

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall
on Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Neil Thomson, Phil Hodgson and Olga Vertija

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Charlies Hardy

23.04.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies from Cllrs. Shaw, Leslie, Sime and Hinchliffe be received and accepted.

As only three councillors present there was not sufficient numbers for a quorum and therefore no decisions were made during the meeting.

23.04.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the 21st March 2023 to be agreed and signed at the May meeting of Rushton Parish Council

23.04.03 Public Speaking Time

None

23.04.05 Planning Matters

1- To note planning decisions received.

Appeal

APP/AO665/X/22/3304154/Brownhills

Proposal- property used as two separate dwellings for 10+ years

Appeal Allowed

2 -To consider response to planning applications received
Applications received since the last meeting.

22/02503/FUL

Location - Land at Oulton Mill Lane Rushton, CW6 8BE

Proposal - Engineering works and construction of hardstanding associated with the agricultural development approved under 21/00145/AGR- (retrospective)

New plans have been received, the plans do not clearly show the datum point to determine the bund size and also do not clearly detail whether the trailers are to remain or be removed from the site. Clerk has asked for clarification from the Planning Officer. Once these points have been clarified the Parish Council will make comment.

22/02768/FUL

Location - Land at Spinney Cottage, Lower Lane, Eaton

Proposal – Construction of One new dwelling

Further detail required before Parish Council can make comments, the boundary of the development needs clarification to determine whether this is occurring within the garden or within open countryside. Clerk has asked for clarification from the Planning officer and received a vague response, once clarification is sort the Parish Council will make comments.

23/00961/LDC

Location - Land at Spinney Cottage, Lower Lane, Eaton

Proposal – Use of land to rear of Spinney Cottage as garden

Guidance required as these two planning applications have bearing on each other. Is there a minimum footprint that a property should have as designated outdoor space/garden.

Planning application currently has the drive coming in at alone the existing drive to Spinney Cottage and passing along the rear of both properties dividing the gardens but this application shows an area designated which could be utilised as driveway to the proposed new property.

23.04.06 Highways**Outstanding Road Safety Issues from Previous Meetings**a. Highways Issues

Planters and village entry signs Cllr Hinchliffe circulated images of sign designs in January 2023, these could be used for the design of the village entrances. All councillors have looked at these and discussion held.

Clerk and Councillor Hinchliffe has spoken with Little Budworth Parish Council regarding the signage that they are proposing.

Jerry Gibbs of Highways has clarified the licences required for working on highways land. To seek further guidance from Highways regarding the ownership of the current signs (PC or CWaC), if CWaC can PC take on ownership.

Actions – prepare proposal and continue liaison with Highways Cllrs Sime, Leslie, Hinchliffe and Vertiga.

A lot of work has been undertaken on this project and a decision will be made in the May meeting.

Purchase sign for direction to M6 north and South for placement near village green – rollover to next meeting.

Action – Select sign of. preference Cllrs. Sime, Leslie and Vertija

b. Road Safety Matters

- 1) 20 MPH signs - Highways have confirmed that the 20mph sign on Royal Lane will be move to incorporate the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. No timescales for this work Hs been given. Clerk to chase.
- 2) Speed data from VAS – Cllr Sime will be taking this on and will contact Brian Oldham and Paul Healey about how to get the data. Issue has been found that the data can only be downloaded onto android devises. The VAS on Lower Lane is not working, Clerk to contact Morlock, it may need a new battery.
- 3) Community Speed Watch and Speed Camera – can the village club together to buy one? Cllr Thompson – costs of camera and implementation of a Community Speed Watch including training will be included in discussions about speed reduction measures.
- 4) Oulton Mill Lane. The ditch on the left as driving to Cotebrook is overflowing again. This has been reported to Highways on numerous occasions. Highways have undertaken some maintenance works to place a timber headwall and infill with some gravel, the drain is broken under the road. The ditch is flooded and now flooding a field which is currently cropped with a winter crop, the drains in the field have stopped working, the crop damaged and the field is inaccessible.
The site has been inspected by Highways Officer Ian Lovatt, he assured those on site during the visit that actions would be taken to resolve the issue, nothing has been done to date.

