

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 15th August 2017 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Arthur Nicholas, Eddie Shaw, John Sellers and Neil Thompson

In Attendance: Mike Wilson
 Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)
 John Cawrey

17.08.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that there were no disclosures of interest.

17.08.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 25th July 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Thompson

Seconded: Cllr. Shaw

17.08.03 Public Speaking Time

Mr John Cawrey of Garner's House attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss the speed limit along Eaton Lane.

As part of the development of the former Red Lion site, there is a proposal to approach Cheshire West and Chester to reduce the speed limit to 30mph from Eaton Village to the development site. Mr Cawrey detailed that the drives of all properties past the development site heading towards Beech Lane are concealed and the road is currently double lined, therefore deemed as dangerous. The 30mph zone should be extended to the Eaton Village sign.

Proposal -to extend the 30mph zone to the Eaton Village Sign before Beech Lane
Unanimous agreement from the Parish Council

To support this proposal a summary of the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) data is required

Action- To ask for detailed summary of the VAS from Mr Healey

Clerk

17.08.04 Matters Arising

Defibrillator for the Parish

There is a defibrillator at the Primary School, it would be beneficial to village to have one at the village hall or village phone box.

The British Heart Foundation provided funding to support the installation of defibrillators and training of volunteers, this funding is only available if the device is installed in specific locations.

Location 1) – Telephone box, there is currently no funding for telephone box installations, the box would also need heating to ensure the device is kept at the correct temperature and the electricity supply to the box would need to be re-installed.

Location 2) – Outside the Jessie Hughes Village Hall (JHVH), British Heart foundation funding would be available, the defibrillator would need to be secured in a box which maintains a constant temperature.

Location 3) – Inside the JHVH, no funding is available for the installation of a defibrillator within a building, defibrillator would not need to be heated.

Action. Cllr. Thompson to liaise with the JHVI committee and Mike Wilson
Cllr. Thompson

Members Budget Application

An application was completed for a grant from the CWaC Members budget. The Parish Council have received £1800 towards the cost of installing the kerb on the village green.

To undertake the full length of the kerb and include the corner, the tarmac from the kerb to the existing road has to be re-instated to Highways specification. Highways have informed the Parish Council that unfortunately they are unable to pay for the road re-instatement at a cost of a further £1,800. It is believed that, if the corner is completed correctly it will deter vehicles from running on to the verge. Mike Wilson (Chair of RSWG) has spoken with Terry Ball of TP Construction and it would be inefficient and costlier to do the job in 2 parts.

A second Members budget grant for the remaining amount required to complete work has been applied for and verbally agreed. A meeting is to be held on Thursday 17th August with the contactor and Highways representatives to discuss the details of the project. Once confirmation of this grant is received the Parish Council will arrange for the works to be completed and a timely fashion and adhering to all Highways standards and requirements.

Vacancies, Rushton Parish Council currently have two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Anyone interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the clerk, Lindsey Worrall by 31st August 2017, via e-mail rushtonclerk@aol.com

Councillors Responsibilities

Appointment of Committees and Allocation of Member's Responsibilities 2017/2018

- a) Road Safety – Cllr Plumbley, Cllr Shaw + Working group headed up by Mike Wilson
- b) Members' individual responsibilities be allocated, as follows:

Parish Council Noticeboard
CHALC
Oulton Park Liaison
Litter Pickers
Dog Warden/Footpaths
Communications
Development/Planning/Environment

Clerk
Members as available
Cllrs. Shaw/Sellers
Members as available
Cllr. Nicholas
Cllr. Thompson
Cllr. Plumbley/vacancy

**Services
Youth/Social/Community**

- Road Safety
- Picnic Area
- Play Zone

**Cllr. Thompson/Clerk
working groups headed
up by Mike Wilson
Cllrs. Shaw and Plumbley
Cllrs. Plumbley and
Nicholas
Cllr. Plumbley**

Number of Parish Council meeting per year

A proposal for Rushton Parish Council to reduce their meeting schedule from 12 to 10 meeting per year, with meetings in August and December being dropped from the programme.

Proposed – Cllr. Thompson

Seconded – Cllr. Sellers

All Councillors are in favour of these changes. The rescheduling of the yearly programme of meetings will be placed on the Agenda for the 2018 AGM.

17.08.05 Planning Matters

a) Applications received since the last meeting
None

b) Other

17.08.06 Highways

Kings Lane, Rushton, from the corner by Hunters Lodge, water is running down the road on the right-hand side of the road. United Utilities have attended and carried out inspection works including samples to determine whether the leak is from mains water. United Utilities have undertaken all they can.

Re-surfacing of Lower Lane

It was accepted that resurfacing from the Cross through to Old Hall Lane was required, from where Hickhurst Lane has already been resurfaced. SP Energy are not due to undertake any further underground works until 2018. The resurfacing should occur after all other known works have been completed. Highways have been contacted.

Action Liaise with Highways regarding the timetable of resurfacing

Mike Wilson

Flooding at Royal Lane

Flooding in the dip of Royal Lane is frequently occurring, a vehicle has recently driven through the hedge.

Action – Pass details to Highways and request that preventative measures to be taken to ensure the road is safe for all users.

Clerk

16.08.07 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website and Facebook

Clerk to look at local Parish Council websites and speak with Clerks and Chairs about the service they had when upgrading. The website is now fully compliant with the Transparency code.

Superfast Broadband

The next phase of upgrades begins in September, the Parish Council have been supplied postcodes but no further information to identify which premises will receive the upgrade.

