

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Arthur Nicholas, Simon Corradine, Eddie Shaw, Neil Thompson, Emma Leslie and Amy Markham

**In Attendance:** Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Cllr. Moore-Dutton

**18.04.01      Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

None

**18.04.02      Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the extra Ordinary meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Corradine

**Seconded:** Cllr. Shaw

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Corradine

**Seconded:** Cllr. Shaw

**18.04.03      Public Speaking Time**

Cllr. Moore-Dutton spoke about an upcoming meeting that will be held with local Parish Councils and the MP regarding the bus service availability for the local area. This meeting will be the first of many that will look to create solutions to the current availability of buses within the area and look at other viable local bus routes.

**18.04.04      Matters Arising**

Vehicle Activated Sign

A meeting has been held with the landowner and councillors to finalise the positioning of the VAS, the location has been agreed and measured.

The hedge will require future maintenance to ensure it does not obstruct the sign.

Before installation can occur, the hedge will be cut down to a height of 2.3m from the roadside and the side also cut back. Quotes have been received and a decision has been made as to who will undertake this aspect of the project.

Cllr. Thompson has met with Terry Ball of TP Construction, the quote for works has been received verbally but not in writing. A risk assessment will be carried out with assistance from Cllr. Corradine. The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and location maps have been prepared and checked by all Councillors.

Grant to Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

**Resolved:** that The Parish Council have agreed to support Tarporley War Memorial Hospital with a grant of £200

**Proposed:** Cllr. Shaw

**Seconded:** Cllr. Leslie

The Village Green

Noticeboard and Bench need to be sanded down and re-varnished before they deteriorate. A quote has been received, a comparison quote to be obtained prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

The trees on the green, these are to be assessed as to whether any maintenance works are required on them to keep them safe and in good health.

AGM

This year's Annual Parish Meeting and AGM will be held with the Jessie Hughes Committee AGM, this will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7:30 pm at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

Members of the public are encouraged to come along and hear about the previous year's activities for both the Parish Council and Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

#### Village Fun Day

Committee to be set up to organise the fun day that will celebrate ten years since the reopening of the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. Cllr. Thompson and Leslie along with Mike Wilson are happy to sit on the committee.

#### Councillor Vacancy

Councillor Jade Plumbley has stood down from the Parish Council after several years including two years as Chair. Cllr. Plumbley was an enthusiastic member of the Parish Council and always eager to get

involved, including the planting of 105 trees on the picnic area. The Parish Council are grateful for your leadership and support over the last two years as you have guided the council through several new and exciting

projects.

There is currently an opportunity for an enthusiastic member of the parish to join Rushton Parish Council. Anyone who wishes to find out more or wishes to apply for the position, please contact the clerk, Lindsey Worrall

at [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

The closing date for applications is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

#### **18.04.05 Planning Matters**

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

None received

#### **18.04.06 Highways**

Lower Lane is scheduled to be re-surfaced. Scottish Power also plan to undertake works on Lower Lane to place the overhead cable underground, Lindsey Worrall has contacted Scottish Power for an update as to when works will begin

**Action- Liaise with SP and Highways**

**Clerk**

#### Beech Lane Junction with Brownhills Rd

The junction requires signage to improve safety. Highways have assessed the junction and will re-paint the lines to improve the visibility. No dates given.

**Action – Liaise with Highways**

**Clerk**

#### 20mph zone

The Parish Council and Mike Wilson prepared 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. Highways Department have confirmed that the proposal will be assessed, with any improvements occurring in year three of the 20mph project. The equipment that had been placed outside the Jessie to assess traffic failed, this assessment will reoccur, and the results known during April 2018, any works will be carried out during 2018-19 financial year.

**Action – liaise with Highways**

**Clerk**

The 30mph sign on Eaton Lane, the poles are leaning into the road, the signs are becoming damaged, one in particular has become so damaged it has a hole in it, this will need replacement.

