

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

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

In Attendance: Eveleigh Moore-Dutton – CWAC
4 members of the public

14.08.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Apologies were received and accepted from Clerk A. Stubbs.

14.08.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21st July 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Cllr Wilson pointed out that the minute ref "Looking After the Elderly" needed clarifying. See section 14.04.04 item 5 below.

14.08.03 Public Speaking Time

A resident attended to asked if there was an update (as requested at the July meeting) on events at Little Budworth Common. A major grant is being sought to take out some of the trees. Cllr Wilson apologised that he did not have information on this but will contact Clerk Stubbs on her return from holiday as she will now have that information and it will be then passed on to the resident and added to the minutes of the September meeting.

A resident attended to raise concerns at the speed and number of heavy vehicles, particularly potato wagons, travelling through the village which he felt was dangerous to pedestrians, particularly on Lower lane where there are no pavements. The resident, after speaking with Cllr Wilson by phone, had collected details of the offending vehicles.

Also attending the meeting were 2 resident farmers (apart from our 2 councillor farmers), and some discussion took place regarding both sides of the issue. Cllr Wilson brought this item forward on the agenda as some actions have taken place since the issue was raised at the July meeting. See the first item under "Matters Arising" below.

14.08.04 Matters Arising

Traffic Movement through the Village and Public Safety

Cllr Wilson gave out a paper to those present that summarised some of the actions taken since the last meeting. These points were discussed and can be further summarised as follows.

- The speed of vehicles going through the village – during an hour long meeting this week with PC Ged Gigg, it was noted that speed monitoring has been taking place in Eaton by the PCSO. This showed that 1 in 4 vehicles are exceeding 35mph after they have passed the 30mph limit sign when entering the village from the direction of the Red Lion. Letters are being sent out by the police to the offending drivers. The PCSO will continue with these checks plus a request has been made for an AMPR police vehicle to be used which will record by camera vehicles entering the village. PC Gigg will have a report ready for the September Parish Council meeting on data gathered.
- Lower Lane - Cllr Moore Dutton asked that consideration should again be given to introducing a 20mph limit on this road as far as the school. Cllr Wilson to follow this up.
- Reporting Offending Vehicles - HGV vehicles using the village as a 'rat run' contrary to the weight limit, drivers using phones and speeding vehicles, should be reported to the Police by the public phoning 101 with details. An article to this effect will be added to the August Newsletter.
- Potato Carrying Vehicles – after quite some constructive debate with some very positive suggestions being put forward, Cllr Moore Dutton suggested a meeting be held, which she would like to attend along with representatives of the Police, farmers and local community. It was agreed that this would be held before the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Wilson will continue to chase BT Openreach regarding an offending telegraph pole that results in more wagons than necessary coming through the village.

- It was agreed to re-look at the road signage either side of the bend opposite the Cross which is blind and used by pedestrians using the Church and Village hall.

ACTION – Cllr Wilson to progress the above which includes arranging a meeting

Path to the Village Hall - Curb Installation – Edgewell Lane to the Village Hall

Karl Farrow of the Highways Department is progressing this but wishes to make sure that no changes are made that would be detrimental to the adjacent dwellings. Residents will be shown the plans before any work takes place.

ACTION – Cllr Wilson to progress

Picnic Area

Agreed that the Parish Council go ahead with this purchase. Ranger Charles Baille to work with Councillor Roberts to progress the legal side.

ACTION – Cllr Roberts to progress

Plaque for trees on Kings Lane/Edgewell Lane

Cllr. Scott has been given a price of £85 each for the 2 plaques.

RESOLVED: Cllr Scott to go ahead with the purchase and installation.

Looking out for Elderly People

Cllr Wilson clarified last months' minute: Should read "Cllr Wilson proposed a new idea, which would add extra events for elderly people on the 1st Thursday of the month (10.30am – noon) for a trial period this winter October to April. This is a Parish Council initiative from the Parish Plan which Councillor Wilson and Mrs Wilson are prepared to organise. If successful the Jessie Hughes Committee would then be asked to take it over as was the case for the Tea n Chat mornings which have been successfully run for the past 5 years on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The idea was welcomed by the council and an article will go in the August Newsletter."

Cllr Wilson confirmed that the arrangements were in hand for the first such event to be held on Thursday 4th September.

Grit Bins

Sapling Lane bin now removed

ACTION – Cllrs. Shaw and Nicholas to move the Edgewell Lane bin this week.

Contact from Portal regarding Community Engagement

Cllr Wilson is in contact with the new General Manager who has agreed to support the Village Fun day.

ACTION – Cllr Wilson to chase.

14.08.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

Offline Upgrade in progress by Barney Stubbs and Rowan O'Shea.

Newsletter

Being circulated this week.

