

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the PICNIC AREA on TUESDAY 31st August 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Eddie Shaw, Simon Roberts, Julie O'Shea, Neil Thompson,
 Arthur Nicholas

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

16.08.01 Picnic Area Site Meeting

Introduction: The meeting was called to discuss the options being considered for the total re-furb of the Picnic Area. Before the meeting, all present "walked" the external and internal boundaries of the plot. Mike Wilson showed layouts, photographs etc from previous Working Group Meetings.

Discussions: All aspects were discussed with agreement of all issues apart from the design and location of the entrance / parking area. It was agreed that the options discussed were detailed and costed. It was also agreed that some preliminary clearance work would take place.

Summary of Actions: Note: All to be carried out by end of September.

1. **Hedges:** All hedges on site to be cut on top and both sides to give a finished height of 4 feet. - **ACTION: Eddie Shaw**
2. **End Copses:** 2 extra contractors (we have one quote already) to be called in to give their recommendation and price to "clear" unnecessary scrub, growth, dead trees/bushes and undergrowth. All to be made safe with regard to dangerous branches etc.- **ACTION: Julie O'Shea with assistance from Mike Wilson**
3. **Entrance Proposals:** In each case below, a schematic drawing plus budget prices to be produced.
 1. Top Road Option: **ACTION:** Neil Thompson assisted by John Sellers & Eddie Shaw
 2. Bottom Road Option: **ACTION:** Mike Wilson assisted by Simon Roberts
4. **Highways:** On completion of step 3 above, the proposals will be discussed with the Highways Department who will be asked to comment on the 2 options with any implications that are raised. **ACTION: Mike Wilson & Neil Thompson** to arrange.
5. **Children Involvement:** Agreed that Eaton Primary School be contacted to request that a team of Children/Teacher be asked to visit the site and give their opinion of what they feel that children would like including in the "new" Picnic Area - **ACTION: Julie O'Shea** who will also contact **Wild Banks Conservation - Wrexham** who discussed this project with Mike Wilson
6. **FURTHER ON-SITE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD before end of September.**
Favoured option / course of action, to be decided. Also costing to give annual Maintenance Cost to be calculated - ACTION: Jade Plumbley to arrange.

Notes from Ordinary August meeting

Development/Planning/Environment

Picnic Area

Following the July Parish Council meeting, councillors visited Winsford Cemetery to look at the construction of the grit stone pathways. These are constructed to a British Standard suitable for bicycles and wheelchairs and does not require large volumes of maintenance.

ACTION: Cllr Shaw to arrange for hedges to be cut as this is becoming a safety hazard.

A management team will need to be set up to co-ordinate this project, ideally to meet every two to three weeks- Cllrs. Roberts and Wilson to liaise

- **Woodlands and wildlife:** Woodlands Trust will give out free packs of trees to suitable projects. Cllr. Plumbley has applied for the wild harvest pack, up to 400 trees are available. We will know by end of September if we have been successful, trees will be delivered 7-11th November. The woodland Trust will monitor the development of trees they supply. RSPB details of how to construct bug hotels, bat boxes and bird boxes have also been printed off. It may be possible to have some bird boxes donated via a local agricultural supply company.
- **Grass / Hedges:** Contract prices for future hedge and grass cutting required.
ACTION: Cllr. Shaw
- **School:** Liaise with Eaton Primary School about what the children would like at the picnic area. The school have both an Eco Group and a School Council, each year group has a representative on each group, who feedback information to the class.
ACTION: Cllr. O'Shea to liaise
- **New Entrance:** Options for the new bottom entrance are being considered
ACTION: Cllr Roberts
- **Old Fashioned Orchard:** English Apple Trees etc to be added as areas are cleared
ACTION: Eveleigh Moore-Dutton

16.08.02 Planning Matters

16/02862/FUL Land at Lightfoot Lane.

Conversion of Agricultural building to a dwelling.

Object on the grounds that the application has insufficient detail, within the application details have been omitted, such as existing use, whether there is contaminated land. The plans are also vague, with no details of the location of the septic tank or bathroom. We are concerned about access due to the narrow road.

Proposed - Cllr. Thompson

Seconded – Cllr. O'Shea

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____