Development/Planning/Environment

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

1. **Levelling Work in entrance area.**

Levelling work has now been completed, and the hump has been graded Cllrs. Nicholas has seeded and rolled the area where the hump was.

2. **Path.**

The circular path has been discussed in detail, funds are not available to undertake this work, Issues with mowing may arise once installed. A path in the wooded area would be cheaper to install and give no problems with mowing. Quotes for this path are to be gathered.

Colin Booth of CB Homes has kindly offered to donate the materials for the circular path, quotes required for the labour required to undertake this work.

3. **Tree Planting**

The donated tree whips were planted along the entrance perimeter on 20th April 2017, these have all taken well.

An area for the apple tree orchard and wildflower meadow has been cordoned off later in the summer as such planting shouldn't take place now until the colder weather.

4. **Ancillaries**

Notice board is needed and will cost approx £800. However, with limited funds, this will be deferred for the time being. A temporary board is in place.

A litter bin is required and CWaC Streetscene will be asked for this F.O.C. This will require a volunteer rota for emptying.

Action: Mike Wilson

5. **Primary School Project.**

All ready to go once funding secured. Head Nikki Duffell is enthusiastic and detailed quote from Wildbanks Conservation is in place.

6. **Funding**

The Tesco grant of £4k applied for, voting is now taking place in Tesco stores across the local area. Below a list of stores taking part in the voting on the project.

Northwich CW9 5LY

NORTHWICH CHST RD EXP CW8 1HA

NORTHWICH REGENCY EXP CW9 8UW

WEAVERHAM EXPRESS CW8 3EU

WINSFORD DELAMERE EXP CW7 2RD

7. **Bulb planting**
Wildflowers such as Snowdrops, English Bluebells, Wild Garlic, Snakeshead Fritillary should be planted. Tarvin Woodlands have a large selection of native wildflowers and good contacts to suppliers.
8. **Grass Cutting Quotes**
Grass cutting quote has now been received from Nick Rayner, grass £30 per mow and hedges £50 twice a year.
There are concerns that the installation of a path and wild flower area may cause difficulties mowing the picnic area.
9. **Hedge Cutting**, the hedges will be cut again in October by Cllr. Shaw.
10. **Gate**, the planning department at CWaC have confirmed that if a second gate is required on Oulton Mill Lane to enable contractor access this would not require planning permission.
11. **Bird Boxes**, Two Bird Boxes have been donated to the project by Environmental Crop Management (ECM)

Road Safety

20mph zone

The Parish Council and Mike Wilson have prepared a proposal for the original rectangle of Lower Lane; Winterford Lane; Edgewell Lane; & Eaton Lane (between the two) to be included as a 20mph zone for Highways consideration. Highways Department have confirmed that the proposal will be assessed during September, with any improvements occurring in year three of the 20mph project.

Cross

The Road Safety Team have prepared a series of options including signs, road markings and vehicle activated signs. The Highways department will assess the proposal and make suggestions in due course.

Beech Lane Junction with Brownhills Rd

The junction requires signage to improve safety.

Action – Liaise with Highways regarding possible improvements.

Clerk

The Hall Lane will be closed to enable replacement of a fibre sewer. Closure begins on 4th September and will be for 5 days

Youth/Social/Community

Electricity Outages in the Village

Reports have been received regarding recent electricity outages and low voltage energy.

Action -Contact Scottish Power for update on works

Clerk

Play Zone

A quote has been received for the equipment change to replace one of the slides, the equipment is more expensive than anticipated. Sponsorship or fund raising will be used to fund this.

Youth club

The Youth club has remained very busy through the summer holiday, it is enjoyed by all that attend.

17.08.08 Local Council Award Scheme

The Parish Council is continuing to work on this. The Clerk is reviewing the information that needs to be added to the website. This is interlinked with the website, as the website is developed the information available to the public will grow and therefore the LCAS will become an achievable step.

17.08.09 External Meetings

None reported

17.08.10 Correspondence

Resolved: that correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed:

| SENDER | DATED | DETAILS | RECOMMENDED ACTION |
|----------------|----------|---|---|
| Mrs J O'Shea | 21/08/17 | Electricity Outages and low voltage energy in village | Liaise with SP Energy - Clerk |
| Mr P Mizon | 30/07/17 | Flooding issues on Royal Lane | Liaise with Highways - Clerk |
| CWaC Highways | 10/08/17 | The Hall Lane will be closed to enable replacement of a fibre sewer. Closure begins on 4 th September and will be for 5 days | Circulate details to Councillors and Parish through the meeting minutes |
| Mrs Anne Kelly | 10/08/17 | Confirmation that the coffee shop has been approved. Works will begin early September and is expected to be complete by early Spring 2018 | Circulate details with councillors and Parish through the meeting minutes |

17.08.11 Finance Matters

Resolved: that the following net accounts are passed for payment:

| PAYEE | DESCRIPTION | NET (£) | VAT (£) | TOTAL (£) |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| NMC Print and Design | August Newsletter printing costs | £131.00 | | £131.00 |

17.08.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th September 2017 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

17.08.13 Any Other Business

Rushton Parish Council are very sorry to hear that Darnhall Village Hall has been vandalised.

Hedge Cutting residents hedges with tractor and hedge cutter will occur again in October 2017. Anyone wishing to take up this service please contact Mike Wilson.

Keys for a Toyota have been found on Hickhurst Lane. If you believe these to be yours, please contact the Clerk, Lindsey Worrall by e-mail rushtonclerk@aol.com

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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