# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Eddie Shaw (Chairman), Arthur Nicholas, Julie O'Shea, Jade Plumbley, Simon

Roberts, Neil Thompson, Mike Wilson

In Attendance: Alex Stubbs (clerk)

Cllr. Eveleigh Moore-Dutton (CWAC)

Jerry Gibbs and Jamie Barron (CWAC Highways department)

Janet Newbrook and Stuart Law (SP Energy Networks)

Residents:

Mr B. Platt Mrs. T. Peel Mr. P. Healey Mr. B. Oldham

#### 16.01.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

The meeting was then closed to allow a full discussion with all attendees.

The Chairman welcomed all present and invited SP Energy Networks to report first.

Janet and Stuart reported that the project was progressing well in the village with Duttons Contractors trying to sort out any problems quickly. They confirmed that a new 500kVA transformer was being installed in Edgewell Lane and that many overhead lines are being removed as this is safer and improves the environment. It is hoped that the HV lines will be swapped over around 7<sup>th</sup> March and then remedial works will finish off the works.

New streetlights are being installed in the parish as many of the streetlights are attached to power poles which are being removed. Jeff Powell and Cllr. Mike Wilson have walked the village and also worked together to try and take into account the views of residents when deciding what should be erected. It had now been decided that the following streetlights would be installed:

Edgewell Lane – lantern type

Lower Lane – lantern type

Winterford Lane – downlighter type

Eaton Lane – downlighter type

Village Green – lanterns as needed

However it was pointed out that the streetlights will be an on-going project and not all replaced straight away.

Janet and Stuart thanked the village for its co-operation during the project and they also left a newsletter which will be included with the normal newsletter.

Cllr. Wilson then introduced Jerry Gibbs and Jamie Barron of Highways and he also outlined the history of the road safety working group.

Paul Healey reported some of the data gained from the interactive sign at the entrance to the village. This indicates that around 1000 cars a day go through Eaton though it was noted that this dropped to 600 when the lane was closed at Cotebrook indicating that a number of drivers are using Eaton Lane as a 'rat-run'.

Jerry and Jamie confirmed that they were the new contacts for Highways and that they would continue to support the road safety working group but they stated that resources needed to be targeted and requested that issues are reported through the clerk. They also requested that any defects such as potholes are reported through the online system on the CWAC website as these are passed directly to network stewards.

The proposal to make Eaton village a 20mph zone was discussed and this was agreed especially in the area of the school. With regards to Eaton Lane, concerns were raised that the new traffic

lights proposed on the Tarporley by-pass may encourage more drivers to cut through the village. Highways asked that this be assessed after the traffic lights were installed

Concerns about the entrance to the play area – a meeting to be set up with Cllr. Wilson to assess.

Walkway to the Village Hall – to be further discussed.

BT pole at Dogmore Farm – parish to continue to push, highways will assist if possible.

Village Cross – this to be surveyed at a site meeting.

Cllr. Nicholas raised a concern regarding the state of the road in The Hall Lane which he believed was dangerous. It was agreed that the network steward would inspect this as a matter of urgency.

Mr. Platt reported concerns with parking close to the play area and also flooding on the Sapling Lane.

Mr. Oldham raised a concern regarding the Oak trees in the Parish which are being killed by the ivy growing upon them. While it was agreed that this is the responsibility of the landowner, Mr. Oldham offered to do a Parish survey and Cllr. Wilson to put an article in the newsletter.

The Parish Council meeting was then re-opened at 8.50pm.

# 16.01.02 Minutes

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Thompson, seconded Cllr. O'Shea.

#### 16.01.03 Public Speaking Time

Already done.

# 16.01.04 Matters Arising

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

A further meeting planned for February.

**ACTION - Clirs. Thompson and Wilson.** 

#### Road Surface on Hall Lane

Discussed earlier.

#### Red Lion Pub

News has now been received from the developer that the site is up for sale.

To consider the Council's response to the invitation to vote for the CW&C Standards Parish representative

Resolved: that Fiona Crane be voted for.

# BT pole on Dogmore Lane

**Resolved:** that the council should continue to push for the moving of this via the MP.

ACTION - Clerk

# 16.01.05 Reports from Working Groups

# **Communications**

Website

We are now starting to add content. It was agreed that the various groups in the Parish would be asked if they wished to have a page.

ACTION - with Cllr. Wilson, Cllr. Thompson & Clerk to progress

#### <u>Newsletter</u>

The next issue is due out in the first week of February.

#### Superfast Broadband

It was reported that Connecting Cheshire are offering subsidies for a satellite service and also that the Police Commissioner has stated that the new police communications system will rely on good broadband coverage.

**ACTION - Cllr. Thompson.** 

#### **Development/Planning/Environment**

Kerb on Village Green

To be done in the spring.

#### Picnic Area

The transfer document has now been received from Hibberts.

**Resolved:** that Cllrs. Shaw and Roberts sign the transfer document on behalf of the Parish Council so that ownership of the picnic area will pass to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Moore-Dutton offered the remained of her member's budget to provide wild flower seed.

Cllr. Shaw offered to cut the hedges.

## Road Safety

**RS Working Group Progress** 

Discussed earlier and any minutes/actions will be circulated.

ACTION - with Cllr. Wilson.

#### Path to the Village Hall

A textured white line and cats eyes are now being investigated.

ACTION - with Cllr. Wilson.

#### **Services**

**Electricity sub-station** 

Discussed earlier.

#### Youth/Social/Community

#### Play Zone

It is now proposed to install netting on top of the MUGA. Letters are to be distributed to neighbours. The cost of this is £3,100 and will come out of the school budget.

There is £5,626 left from the play zone grants and this will be used for capital spending such as noticeboards. The play zone management group are to hold a barn dance to raise funds for ongoing maintenance.

#### 16.01.06 Planning Matters

#### a) Applications received since the last meeting:

None

# b) Decisions made:

15/04674/FUL - Extension at Egerton Cottage, Beech Lane - approved

#### c) Other

None

## 16.01.07 Highways

Discussed earlier.

#### 16.01.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
INEOS	22/12/15	Letter of introduction and map of Cheshire Basin	Cllr. Thompson to summarise for newsletter
ВТ	16/12/16	Email regarding moving of pole of Dogmore Lane	Discussed earlier
CHALC	07/01/16	Request for nominations for Buckingham Palace garden party	Cllr. Thompson to be nominated
CHALC	07/01/16	Notification of planning seminar on 23 <sup>rd</sup> February at Christleton	Cllr. Thompson to attend

# 16.01.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Mike Wilson	Expenses (play area gravel and flowers)	49.95	3.99	53.94
CWAC	Youth club rent	162.00		162.00
NALC	Local Council award scheme	50.00	10.00	60.00
Cotebrook Pre-	Donation for shed	150.00		150.00
School	·			
Alex Stubbs	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter expenses	19.81	2.67	22.48

**that** the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial statement be received and accepted **that** the 2016/2017 budget be received and accepted and the precept to remain at the same level as 2015/2016

that the amended Standing Orders be adopted

# 16.01.10 Local Council Award Scheme

The Parish Council will continue working on this in the New Year. **ACTION - All** 

# 16.01.11 External Meetings

None

# 16.01.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

#### 16.01.13 Any Other Business

Cllr. Plumbley raised the problem of dog mess in the Parish. Cllr. Wilson to put something in the newsletter.

Cllr. O'Shea queried whether any progress had been made with the Village Design Statement. The clerk to enquire.

It was agreed to provide shovels in the Parish Council grit bins. Clerk to source.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed:	
Date:	