Superfast Broadband

Superfast Broadband now available in Tarporley. The feeds from Tarporley exchange to Eaton (730 numbers) and the feed from Cotebrook exchange (760 numbers) have no specific dates yet for the upgrade but our Clerk is in contact and will circulate the details when known.

ACTION – Clerk to continue chasing 'Connecting Cheshire'.

Development/Planning/Environment

Village Green

The £400 from Cllr Moore-Dutton has been received and this will go towards removing the redundant steps and putting in extra top soil and grass seed. Cllr Scott hopes to have work commencing during the last week of September.

ACTION – Cllr. Scott to progress

Hedges at UU site Sapling Lane

United Utilities have done a good job in doing extra work here and more is planned.

ACTION – Cllr. Scott

Finials

In progress.

Road Safety

Purchase of “Vehicle Activated Signs”

Cllr. Wilson will use the data gathered from the Police (see earlier minute) to re-apply to the Police Commissioner for funding.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson

Services

Electricity sub-station

A general plan of the new location has been received and the legal work between the landowner and Scottish Power for the long term lease is in progress.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to progress

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

Cllr Wilson reported on progress:

Planning Application: this has been approved with certain conditions which can be worked with.

Heads of Terms: Hibberts, our solicitors, have received these from CWaC and raised some questions which are being answered.

Grants: Unfortunately the grant from WREN was not given by their National Board although approved regionally. We have been advised to re-submit and our grants advisor Steve Wright is working to see how the bid can be improved. Next deadline is beginning of October for submissions.

Annual Village Fun Day

Preparations are in progress for Sunday 7th September. The opening is at 1.45pm and the event will conclude with a BBQ from 5.30pm to 7pm. Cllr Wilson asked for help from his fellow councillors as the event takes considerable manpower to run.

14.08.06 Planning Matters

a) Applications since the last meeting:

14/01999/FUL – material change of use and stables at land adj Lion Cottages

Resolved: that the Council has objected to this development and a meeting is being held in September to which we will send a representative.

14/02531/FUL – replacement outbuilding at Yew Tree Farm, Eaton

Cllr Wilson read out the rationale of this project as given to him by Mrs Lanni who is currently away on holiday. With no conservation officer available to look at this project, the Council are keen that changes are in keeping with the rural nature of this area of the village.

Resolved: that the Council approve of the replacement of this barn with a brick construction with provisos re re-use where possible of stone, non-business use etc. Wording to be agreed by the Council before the deadline later this week.

ACTION - Cllr Wilson to draft statement for approval by the Council.

b) Decisions made:

c) Other

Concerns had been raised regarding the colour of the mortar used on the barn conversion at Oak Tree Farm, Hickhurst Lane which is next to a listed building.

ACTION – Cllr. Scott to write to Conservation Officer (copy to Cllr. Moore-Dutton)

14.08.07 Highways

Winterford Lane Footpath

Liza Woodray at CWAC Planning department has now replied that no planning permission is required for the proposed steps. Cllr Wilson will now get in touch again with Weaver Vale to see how this will be progressed.

ACTION – Cllr Wilson to progress.

Flooding on Sapling Lane

Although some improvement has been made there is still work to do here.

ACTION - Cllr Scott.

14.08.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
		None	

14.08.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership subscription	50.50		50.50
Community Lincs Insurance	Extra premium for increase in cover village cross	25.20		25.20
Jessie Hughes Village Hall	Hall Hire May/June	36.00		36.00

14.08.10 Quality Parish Scheme

On hold.

14.08.11 External Meetings

None

14.08.12 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 15th September 2014 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

14.08.13 Any Other Business

Cllr. Nicholas was concerned about more activity at the layby on Oxheys Lane where he had spoken with a group of youngsters. There is a considerable amount of litter in this area again.

ACTION - Clerk to contact StreetScene for a clear up and Police to be reminded that this area should be monitored.

CarFest: All present agreed that despite the large numbers of visitors, this event had been organised well with minimal disruption to the Parish.

Cllr Wilson pointed out that the Reverend Keith Hine retires at the end of this month and a replacement is being sought. All agreed that Keith had supported the Parish well during his 6yr tenure, particularly with quality visits to our school.

Cllr Scott reported that the "Village Design Statement Group" are holding "drop-in sessions" on Friday 3rd October (2pm-8pm) and Saturday 4th October (10am-54pm) to give all residents and organisations in the Parish the opportunity to comment on the Group's proposals.

Concern was raised again about flooding across the road at the bottom of Lightfoot Lane due to the mud being washed over the drain

ACTION - Cllr Scott to progress.

Various "Eaton Village Signs" are being cleaned/replaced by James Ollier at CWaC Highways.

ACTION - Cllr Scott to progress.

The overgrown hedges which tend to cover the speed limit signs need attention.

ACTION - Cllr Wilson to progress;

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____