Councillor Shaw has hired a jetter and using his own machinery and staff has cleared 25,000 gallons of water from the ditch in the last few days, the jetter has managed to clear half the drain under the road but cannot progress any further as the drains are broken.

On Brownhills the road was a foot deep in water in areas, walkers had to turn around as the road was unpassable. Councillor Shaw has jetter the drains on Brownhills and managed to clean the drains and move the water.

Letter has been sent to Chief Exec of CWaC, awaiting response.

- 5) VAS On Lower Lane – currently now working, liaison with Morelock ongoing, the initial assessment from Morelock will cost £500 plus parts and labour.
Contact CB Homes now houses are complete and ensure new owners are happy to keep the VAS and supportive of the community initiative to slow traffic on a narrow lane with no footpaths next to the busy primary school.

23.04.07 Reports from Working Groups Communications

Newsletter

Editor role is still vacant. If anyone would like to now take on the role of newsletter editor, please do contact the Clerk, Lindsey via at e-mail at rushtonclerk@aol.com

Mike Wilson is kindly continuing to assist with the preparation of the latest edition of the newsletter contributions for the May newsletter should be with Mike by Thursday 20th April to enable editing and distribution prior to the Coronation weekend– thanks to Mike for his continued support and also to the team of volunteers who have delivered newsletters and leaflets this month.

Broadband

Following a meeting at Cotebrook Village Hall, Open Reach have confirmed that the voucher scheme can be utilised for the Parish and surrounding areas who are currently struggling with broadband issues.

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

The Picnic Area bin has now being emptied by Street Scene. The site is obviously being used regularly.

It was agreed that we would not pursue the Mersey Forest project for tree planting any further at this point. We would however like to plant the wildflower meadow again this year and will look to grow the number of trees in the Orchard later this year.

Anyone wishing to volunteer with the picnic area project, please contact the Clerk Lindsey at, rushtonclerk@aol.com

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone Project

Cllr. Vertija has now taken over as Cllr supporting the Playzone activity and thanks to Mike Wilson for the continued work he is doing in supporting the Playzone and Cllr. Vertija.

A working party undertake a spring clean on the 1st April, work included cleaning and resealing areas of water ingress. New replacement signs have put in place

Eaton Primary School conversion to Academy

Eaton Primary School has converted to an Academy as part of Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College Multi-Academy Trust.

The agreement between Eaton Primary School and Rushton Parish Council in respect of the MUGA has been renewed and signed off by all parties involved.

Coronation Preparation

The Parish Council have applied for a £250 Members Budget Grant which they have been successful in receiving, the Parish Council will top this up to £400, to assist the coronation committee purchasing mugs and consumables ahead of the coronation weekend.

Matters Arising

CPR Training

CPR Training took place on 26th March 2023 at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall, with a good turnout of participants. Thank you to Kathryn for enabling this essential training to take place within the village.

23.04.08 Correspondence

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action	
Solicitors and councillors	16/03/22 onwards	MUGA agreement update	Responded and Circulate to councillors	
JHVI/Police	22/03/23	Organising gazebo at JHVI carpark to advertise the Neighbourhood Watch Chat (22/04/23 1-3pm)	circulated	
CWaC	21/03/23 onwards	Members budget for Coronation	Completed and approved	
Member of Public	26/03/23 onwards	Update on the CPR Training that took place on 26/03/23	Circulated	
Member of Public	01/04/23 onwards	Update on the Spring Clean of Play Zone that took place on 01/04/23	Circulated	
Morelock	03/04/23	Liasion regarding VAS on Lower Lane	Ongoing	

23.04.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
CHaLC	Subs 2023-34	£140.23		£140.23
Parish Online	Subs 2023-24 Subscription free for the year	£0		£0

Payments not previously minuted;

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Mr M Wilson	Village green refurb	£76.58	£13.85	£90.42

Income

06/04/23 – CWaC Precept £6000 received

11//04/23 – Eaton Primary School - £1145.82 (£535.43 and £610.39)

23.04.10 External Meeting

23.04.11 Any Other Business

23.04.12 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7:30pm at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall, the evening will include Annual parish Meeting, AGM and the Ordinary meeting for May.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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