

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 18th April 2017 at 6:45pm

Present: Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Julie O'Shea, Arthur Nicholas, Simon Roberts, and John Sellers

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk) arrived late
Eveleigh Moore- Dutton
Mike Wilson
Bert Platt
Brian Oldham
Emma Leslie (Apex)

17.04.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies from Cllr. Shaw, and Thompson be received and accepted.

17.04.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21st March 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Sellers

Seconded: Cllr. Nicholas

17.04.03 Public Speaking Time

Development of The Red Lion Site, Eaton Lane, Eaton

Emma Leslie, Director of Apex) attended the Parish Council to give an update on the development on the former Red Lion site.

Emma thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity they had been given to meet with the public at the previous Parish Council meeting.

- Apex are working on plans for Highways
- The walls, fence and gates are being addressed, alternatives are being proposed to keep greener space
- The plans are being modified to reduce from three storey properties to two storey.

Apex Construction and Development are looking to submit planning permission within next four weeks.

The style of the properties were raised and discussed, Apex stated 'they have based the style on houses in Eaton and Tarpoley'.

The speed limit of Eaton Lane was discussed with regards to the intended new entrance. At the development site the speed limit is 40mph and discussions need to take place with a view to extending the 30mph limit out to include the new development. Emma will get her people to contact Highways about this. The question of some traffic calming in this area will also be addressed at the same time.

17.04.04 Matters Arising

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

- Next meeting due in April, but not occurred at time of Parish Council meeting

Defibrillator for the Parish

No update

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 more costly to do the job in 2 parts.

Proposal:

Clerk to apply for Members budget grant for the remaining amount required to complete work.

Clerk

Donation to St Luke's Hospice

Following the hard work of Mr Dave Plumbley ensuring the grass at the Oulton Mill Picnic Area has been kept neat and tidy during 2016, the Parish Council have been asked to give a grant of £500 under Section 137 to St Luke's Hospice in respect for the work Dave has undertaken. This is a very kind and generous offer, the Parish Council are very grateful for Dave's' hard work and support at the Picnic Area.

Proposed –Cllr. Sellers

Seconded- Cllr. Nicholas

Eaton Village Fun Day

The Village fun day is due to be held on Sunday 3rd September, support from villagers is required to organise and run this event as previous organisers Mike and Mary Wilson. Wish to handover this event. The fun day will be cancelled if event organisers do not volunteer their help.

An article to be place in the May newsletter to ask for volunteers to organise this year's event.

Annual Meeting, AGM

The annual meeting and AGM will occur on the normal parish council meeting evening of 16th May 2017 starting at 6.45pm.

17.04.05 Planning Matters**a) Applications received since the last meeting**

17/00727/FUL Deer Park Farm, Lightfoot Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AF

Alteration to Elevations (amendment to planning permission 16/02862/FUL)

The Parish Council have raised concerned regarding this planning application, how does this development differ from the one at Owescote?

It is the Parish Councils understanding that Conversion of Agricultural building under the recent changes to the Town and Country Planning Order only applies to solid brick and tiled/slatted farm buildings not the lightweight framed building that are visually unappealing like the one being currently applied for. Does the planned development meet building regulations.

The volume of agricultural storage is much reduced on the plans produced, will there be adequate for the farming practices, are the farming practices reducing to reflect the reduction in feed stocks required?, will there be no further development for storage in the future.

b) Other

17.04.06 Highways

Kings Lane, Rushton, from the corner by Hunters Lodge water is running down the road on right hand side of road, drainage works may be required.

Oulton Mill Lane, after a thatched property called Brownhills, there is a ditch on the Left hand side of the road which is continually flooded.

Action – e-mail Highways

Clerk

16.04.07 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.

Superfast Broadband

Ongoing

Development/Planning/Environment**Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.**

Mike Wilson (Chair of W.G.) gave following update:

1. Levelling Work in entrance area.

Levelling work has now been completed, and the hump has been graded
Cllrs. Shaw and Nicholas to undertake works to neaten and roll the area to enable grass cutting to resume.

Action Cllr. Shaw to Power arrow and Cllr. Nicholas to roll.

2. Path.

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. An area for the apple tree orchard and wildflower meadow will be 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. Mike has made up a temporary board.

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. Acting Head Nikki Duffell enthusiastic and detailed quote from Wildbanks Conservation in place.

6. Funding

The Tesco grant of £4k applied for but nothing yet heard.

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.

Road Safety

Road Signs

Poles for both the 20mph and 30mph signs are loose, a complaint to be sent to Highways regarding this again.

20mph zone

The Parish Council would be liable for costs incurred if the poles/signs were to be moved. The placement of the single sign at the top of Lower Lane is poor due to it being positioned behind a residents hedge. This will be taken up with Ian Lovatt of Highways and the residents of the houses involved. Brian Oldham has looked into the legality of signage here and concludes that a single posted sign is legal but should be positioned on the left hand side.

Action: Mike Wilson

The Parish Council to prepare 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. Cllr. Moore-Dutton will back this proposal.

Action: Mike Wilson

School Entrance

Meeting to be arranged with School; Highways and Parish Council to discuss the additional traffic / parking which will be caused by the current extension. Both Cllrs. Roberts and Plumley happy to attend.

Action: Clerk

Cross

The recent accidents and near misses have again raised the risks at this junction. The Road Safety Team are looking at options and will also instruct Highways to re-paint the white lines around this area.

Action: Mike Wilson

Beech Lane/ Brownhill Lane Junction (poor driver visibility).

If the landowner could remove some of the bank it would improve visibility. Improved road marking could also help.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

A quote has been requested for the equipment change to replace one of the slides. All costs will come out of the "contingency" saved from the original grants etc.

Youth club

The Youth club remains very busy.

46 juniors attended at a recent session and 10 seniors. Parents are covering the rota well.

17.04.08 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.

17.04.09 External Meetings

None

Future Meetings

17.04.10 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Mrs Liz Gale	March/April	Phone call/ e-mails regarding vehicles outside Eaton Primary school	E-mail response from Chair
Mrs Denise Woodhead	04/04/17	Qwest, volunteering/team building opportunities	Clerk spoken with Denise, will ask their skills and what/when they can assist at the picnic area
Mrs Carolyn Starkey	27/03/17	Regarding parking and previous mis-use of the picnic area	E-mail response from Chair

17.04.11 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
T P Construction	PO 2017/001 amendment A Oulton Mill Picnic Area layby	£7148.40	£1429.68	£8578.08
Miss L Worrall	Q4 Salary	£483.54		£483.53
ChALC	Subscription	£132.65		£132.65
Miss L Worrall	Q4 Expenses	£7.91	£1.58	£9.49
Cheshire Playing Fields Ass.	Subscriptions	£18.00		£18.00

Accounts were given to the Chair and approved.

17.04.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th May 2017 at 6.45pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. This meeting will be the Annual meeting, AGM and Monthly meeting.

17.04.13 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:40pm.

Signed: _____
Date: _____