

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 20th December 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Eddie Shaw, Julie O'Shea, John Sellers, Arthur Nicholas, Simon Roberts

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)
 Mr Paul Healey
 Mr Bert Platt
 Mr Philip Martin
 Mr M Harris
 Mr Keith Walker
 Mr Al Walker

16.12.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies received from Cllr. Thompson be received and accepted

16.12.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15th November 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Nicholas

Seconded: Cllr. Sellers

16.12.03 Public Speaking Time

Mr Max Harris, The Firs. Objects to the Picnic area project, not the facility being developed but the hedge removal and the carparking. An open area, without gates may cause overnight camping, fly-tipping or 'courting couples'.

Mr Philip Martin, Mill Pool House, representing Oulton Residents. The residents do not want the removal of the hedge or gate and do not want a car parking area. It is a management issue, cars can be parked on the area currently available, with a rota to enable the gate to be opened and locked daily.

Keith and Al Walker, Brownhill Park, previously vehicles could be heard in the night that disturbed the dog, we are concerned this may re-occur. Keith explained that before the hedge was there, people would visit at night and the police would regularly be called.

An alternative is to have pedestrian access only, utilising the footpaths within the area. Residents have no issues with the installation of paths, bugboxes or any of the other items detailed within the plans.

Cllr. Roberts said consistency is needed on what was agreed.

The formula used to calculate parking spaced was queried, Cllr. Plumbley detailed how this was achieved.

Cllr. Sellers, then gave a history of the parish council's decision making process for hedge removal. This was to give a welcoming open space and prevent people parking 'around the back of the hedge'. By opening up the space it would become safer.

Cllr. Shaw, explained that the parish council had looked at an entrance option for the bottom of the picnic area. This had been ruled out due to the incline of the site, which would be restrictive to the elderly. Also parking at the bottom could cause access issues to the new properties to be built on the Mill Pool restaurant site.

The parish council were advised that if the picnic area is developed following the current plans, legal action by the local residents will be taken.

A letter was received on the 20th December from a local resident who was unable to attend the meeting, their views echo that of the residents that were present, whilst all residents are in favour of the picnic area re-opening, discussion and careful consideration needs to be given to plans of hedge removal and car parking facilities.

Mr Bert Platt, representing the Road Safety Working Group.

Today (20th December), Highways have been erecting the poles for the 20mph signs, The signs should be 21 metres from the top of Edgewell Lane. The placing of the signs were calculated using a formula and detailed within the documentation sent out by Highways. The Highways Team were going to place the signs 50 metres down the road, but this was resolved and is now in the best place for the sign.

The Highways representative said, they own the verge up to the boundary of the properties and parking was not permitted on the verge.

16.12.04 Matters Arising

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

Rural Parish Councils Working Group was held at Little Budworth on 29th November.

- A roadside footpath is proposed to run 1.9 miles from Utkinton to Tarporley to encourage cyclists, pedestrians and school children. Cllr Shaw & Mike W, attending, commented that this could be a future project for Eaton which is the same distance from Tarporley.
- First aider training took place in Utkinton last year, with 19 taking the opportunity to be trained, this could be useful training for members of Rushton an Eaton Village – Clerk to Liaise with Utkinton and Cotebook Parish Council.
- Little Budworth run Snow Angels, where volunteers, check on the elderly or ill, collect prescriptions etc.

Red Lion Pub

No further update

Village Design Statement (VDS)

The team lead by Mike Scott working to develop a Village Design Statement, are now nearing its completion. The VDS will be presented to the Parish Council for comment prior to it being submitted for adoption by Cheshire West and Chester Council in the New Year.

Community Pride Competition

Due to increasing costs and streamlining of sponsorship, the Community Pride Competition will not run during 2017, whilst the organisers look at alternative ways to achieve the high standards but keep the costs within budget.

Rushton Parish Council wishes to thank everyone that helped to organise or take part in the 2016 Competition, our awards show what a lovely village we live in with great community spirit.

16.12.05 Planning Matters

a) Applications received since the last meeting

None

b) OtherLorry accident, Monday 15th August 2016.

A lorry damaged the sandstone blocks that form the base of the stone cross that stands in the centre of Eaton Village.

Grosvenor Construction have now completed the repair work, paid for by the Councils insurance company.

16.12.06 Highways

Junction of Hickhurst Lane. Highways have agreed that works are required to improve this junction and will schedule these into the early new year.