**Action – liaise with Highways**

**Clerk**

#### Cross

The Road Safety Team have prepared a series of options including signs, road markings and vehicle activated signs. The Highways department will assess the proposal and make suggestions in due course. Representatives of the Highways Dept. have recommended that the road marking should be re-painted, no dates have been given for this.

**Action – liaise with Highways**

**Clerk**

#### **18.04.07 Reports from Working Groups**

##### **Communications**

##### Superfast Broadband

Following the presentation from Voneus Limited, a survey is being undertaken to look at the possibility of a community fibre project.

**Action – Liaise with Voneus****Cllr. Thompson**

Cllr. Corradine has been informed verbally that a fibre cabinet is ready and will be available in a couple of weeks.

Cllr. Thompson will contact BT Connecting Cheshire for an update.

**Action- Liaise with BT Connecting Cheshire****Cllr. Thompson**

Both BT Connecting Cheshire and Voneus will be invited to attend Parish Council meetings to give updates on progress.

**Action – invite Connecting Cheshire and Voneus to meetings in coming months – Cllr. Thompson**

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

The Tesco 'Bags of Help' project may need to begin soon to show that we are committed to spending the money. A project called 'Birds, Bugs n Butterflies' will be run with Eaton Primary School, the project will be lead byt Mike Wilson, Cllr. Thompson and Miss Berry from Eaton Primary School Moles have returned to the picnic area, Cllr. Shaw to ask them to leave.

A risk assessment will be required to ensure it is safe for children to go onto the picnic area to help the Parish Council.

**Youth/Social/Community**Play Zone

A new notice board is now in place at the Picnic area, thank you to Cllr. Corradine and Richard Potton who assisted the installation.

The annual maintenance inspection will occur in June, this is paid though funds held by the play zone. An inspection of the MUGA mesh will occur on 27<sup>th</sup> April as improvements are required.

The 52 club works well, with no problems reported other than the waste bin key being lost.

Youth club

**Leadership** -it has been agreed that a 16-18 year old additional leader would be suitable

**YouthFed**, joining at no cost. CRB and DBS checks being undertaken for regulars there may be a fee.

**Summer outdoor activities** -it has been agreed that a minimum of four leaders need to supervise the junior sessions to ensure there are people at the MUGA, top playground and tuck shop.

**18.04.09 External Meetings**

Meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, provisionally set for 11:00 at Utkinton Parish Council, members of local Parish Councils and the MP will discuss the possible solutions to bus service availability in the local area.

**18.04.10 Correspondence**

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Resident of Parish	09/04/18	Concerns regarding a derelict Grade II building within the Parish	Clerk to contact planning dept. for advice.
Resident of Parish	11/04/18	Photograph of a HGV on Eaton Lane	Respond to resident with details of weight restrictions and access rights.

The main road (Eaton Road) through Eaton is covered by a "7.5 tonne accept for access" weight limit (signed from A49/Eaton Road & A49 Nantwich Road/Eaton Road junction). The weight limit does not cover agricultural vehicles.

Given the "accept for access" element it is worth noting that many vehicles observed may be using Eaton Road and the surrounding lanes legitimately. Enforcement of

this restriction would be a matter for the Roads and Local Policing Units within Cheshire Constabulary.

**18.04.11      Finance Matters**

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

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NET (£)</b>	<b>VAT (£)</b>	<b>TOTAL (£)</b>
CWaC	Youth Group Rent (1 <sup>st</sup> Sept-31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 17)	£117.00		£117.00
Cheshire Community Action	Subscription fees (till 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019)	£20.00		£20.00
Mr M. Wilson	Play Zone notice board – invoice 43200011141	£649.00	£129.80	£778.80
Mr M. Wilson	6 litter picking hoops and two bags of postcrete for installation of noticeboard	£49.94	£59.92	£59.92

**18.04.12      Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting and AGM held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

**18.04.13      Any Other Business**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:05pm.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_