

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 16th May 2011 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Nicholas (Chairman),
D.Lilley, J. O'Shea, A. Rose, M. Scott, E. Shaw, M. Wilson

In Attendance: A.Stubbs – Clerk
Cllr. E. Moore-Dutton (CWAC)
Members of the Public

11.01 Apologies for Absence
None

11.02 Appointment of Chairman
Cllr. Scott proposed Cllr. Wilson for the new Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr. Lilley. All Agreed.

Resolved: that Cllr. M. Wilson becomes the new Chairman.

Cllr. Wilson took the chair.

11.03 Appointment of Vice-Chairman
Cllr. Shaw proposed Cllr. Lilley for the new Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr. Scott. All Agreed.

Resolved: that Cllr. D. Lilley becomes the new Vice-Chairman.

11.04 Acceptance of office, code of conduct and declaration/s of interest
Copies of the Code of Conduct, Acceptance of Office forms and declarations of interest forms were distributed to all Councillors.

Action: Forms to be completed by the June meeting : All Councillors.

11.05 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th May 2010 be agreed. Proposed Cllr. Nicholas, seconded Cllr. Lilley and all agreed.

11.06 Appointment of Committees and Allocation of Member's Responsibilities 2011/2012

Cllr. Wilson proposed that the principle of working groups which had been set up out of the Parish Plan Implementation Group be continued and this was agreed.

Action: W.Gs to be discussed and allocated in the main May meeting: Cllr Wilson

a) It was proposed that the Planning Committee be discontinued and that all planning applications be brought before the whole council and this was agreed.

Resolved: that all future planning applications be brought before the whole council.

b) Members' individual responsibilities be allocated, as follows:
Parish Council Noticeboard - Cllr. Lilley

c) Representatives be appointed to external bodies, as follows:
Cheshire Association of Local Councils - Cllrs. Wilson, Lilley and Clerk
Oulton Park Liaison - Cllrs. Shaw and Lilley (res: Cllr. Scott)
Jessie Hughes Hall Management Committee - Cllrs. O'Shea and Rose

11.07 Annual Subscriptions

Resolved: that the following subscriptions be continued
Cheshire Assoc. of Local Councils - £114.90 (10/11 - £113.09)
Cheshire Community Action - £20.00 (10/11 - £20.00)

Action: Agreed that the CPRE renewal will be discussed in November. Parish Clerk

Resolved: that the 2010/2011 accounts and audit be accepted. Proposed Cllr. Lilley, seconded Cllr. Shaw and all agreed.

11.08 Council's Insurance

Resolved: that the 2011/2012 renewal schedule received from Zurich (through Community Consultation) at a cost of £282.44 (2010/2011 - £366.96) be accepted.

Action: It was decided to add the insurance cover details to next month's agenda for discussion. Parish Clerk

11.09 Appointment of Auditor

Resolved: that Mr. P. Sanders A.I.B.A. be retained as Internal Auditor for 2011/2012

11.10 Schedule of Meetings for 2011/2012

Resolved: that

- a) the following schedule of ordinary meetings for 2011/2012 be agreed:
Mondays at 7.30pm at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall on
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| 20 th June 2011 | 18 th July 2011 | 19 th September 2011 |
| 17 th October 2011 | 21 st November 2011 | 16 th January 2012 |
| 20 th February 2012 | 19 th March 2012 | 16 th April 2012 |
- b) the Annual General Meeting be held on Monday 21st May 2012 at 7.00pm
- c) the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Monday 16th April 2012 at 7.00pm

Action: Cllr. Wilson suggested that the number of Council meetings could be brought up to 12. This to be added to the next agenda. Parish Clerk

11.11 AOB

Cllr. Wilson welcomed Cllr. Moore-Dutton, the new CWAC councillor for Tarporley Ward.

He then gave an update on the Red Lion pub which had been used by travellers over the Easter Bank Holiday. A meeting had now been held with the estates manager of Scottish & Newcastle to discuss residents concerns. S & N had not realised the state of the pub and had now undertaken to clear the rubbish and tidy the gardens. The pub has a plan for refurbishment but this will only be done if a solid licensee is found and this seems unlikely in the present climate. Development for housing is a possibility.

It was suggested that the Parish Council should be proactive in deciding what the community wanted on this site and inform CWAC accordingly.

Action: Strategy for Red Lion options & CWAC involvement to be added to the June agenda. Parish Clerk

Mr. B. Platt raised concerns he has that the village has asbestos **water pipes**. Although United Utilities had given the assurance that this poses no health risk the Chairman felt that this should be confirmed in writing and 3rd party advice taken.

Action: Contact United Utilities & 3rd Party

Cllr Wilson

The lack of progress of the enforcement officer with regards to **Eaton Cottage Farm** was raised.

Action: The council requested that take this be taken up with Cheshire West and Chester Council and a report back to the June meeting. **Cllr. Moore-Dutton**

The Chairman asked each member of the Parish Council and members of the public present, what they hoped the new Council would achieve during it's 4 year life.

Cllr. O'Shea would like **more for the young people** of the Parish with a Youth Club for older youths and a playground for the children. Cllr. Nicholas agreed strongly with this.

Cllr. Shaw would like to see **measures to prevent traffic speeding** with clear objectives being set down by the Parish Council. This was enforced by Cllr Lilley.

Cllr. Rose would like to see **the Parish winning the Community Spirit award.**

Cllr. Scott mentioned the **necessity of a Village Design Statement** and would like to **raise the profile of the Parish Council.**

Cllr. Wilson would like the **Parish Council to be a quality parish council**, which achieves set objectives quickly and completely.

Members of the public raised the **oak trees on the village green**, the **discouragement of using the road through Eaton Village as a 'rat run'** and the possibility of **electricity wires being underground**. The need to **maintain the character of Eaton village** was also emphasised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____