

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:** Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)  
 John Sellers  
 Brian Oldham  
 Paul Healey

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

There were no disclosures of interest.

**16.08.02      Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**16.08.03      Public Speaking Time**

Brian Oldham and Paul Healey, representing The Road Safety Working Party.

20mph zone

The Road Safety Working Group met with Highways on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The aim of the meeting was to prioritise the action list that had previously been prepared in conjunction with RSWG and The Highways Department. During the meeting Highways confirmed that their priority for 2016 was the 20Mph zone. Mr Oldham subsequently met with Mr Lovatt of Highways to identify the most suitable locations for erecting the sign posts. Some of these signs are likely to be placed on private property, the land owners will need to enter agreements with CWaC Highways.

Those that have roads signs within their hedges or in gardens are responsible for ensuring the sign is clear and visible at all time and hedges are well maintained.

Hedges and verges are now encroaching onto the roads and causing driving conditions to become hazardous in some areas.

**Actions-** RSWG and Parish Council to assess whether road signs are still in place and visible, that hedges are cut back and maintained. Identify roads, locations and properties, where action is required. **RSWG and Parish Council**

**Areas already identified – Parish Clerk to notify owners.**

- 1- Eaton Lane/Royal Lane
- 2- Dogmore Lane
- 3- Business Park, Tarporley via Tarporley Parish Council

Vehicle Activated Road Sign (VAR).

The VAR system has now been operational for a year, during which time traffic flow has increased. The data can be analysed to show the traffic trends. The VAR system could be turned around to capture traffic data flowing in the opposite direction, the cost of doing this is restrictive.

Lorry accident, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

A lorry damaged the sandstone blocks that form the base of the stone cross that stands in the centre of Eaton Village. The incident was observed by two members of the public, who have given details to the Police and a Police incident was raised at the time of the event. Details have been passed to the Parish Council also.

**ACTIONS**-Speak with Insurers, Highways, Police, and witnesses - **Clerk**

**16.08.04 Matters Arising**Communication with other Parishes within Ward

None

Red Lion Pub

The Red Lion Pub site has now been purchased by Apex Construction and Development, a local based company. The company have approached CWaC to discharge a few smaller conditions within the planning permission. They have deposited some hardcore materials on the site which will be used in the early stages of the development of the site.

Casual Vacancy

Vacancy has been advertised. At the end of the required period if a notice for election has not been called the position can be filled by co-opting a councillor into the position at the council's earliest convenience.

**16.08.05 Reports from Working Groups****Communications**Website

This is being worked on.

Could include a section on 'who am I', a small introduction of the councillors.

Facebook, Alex is developing the facebook page, once up and running Lindsey and Cllr. Plumbley will manage the administration of this.

Facebook and the website to link together and over time we may also include Twitter.

**ACTION**-Update councillors contact details on website - **Clerk**

Newsletter

Mike and Mary Wilson have made a fabulous newsletter, that is full of village activities, news and highlights. The Parish Council and The Jessie Hughes Village Institute would like to express our thanks to you for developing, compiling, printing and delivering our newsletter since it began. We also would like to thank Phil Allcock who is bravely taking on the new role as editor in chief.

The newsletter is a joint publication between the Parish Council and The Jessie Hughes Institute. The newsletter may meet a wider audience if along with the paper copies it could be uploaded to the website, Twitter and Facebook.

Options, could be to reduce the size of the newsletter, so its short, sharp and keeps attention, include adverts to reduce the printing costs and boost readership.

Facebook and Twitter could highlight activities within the village.

**ACTION**-Invite Phil Allcock, the new editor of the newsletter to attend the next parish council meeting. -**Clerk**

Superfast Broadband

Cllr. Thompson has received a request for more information from BT, postcodes required. He is currently working on providing this. BT will then provide options available and costings.

We need to understand whether this project is achievable.

If a member of the parish would like to become actively involved in this project, please contact the parish clerk by e-mail at rushtonclerk@aol.com

**ACTION – Cllr. Thompson**

**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 7-11<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Road Safety**

Updated during public speaking time.

**Services**

No issues. To be removed from agenda.

**Youth/Social/Community**Play Zone

Quote for the maintenance work required have been received including timetable for completing the scheduled work.

The 52 club is working well

Youth club

Youth Group is still busy.

Litter Pickers

Co-ordinator Mary Wilson reports that two new rings to hold bags have been requested for litter pickers. These cost around £10 each. Parish Council to pay for these.  
Mary Wilson has been asked to order these and pass the invoice to the Parish Clerk.

