

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs. Eddie Shaw (Chairman), Jade Plumbley, Julie O'Shea, Arthur Nicholas, Neil Thompson, Mike Wilson

**In Attendance:** Alex Stubbs (clerk)  
PC Wayne Thomas  
Cllr. Eveleigh Moore-Dutton (CWAC)

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

**Resolved:** that the apologies received from Cllr. Roberts be accepted.

There were no disclosures of interests.

**15.12.02 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Plumbley, seconded Cllr. O'Shea.

**15.12.03 Public Speaking Time**

PC Wayne Thomas introduced himself as the new beat manager for the Tarporley area. He has been in post since August and we also have the share of a PCSO, Kenny Williamson.

He will be sending monthly reports to the Parish Council and can be contacted via email. He will also collect any incidents reported via 101.

Parish Councillors raised their concerns:

- Speed enforcement – PC Thomas was happy to receive the data from the new sign to see if there is a need for a speed awareness campaign in the area.
- Parking in Edgewell Lane is a problem, PC Thomas is to visit the area and take some photos. He will also ask PCSO Williamson to visit.

Cllr. Moore-Dutton raised her concerns regarding the possibility that the New Homes Bonus would no longer be passed onto Parish Councils and also that the members budget would be halved. She urged councillors to respond both to the CWAC budget consultation and also the e-petition regarding the New Homes Bonus.

**15.12.04 Matters Arising**

**Communication with other Parishes within Ward**

A good meeting had been held and the minutes circulated with a further meeting planned for February.

**ACTION – Cllrs. Thompson and Wilson.**

**Road Surface on Hall Lane**

Highways have now met with the resident who raised the issue, were sympathetic regarding the state of the road and agreed that it needs complete re-surfacing. This will be done but the timescale might be up to 2 years. The resident is happy with the outcome.

**Red Lion Pub**

The developer has not yet tidied up the site as promised. The Clerk has been chasing but is yet to receive a response.

**Resolved:** Clerk to continue chasing.

## **15.12.05 Reports from Working Groups**

### **Communications**

#### Website

Still awaiting a progress report.

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

#### Newsletter

A special Christmas edition has been circulated. It is hoped to add to the email list in the future.

#### Superfast Broadband

A response has been received from Connecting Cheshire but is unsatisfactory as we may get an upgrade in the future but Eaton is so far from the nearest cabinet that this may make no difference. Cllr. O'Shea requested that people should go to Bt.Com and register an interest to buy BT infinity as this flags their interest. It was also agreed that the issue should be raised at the Parish communications meeting.

**ACTION – Cllr. Thompson.**

### **Development/Planning/Environment**

#### Kerb on Village Green

To be done in the new year.

#### Picnic Area

Hibberts have been paid £450 to start legal proceedings which are taking place slowly. Cllr. Roberts wants to ensure during the transfer process, that the picnic area will be protected for the future.

**ACTION – with Cllr. Roberts.**

### **Road Safety**

#### RS Working Group Progress

The SID has been in various places around the Parish in the last 3 weeks and now a meeting is to be arranged with Highways.

**ACTION – with Cllr. Wilson.**

Openreach have visited the pole on Brownhills Road and agreed that it needs to be moved. We are now awaiting further communication.

**ACTION - Clerk**

#### Path to the Village Hall

The proposed armadillos have been found to be unsuitable. A textured white line and cats eyes are now being investigated.

**ACTION – with Cllr. Wilson.**

### **Services**

#### Electricity sub-station

2 types of streetlights can be provided, a lantern type which looks traditional but which tends to throw the light out sideways and a modern downlighter which doesn't look as rural but which does throw the light downwards and causes less light pollution. The Christmas newsletter had illustrations of both of these and asked for the opinion of residents. Cllr. Wilson to circulate any responses and the Parish Council may have to meet before the New Year to make a final decision which will probably be a mix of both types.

### **Youth/Social/Community**

#### Play Zone

The Parish Council gave its thanks to Cllr. Plumbley and family for the new turf at the play area and Cllr. Wilson reported that the 52 club is working well. Quotations have been received for netting on the top of the MUGA and this will be discussed in the New Year.

#### **15.12.06 Planning Matters**

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

15/04674/FUL – demolition of outbuilding and construction of 2 storey extension at Egerton Cottage, Beech Lane

**Resolved:** that no objections but a comment that materials used should be in keeping with the original

15/04644/FUL – temporary workers dwelling at Alton View, Hickhurst Lane

**Resolved:** that Parish Council would object as it felt that this was –

- Intrusion into Open Countryside
- Not an agricultural application as it was related to equine activities

##### **b) Decisions made:**

None

##### **c) Other**

None

#### **15.12.07 Highways**

It was reported that the 'Litter' sign in the layby in Beech Lane had been uprooted.

**Resolved:** that Clerk to report

#### **15.12.08 Correspondence**

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

<b>SENDER</b>	<b>DATED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION</b>
Childrens Cancer Support Group		Letter and leaflet	Noted
CWAC	13/11/15	Notification of New Homes Bonus £1450 plus questionnaire	Noted
CHALC	23/11/15	Email regarding bidding for community vehicles	Noted
Cotebrook Pre-School	25/11/15	Further email regarding shed	Agreed that a donation of £150 would be provided
CB Homes	25/11/15	Letter regarding land availability	Noted
Eveleigh Moore-Dutton	04/12/15	Email regarding impact of Budget decisions on Parish Council	All Councillors to respond to consultation
CHALC		Notification of planning course to be held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016	

#### **15.12.09 Finance Matters**

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Alex Stubbs	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter salary	437.80		437.80
HMRC	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter PAYE	109.60		109.60

**15.12.10 Local Council Award Scheme**

The Parish Council will continue working on this in the New Year.

**ACTION - All**

**15.12.11 External Meetings**

None

**15.12.12 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

**15.12.13 Any Other Business**

The Clerk was requested to write to Oulton Park, with thanks for the Senior Citizen's lunch.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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

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