MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 17th February 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. D.Lilley, M.Scott, J. O'Shea, E. Shaw, M. Wilson

In Attendance: A. Stubbs – clerk Cllr. E. Moore-Dutton – CWAC

Ewan McHenry – CWAC Mr. P. Healey

Mr. B. Platt

14.02.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Nicholas.

There were no declarations of interests.

14.02.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20th January 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Shaw, seconded Cllr. O'Shea and all agreed.

14.02.03 Public Speaking Time

Ewan McHenry, Senior Locality Manager at CWAC, attended to update the Council on the purpose of the new Area Community Boards. We are included within the Rural Communities board which covers 55 Parish Councils from Neston to Tarporley and Malpas to Frodsham. The board will act as a 'facilitator' between the Parish Council and departments within CWAC if this is required. Its other aims include:

- helping an ageing population
- improving access to services
- keeping people healthy
- helping with social isolation
- · fuel poverty
- rural transport
- digital inclusion

Cllr. Wilson thanked Mr. McHenry for his attendance and requested a list of officers together with their responsibilities and contact details.

Mr. Platt asked about progress with regards to the flooding on Sapling Lane. Cllr. Scott stated that he had a meeting with Karl Farrow of Highways and invited Mr. Platt to attend.

Mr. Platt also asked if it was possible to renew the idea of a footpath between Edgewell Lane and the Village Hall. The Council responded that the idea had proved unfeasible but that it was now possible to walk along the grass verge as the chevron sign had been moved.

Mr Platt asked whether the Village Design Statement Project was in existence as he had put his name down as interested. Cllr Wilson explained that Cllr Scott and his team were now running this project outside of the Parish Council remit.

14.02.04 Matters Arising

Picnic Area

An article regarding the picnic area went into the newsletter and we are awaiting a response.

Rural Communities Board

Discussed earlier.

CHALC and CPRE response to Local Plan consultation

These have been circulated for further comment.

Layby at Oxheys Lane

Residents have been consulted and a response received that the layby be retained.

Resolved: that a 'Take your litter home' sign be requested for Oxheys Lane and the layby on Eaton Lane (close to Beech Lane). Also that the Eaton Lane layby be re-surfaced.

ACTION - Clerk

Litter bin at the school

ACTION - Clir. Scott

Casual Vacancy

The vacancy has now been advertised on the noticeboard and in the newsletter with an apply date of end of February.

Future Police beat meetings

ACTION - Clerk to find dates and circulate.

Provision of Affordable Housing within the Parish

Resolved: that this will be discussed in detail at the next meeting with a reduced agenda for other issues.

Renewal of CPRE membership

Resolved: that this be renewed.

14.02.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

A proposal has now been received from John Cawrey.

ACTION – Cllrs. Wilson and O'Shea to look at the proposal and call a meeting of interested parties.

<u>Newsletter</u>

This has now been published. It was noted that the date of the Village Fun day will be 7th September 2014.

Superfast Broadband

The drop in day at Tarporley had proved disappointing and we are awaiting further information.

Development/Planning/Environment

Village Green

A verbal quotation of £65 per metre for natural stone kerbing had been received from Highways. A formal quote has been promised and it was agreed to wait for this before making any decisions.

Hedges at UU site Sapling Lane

The Parish Council would like the hedge to be weeded.

ACTION - clerk to chase.

Village Design Statement

A progress report will be given after the next meeting.

Finial

We have had confirmation of the CWAC grant for the finial.

ACTION - clerk to order

Road Safety

Road Safety Proposal

The solar powered speed indicator device is to be deferred until April.

It is believed that the Council will be charged £1,394 for the sign changes within the Parish but we are awaiting a final bill.

New Village Sign

Still awaiting a quotation for installation from Highways. This has been delayed due to the weather.

Services

Electricity sub-station

Apparently progress is being made on the legals.

Youth/Social/Community

We are expecting an invoice from the school to cover the rent for the Youth Club.

Play Zone

The equipment workshop has taken place and was well attended. The number of suppliers has been reduced to 3 who will re-quote for the new specification. One grant application has been made and the submission to WREN will be in for 24th March. It is now clear that a planning application will also have to be submitted.

14.02.06 Planning Matters

a) Applications since the last meeting:

14/00344/FUL – single storey extensions at Well House Farm

14/00345/LBC - listed building consent for Well House Farm

Resolved: that the council will be guided by the views of the conservation officer but that there had not been a great change to the original, refused application.

14/00298/COU - change of use at land at Woodgate Farm, Hickhurst Lane

Resolved: that the Council felt that this retrospective application for horse livery was an abuse of the system as the original permission was given for an agricultural building. Concerns were also raised over an increase in traffic and protection of open countryside. It was agreed to put forward a request for a limit of the number of horses housed.

b) Decisions made:

None

c) Other

Visit of Cllr. Moore-Dutton to sites where pp has been given

ACTION – Clirs. Scott and Moore-Dutton to arrange dates

14.02.07 Highways

Winterford Lane Footpath

Cllr. Wilson had produced a detailed drawing and costing for the proposed central steps.

Resolved: that this be submitted to Weaver Vale who should be asked to fund the new steps.

ACTION - Cllr. Wilson.

14.02.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
CPRE	09/01/14	Renewal letter	Agreed to renew
Cheshire Playing Fields		Annual Report 2013	Noted

Cheshire	Jan 14	Various planning leaflets	Cllr. Scott
Community		-	
Action			
PC Ged Gigg	06/02/14	Monthly update	Noted
Stephen Perry	09/02/14	Email regarding layby at Oxheys Lane	Discussed earlier
Cheshire	Jan 2014	Community Pride entry forms	Cllr. Lilley to complete
Community			
Action			

14.02.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Jessie Hughes Village Hall	Hall Hire November/December	36.00		36.00
Parish Online	Subscription Renewal	28.00	5.60	33.60

that a donation of £250 be sent to the Tarporley War Memoral Hospital.

14.02.10 Quality Parish Scheme

On hold.

14.02.11 External Meetings

It was noted that Cllr. Scott is to attend the Vale Royal Area meeting and CHALC planning workshop.

It was noted that the April Parish Council meeting falls on Easter Monday.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson and Clerk to come up with alternative dates for the April and May meetings.

14.02.12 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 17th March, 2014 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

14.02.13 Any Other Business

It was proposed that a plague is placed on the Oak Tree now planted in Kings Lane.

ACTION - CIIr. Scott to suggest wording

Cllr. O'Shea raised the question of defibrillators for the Parish as the school are interested in purchasing one as a joint venture. It was requested that the headteacher writes officially to the Council to request this.

Cllr. Wilson requested that the question of looking out for elderly residents of the Parish should be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed:	
Date:	