**ACTION: Mary Wilson and Parish Clerk to Liaise.**

#### Village Fun Day

No volunteers stepped forward to take this on.  
The Village Fun Day will not go ahead in 2016.

#### Parish Council Priorities

During the meeting it was discussed that the 2016-2017 priorities were

- 1- Picnic area
- 2- Website development
- 3- Road Safety (the RSWG is working well)
- 4- Play Zone (Management group is working well)

#### **16.08.06      Planning Matters**

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

##### 16/02919/FUL Eaton Primary School

Siting of a mobile classroom to provide temporary accommodation for a 12 month period.

The Parish Council have no objections to this planning application.

**Proposed : Cllr Shaw**

**Seconded: Cllr Nicholas**

##### 16/02862/FUL Land at Lightfoot Lane.

Conversion of Agricultural building to a dwelling.

The Parish Council OBJECTS to this planning application, on the grounds that the application has insufficient detail. Within the application details have been omitted, such as existing use and whether there is contaminated land. The plans are also vague, with no details of the location of the septic tank or bathroom. The Council are also concerned about access, Lightfoot lane is very narrow and access is poor.

#### **16.08.07      Highways**

##### Flooding on Sapling Lane

Highways have done a survey on Sapling Lane, they report that the flooding is not caused by a collapsed drain.

#### Telephone box and Village Green

The question of whether a member of the public would like to take ownership of the telephone box was raised in the August newsletter. No-one came forward to take over the ownership of this project or gave ideas as to the telephone box's future use.

In the last Parish Council meeting, a suggestion was put forward of installing a defibrillator. There is a defibrillator at Eaton Primary School, do we need another one within the village, and if so would the Jessie Hughes Institute be a more suitable location.

The Telephone box could be converted to a book box, books would require winter storage to prevent them becoming damp.

**ACTION-** Contact JHVI regarding Defibrillator

**-Clerk**

**16.08.08 Correspondence**

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Creative play	25.07.16	Play Zone work quotations and timescales	E-mailed to councillors
UK Cycling Events	29.07.16	Cycle event, Oulton park 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept, coming through Eaton and Rushton	Advise start and finish times

**16.08.09 Finance Matters**

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Grant Funding Skills	Picnic area grant application	£280	£56.00	£336.00
Neuromuscular Centre	Newsletter printing	£149.00		£149.00
Alex Stubbs	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter Salary	£140.10		£140.10
HMRC	Tax on 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter salary	£35.00		£35.00
CWaC	Invoice No. 73001733, speed limit changes an sign improvements, Eaton Lane and Beech Lane, improvements undertaken Sept. 2013	1162.04	£232.41	£1394.45
ChALK	Chairmanship training for Cllr. Plumbley and Lindsey Worrall	£60		£60

Two sets of NatWest Bank forms were completed, one to remove Alex Stubbs and Mike Wilson from being signatories. The second set of forms to set Cllr. Thompson and Lindsey Worrall as signatories. All future NatWest Correspondence will be sent to the Clerk.

**16.08.10 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. The information will be passed to the new Clerk.

**16.08.11 External Meetings**

Cllr. Plumbley and Lindsey Worrall are attending a Chairmanship training course being held by Cheshire Association of Local Councils. On the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**16.08.12 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

**16.08.13 Any Other Business**

Villagers Day was very well organised and the catering as always of a high standard. Oulton Park have sent a donation to the Parish Council of £1215.00

**ACTION- Clerk to send letter of thanks to Oulton Park.**

There are no more tickets available for the presentation being given by Mr Morris Hunt on the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept at the Fogerty Moss Centre. There is a reserves list which members of the parish can put their names on.

Another cycling event is being held this year starting from Oulton Park. This will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> September and goes through the village although it is not a race. The cycle event begins between 07:45 and 09:30 in small groups.

Village Design Statement – This project begun a few years ago, but has not been completed. Do we have a statement and if so what does it incorporate.

**ACTION: contact previous councillors who worked on VDS**

**-Clerk**

Winterford Lane, The hedge is owned by Weaver Vale Housing Trust, a programme of maintenance is required for the hedges and paths.

**Action –Clerk**

Last Year hedge cutting in the village was organised by Cllr. Shaw, he is happy to undertake this again. A list of village members who require hedges to be cut can be compiled for September meeting. Work to be completed during October.

Grit Bins- New grit bin required for Kings Lane, quotes have been gathered from Highways and Tanks-direct. Broxap are a competitive company and therefore should get a quote from them before placing an order.

**Action -Clerk**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:30pm.

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

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