

**NOTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
held at the **JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL** on **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011** at **7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:** A. Stubbs – Clerk and residents of the Parish

This was an open and informal Parish Council meeting. Members of the public viewed the display boards around the hall while having a cup of tea or coffee.

**Welcome and Intro to the Evening**

Councillor Mike Wilson welcomed all residents and outlined the format of the evening.

**Amenities for our Youngsters**

Councillor Julie O'Shea outlined the work that was being done to progress the playground in the village and also the setting up of a youth club.

The main obstacle for the playground was lack of a central, safe piece of land. It had been decided that the most convenient land was at the school and this was being pursued with the school and with CWAC.

Comments from the floor included:

- suggestion of use of land at Red Lion pub
- land must be in centre of village
- suggestion to compulsory purchase land east of the school playing field
- it was felt that any land where roads have to be used will be dangerous
- should pressurise CWAC to use the school playing field and this is the safest place
- contact MP and local councillor
- local authorities will shortly be responsible for public health and will have to take the provision of play areas seriously
- suggestion that the playing field is used for football and older children while area on Edgewell Lane could be used for equipment for younger children
- might have to allow some building to gain land for playing field possibly outside village boundary

**Road Safety for All**

Councillor Wilson introduced Mr. Dave Reeves, a Highways Engineer from Cheshire West and Chester Council. He outlined the data that had been collected by the SID recently and the views of the council towards speed control.

Comments from the floor included:

- possibility of buying SID for the Parish at cost of £5K - £6K
- possibility of raised squares on road especially outside school – it was felt these would be effective for small cars but ignored by vans
- the question of whether the weight limit was being ignored was raised – the covert SID also measures weight
- parking problems at school cause congestion – this is being addressed by the school
- the 30mph limit is too close to the school

**Our Village Green Area**

Councillor Mike Scott talked about the proposed works to the village green.

It was noted that the oak trees on the green are to remain with some work being done on them. It was hoped that volunteers would help to clear the leaves as happened last year.

Councillor Scott wished to thank the litter pickers, the footpath officer Colin Lloyd and Linda Fosbrook who looks after the dog bins.

Comments from the floor included:

- Ragwort is a problem in the village especially at Stages Platt
- Streetscene should be thanked for their work around the village green

Councillor Wilson gave a progress report on the electricity sub-station and also the Red Lion pub and also outlined future village events.

It was agreed by all that the meeting had been useful as a yearly exercise with more specific sessions used for detailed discussion of issues and projects.

Final comments from the floor included:

- Should push for footpaths around the village
- a parish neighbourhood plan should be developed to prevent inappropriate development around the parish
- concerns raised about CWAC planning department especially with regards to Eaton Cottage Farm

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

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