Action Confirm with Highways that the junction is at OakTree Farm **Clerk**

Highways need to be notified that the white line needs improvement at the end of Kings Lane at the junction with Hickhurst Lane

Action **Clerk**

16.12.07 Reports from Working Groups**Communications**Website and Facebook

On-going

Superfast Broadband

On-going

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

Development/Planning/EnvironmentPicnic Area

Having heard the views of the local residents a meeting to discuss options for the picnic area will be required, full council and working group attendance is required.

At the meeting two proposals will be put forward for consideration and discussion by the council, this will be followed by meetings with local residents, Mill Pool restaurant developers and other interested parties.

Action Cllr. Plumbley to circulate dates of meeting

Cllr. Plumbley

Road Safety

The 20mph speed limit changes come into effect on 13th January 2017.

Village Green Kerb, quote for kerbs has been received. To be kept on hold and possibility of applying for a grant to be looked at in the future

Brownhills to Beech Lane Junction, there is a blind spot with no visibility caused by the bank restricting the view. Marking on the road would emphasise the junction.

Action **Liaise with RSWG** **Clerk**

Youth/Social/CommunityPlay Zone

Sleepers have now been installed, backfilled with membrane filler and gravel, to keep the area weed free and maintenance levels low.

New bench, fence panel and replacement MUGA back board are being installed on 3rd January.

New equipment has now been quoted for, a risk assessment will be needed before the order can be placed. All costs will come out of the “contingency” saved from the original grants etc.

Youth club

Youth club remains very busy. A Christmas party was held on 22nd December and Tarporley Round Table members attended with Santa and his sleigh plus circa 38 children from YC and the village. Free hot dogs were provided from YC funds. All agreed that this was a very successful event.

16.12.08 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. This is interlinked with the website, as the website is developed the information available to the public will grow and therefore the LCAS will become an achievable step.

16.12.09 External Meetings

Future Meetings

16.12.10 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
CWaC	01/12/16	CTRS Grant	Apply for lump sum
Mr G McCourty	05/12/16	Damage to Wall	Civil matter.
Claire Woodward	16/11/16	Beeston, Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Neighbourhood plan. Boundary changes in April 2015 had lead to part of Rushton Parish being incorporated into their NP	Rushton Parish Council happy for the neighbourhood plan to progress.
Mr D Keene	02/12/16	Meeting of Town and Parish Council representatives with the Police and Crime Commissioner	Date circulated
Chalk	12/12/16	CWLEP Seminar	Date Circulated
Frodsham Town Council	20/12/16	Asset Transfer Training	Dates circulated, pass to interested member of the community

16.12.11 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Miss L. Worrall	Q2 Salary (carried from October)	£483.56		£483.56
Grosvenor Construction	Insurance excess	£100.00		£100.00
Adam Keppel-Garner	Website hosting fee	£36.00		£36.00
Man Coed VM Ltd	Picnic Area Copse Clearance (PO Picnic Area 2016/001)	£961.92	£192.38	£1154.30
TP Construction and Driveways	Play area Sleeper installation.(PO Play Area 2016/002)	£900.00	£180.00	£1080.00
Mr M Wilson	Leaf clearance bags x 10	£25.00		£25.00
Mr J Freeman	Stationary for telephone box information	£18.20	£3.64	£21.84

16.12.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

16.12.13 Any Other Business

There is currently increased criminal activity in the area, be vigilant, ensure all premises and vehicles are locked and secure. If you see anything or any person acting suspicious try to gain vehicle registration safely but do not approach, dial 101 and ask for assistance.

On 9th December a Car rally took place on Kings Lane. Rally cars passed at one minute intervals, practicing rallying on roads. If there are less than 12 vehicles involved they do not need to notify the police.

On 3rd December 25+ volunteers from the village, carried out the annual leaf clearance filling 35 x 1 tonne bags from the village green and surrounding roads. Thanks to all that assisted on the day, especially to Barbara and Ian Burgon for the welcoming refreshments afterwards and also to Highways who collected the leaves on the Monday. This PC initiative is to prevent drains blocking and the area looking untidy.

43 members of the parish enjoyed Christmas lunch at Oulton Park along side members of Little Budworth Parish. During the event Eaton Primary school choir sang Christmas carols. Rushton Parish Council would like to express our thanks to the school choir for their entertainment during the day, and special thanks to MSV organisers and particularly the staff who made everyone very welcome, serving an excellent Christmas lunch.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:39pm.

Signed: _____
Date: _____