

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 18th August 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Nicholas, J. Plumbley, E. Shaw (Chair), N. Thompson, M. Wilson

In Attendance: A. Stubbs – Clerk
Cllr. E. Moore-Dutton – CWAC
Mr. Platt
Mr. A. Churchman – SP Energy Networks
Mrs. J. Newbrook – SP Energy Networks
Mr. R. Birch – SP Energy Networks

15.08.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies received from Cllrs. J. O'Shea and S. Roberts be accepted.

Cllr. Thompson declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 15/02998/FUL.

15.08.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21st July 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Plumbley, seconded Cllr. Thompson and all agreed.

15.08.03 Public Speaking Time

Mr. Platt attended the meeting to raise his concerns regarding parking in the village, especially in the light of the increase in size of the school. He was invited to attend the next road safety meeting. He also enquired if the parish council knew the identity of the new police officer for the village but confirmation of this is currently being awaited.

Andy Churchman of SP Energy Networks outlined the work that will need to be done to commission the new Eaton sub-station. It was confirmed that road closures will be required for this but SP Energy Networks stated that they had investigated and were aware of any residents requiring special access and also of the bus routes and resources would be in place to facilitate these. It was also confirmed that there should be no loss of supply during the works.

It was agreed that an open meeting should be held early in September to present the works to the parish in general and SP Energy Networks agreed to input to this and also provide posters and newsletters as well as information to put on web pages/twitter etc. Publicity will also be placed in the Chester Chronicle.

Although Lower Lane, Winterford Lane and Edgewell Lane will need to be excavated, SP Energy assured the Parish Council that they would leave the roads in a good condition.

It is hoped to start the work in Lower Lane during the October half term break to minimise disruption at the school but this is reliant on getting permission from CWAC.

15.08.04 Matters Arising

Red Lion Pub

We await a visit to the area by the developer when a progress meeting will take place.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to progress the meeting.

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

Cllrs. Thompson and Wilson have met Frank Tunney, Chair of Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council. Suggestions for liaison include

- Sharing minutes electronically
- Inter-parish competitive event
- Councillors to go to other parish council meeting
- Use of twitter etc

A further meeting is to be held early in September.

ACTION – Cllr. Thompson.

Hedge Trimming

There has been some interest from the Parish in this.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to contact those parishioners who have expressed an interest

Resolved: that a letter should be sent from the Parish Council where hedges are felt to be a problem.

ACTION – Clerk to draft

15.08.05 Reports from Working Groups**Communications**Website

The new website is currently being populated but new material is required.

ACTION – with Cllr Wilson, Cllr. Thompson & Clerk to progress

Newsletter

Issued first week in August.

Resolved: that the Clerk to approach Tarporley Talk to see if it can be delivered in the Parish. It is possible that our volunteers could deliver along with the newsletter.

Superfast Broadband

It was agreed that Cllrs. Plumbley and Thompson should investigate further the use of satellite broadband.

ACTION – Cllrs. Plumbley and Thompson.

Development/Planning/EnvironmentVillage Green Kerb

Resolved: that 2 volunteer residents be approached to see if they would co-ordinate this. Highways have agreed to help and a budget is available from the Parish Council.

ACTION – with Cllr. Wilson

Picnic Area

CWAC have now agreed to waive their legal fees and our solicitor has been instructed to carry on with the transfer.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson/Cllr. Roberts.

Road SafetyRS Working Group Progress

The new vehicle activated sign has now been installed and is collecting data which will be collated by Cllr. Wilson.

ACTION – with Cllr. Wilson.

Some experimentation with a temporary 'M6' sign has been done on the village green and residents have also been canvassed. It is now agreed that the temporary sign will be sited on a trestle outside Elm Tree Court and highways will be requested to install a permanent sign on a post in this position for next year.

ACTION – with Cllr. Wilson.

With regards to the moving of the BT pole outside Red Beech Farm which would allow lorries to reach the main roads without coming through the village, it was:

Resolved: that the MP and also John Dwyer, Police Commissioner, would be contacted to increase the pressure on Openreach.

ACTION - Clerk

Path to the Village Hall

Details of the 'armadillos' have now been received from highways and this idea will be put to the road safety group for further discussion.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson.

ServicesElectricity sub-station

Discussed earlier.

Youth/Social/CommunityPlay Zone

Purchase orders have now been placed and the first grant payment received from Wren. Cllr. Wilson is currently investigating types of self closing gates. It is still planned that the equipment will be installed starting 7th September.

Village Funday

This is to be held on Saturday, 5th September.

Resolved: that the Parish Council will contribute up to £200 towards the bouncy castle/face painting. Proposed Cllr. Shaw, seconded Cllr. Wilson and all agreed.

15.08.06 Planning Matters**a) Applications received since the last meeting:**

Cllr. Thompson left the meeting.

15/02998/FUL – first floor extension at 3 Whalley Drive, Eaton

Resolved: that no objections

Cllr. Thompson returned to the meeting.

15/03031/FUL – relocation of car port at Stone Cottage, Sapling Lane

Resolved: that no objections

15/03116/FUL – rear dormers and alterations at 16 Elm Tree Court, Eaton

Resolved: that no objections

15/02961/FUL – alteration to garage at Egerton Cottage, Beech Lane

Resolved: that no objections

b) Decisions made:

15/02898/FUL – timber garden room at Philo House, The Hall Lane - permitted

c) Other

It was noted that the appeal for the conversion of the building at Owlscote, previously rejected by CWAC, had now been dismissed.

The application for a caravan and camping site at Eaton fisheries on Oxheys Lane, rejected by CWAC, has now gone to appeal.

Resolved: that the Parish Council should forward further comments to the appeal inspector.

ACTION – Cllr. Thompson to circulate draft of comments put to the planning committee.

15.08.07 Highways

Nothing to discuss.

15.08.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
CHALC	23/07/15	Notice of annual meeting to be held on 29 th October plus motions form	Clerk to draft motion
CHALC	12/08/15	Notification of next area meeting to be held on Wednesday, 30 th September at 7pm.	Put in diaries
Resident	11/08/15	Email complaint regarding speeding cars on village roads during CARFEST	Clerk to write to company suspected to be involved
Linda Wright	06/08/15	Email regarding upcoming appeal at Oxheys Lane	Discussed earlier

15.08.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
CWAC	Youth club rent	162.00		162.00
Cheshire Community Action	Subscription 2015/2016	20.00		20.00
Creative Play	Play area	8652.26	1730.45	10382.71
Creative Play	MUGA (not to be paid until £30,000 grant received from CWAC)	5793.68	1158.74	6952.42
St Helens Church	Newsletter copying	45.00		45.00
Mike Wilson	Newsletter expenses	36.54		36.54
TP Construction	Post for Vehicle activated sign	200.00	40.00	240.00

15.08.10 Local Council Award Scheme

The requirements for the different levels are being assessed.

ACTION - Clerk

15.08.11 External Meetings

None

15.08.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th September at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

15.08.13 Any Other Business

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____