/1 Present: Cllrs Wolfson, Salisbury, Turner, Wallace & Heigham, 4 members of public and apologies for absence from Cllr Deane.

0717/2 Declarations of Interest related to items in the agenda: None

0717/3 To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council, 22nd May: Proposed Cllr Salisbury, seconded Cllr Turner and approved by all.

0717/4 To receive reports from the Clerk and Councillors on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda:

916/8/4 Lack of enforcement at Rectory Meadow and Church Meadow, Church Lane: Councillor Wolfson reported that he still hoped to meet with Mark Harper M.P. after the general election. Action: Councillor Heigham is to follow up.

4/1 Riparian Ownership/Clearance: To be added to Link report asking all parishioners to check on streams/rivers and ditches before winter.

9/3a Criteria for small grants: It was decided unanimously that none should be awarded outside the Parish this 2017/19. Grants up to £40 could, be granted without sight of annual accounts. Review in 2 years.

0717/5 To receive reports from the District & County Councillors, with particular emphasis on their work in relation to issues affecting the Parish:

5/1 Village agents report: Funding had been granted for a year for Social Prescribing at the doctors surgery, this role will be combined with the village agents role, now called Community Connectors. There will be free training arranged by the agent on ‘Giving Dementia Awareness’. These workshops will run for a minimum of 1 hr to a maximum of 4hrs.

5/2 County Councillors report: The Council is now under Conservative control. There have been major changes to Childrens Services as The Ofsted report deemed them unsuitable for purpose.

Broadband: Parishioners are encouraged to fill in the online Fastershire form with their postcodes to see when they will be connected. Feedback is requested for Cllr Robinson to follow up and push for a quicker connection.

Roads: More money is now available and the councillor would like suggestions as to roads that need resurfacing. The lengthsman project is still running for smaller jobs.

0717/6 Highways:

6/1 Verge cutting has been completed.

6/2 Amey survey: Response to be sent.

6/3 Church Lane junction hedge cutting:
**Action: Cllr Wolfson will contact Nathan.**

6/4 VAS sign is nearly ready. Training is required by all councilors and a laptop will be required to monitor data and pass on info. the Date agreed was Friday 25th Aug. Cllr Wolfson will contact Commissioners Fund to see if there would be funding available for the purchase of a SWARCO recommended laptop. If not it was agreed by Council that £500 was authorized for the purchase.

**Action: Cllr Wolfson will contact re venue and also funding for laptop.**

**0717/7 To comment on Planning Applications and related matters:**

7/1. Rudford Farm P0447/16/FUL – Cllr Salisbury spoke with Ryno who had been in lengthy discussions with them. They had been told to clear the site by 30th July. Cllr Salisbury will contact him again and push for the immediate removal of both the septic tank and the mobile home.

7/2. Enforcement Newbliss Farm refusal P1049/14/COU – A response has been received from the owners and a letter will be sent by Ryno delineating exactly what needs to be done to comply with planning.

7/3 Burway Farm P0389/17/FUL - Rejected

7/4 Barn at Laynes farm P0652/17/FUL – No decision made as yet

7/5 Frensham, Buttermilk Lane, Rudford, Gloucester : P1054/17/FUL – No objections by Council

7/6 Trioscape Garden Centre, Highleadon, Newent: P0059/17/DISCON – No objections by Council.

**0717/8 Correspondence not covered by agenda items:**

8/1 Grants had been applied for by both the Forest Citizens Advice Bureau and the Neighbourhood Watch organisation.

**Action: The clerk is to write to both explaining the Councils decision on grants.**

8/2 Winter Maintenance & Adverse Weather: Snow Warden – Robert Heigham, there is no dedicated snow plough operator in the Parish and it was decided that no delivery of bagged salt was required just bin refills. Cllr Wallace is to supply a bin for Highleadon.

**0717/9 Finance:**

9/1 Cheques & Bank Balances:

*Lloyds Bank balance at 24.07.2017 \[£9162.22\]*

£3,000 has to be paid to SWARCO for the VAS on completion. The promised amount will also be paid to the Forestwide Road Safety Campaign which will be rolled out in Sept/Oct. Still nothing heard from SARA re donation cheque.
0717/10 Priorities for the next year, including issues raised at Annual Parish Meeting.
1. Complete a Parish Emergency Plan – Councillor’s have the suggested template to consider for discussion at next meeting.
2. The online Parish Calendar on the Parish Council website is now up and running. There have been no responses from the organizations contacted re dates.
   Action: Cllr Turner is to follow up with Highleadon Green Assoc and Cllr Heigham with the church.
3. Welcome pack – nothing more done with this as yet.
4. Vehicle Activated Sign ordered.
5. Continue to work on planning and enforcement issues in the parish, including illegal encampments on Highleadon Green – Ongoing.
7. Bus shelter outside Trioscope – FoDC is to be contacted re planning permission and likelihood of acceptance. Highleadon Gren Assoc. have no objections.
   Action: Cllr Turner is to check on the sight line from Trioscope turning to see if it would be obscured first.

0717/11 Minor Items Raised by Members for Future Agenda: None

0717/12 Public Session - 5 minutes at Chairman’s Discretion. None.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Monday September 25th at 7.30pm at Rudford & Highleadon Village Hall, Rudford