

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 16th February 2016 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Cllr. Eveleigh Moore-Dutton (CWAC)
 PCSO Kenny Williamson
 Residents:
 Mr B. Platt
 Mr. P. Healey

16.02.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies received from the Clerk, Alex Stubbs, be received and accepted. The minutes were taken by Cllr. Wilson.

There were no disclosures of interests.

16.02.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19th January 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Plumbley, seconded Cllr. O'Shea.

16.02.03 Public Speaking Time

Mr. Platt raised the issue of continued flooding on Sapling Lane. Although various attempts have been made, they have only been partially successful. Mr. Platt felt that he could help with the solution.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to arrange meeting including Mr. Platt and CWAC Highways

Mr. Platt repeated his concerns about the way that cars are parked at the bottom of Edgewell Lane.

PCSO Kenny Williamson gave an overview of his duties. Although he alone covers a large area from Winsford to Tarporley, he is available through telephone 101 or via email to attend specific problems when they arise. He has recently issued tickets (advisory) to parents parking in dangerous positions around the school.

16.02.04 Matters Arising

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

The second meeting is due to take place on Wednesday, 17th February at Utkinton. Cllr. Wilson will attend and report back. Representatives from Rushton, Little Budworth, Tarporley, Darnhall and Utkinton/Cotebrook have been invited.

Red Lion Pub

The site, now up for re-sale, is untidy and overgrown. The clean up promised last autumn did not take place.

ACTION – Clerk to write with a request for site security (from travellers) to be reviewed plus work required to tidy this important aspect of the village to be carried out.

BT pole on Dogmore Lane

Assistance with the movement of this pole has been re-reported to the MP's office who have promised to take it up with BT again. Awaiting response.

16.02.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

The Clerk is starting to organise content and also investigating the templates we could use to construct the website.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to contact all village groups to enquire if they would like space on the site.

Newsletter

The February newsletter was printed at the Neuromuscular Centre in Winsford as the St. Helens copier was unavailable. This cost twice as much but the Jessie Hughes Committee agreed to pay half. Cllr. Wilson explained that this saves a lot of time.

Resolved: that future copies of the newsletter to be produced by the Neuromuscular Centre to save time. A request to be forwarded to the Jessie Hughes Committee for a 50% contribution.

Superfast Broadband

Cllr. Plumbly expressed disappointment with the satellite system that she had installed.

ACTION – Clerk to contact Headteacher Paul Mitchell to ask if the community could benefit from the installation that he is considering for the school. Also, a further meeting with Connecting Cheshire to be requested.

Development/Planning/Environment

Kerb on Village Green

ACTION – request to go to Mr. Scott who offered to Project Manage this.

Picnic Area

A handout proposal, presented by Cllrs. Roberts and Wilson, was discussed. Cllr. Moore-Dutton offered help with information on English Apple Orchards.

Resolved: that options discussed will be produced on computer generated 'Artist Impressions' for further discussion by stake-holders.

ACTION – with Cllrs. Roberts and Wilson.

Road Safety

RS Working Group Progress

Following the discussions at the January Parish Council meeting with Highways managers in attendance, a 'RS Objectives 2016 report' has been produced by Cllr. Wilson and the Road Safety working group.

Resolved: to accept revised objectives. Cllr. Wilson will now follow these up with a set of meetings with Highways.

Path to the Village Hall

Final option is part of RS Objectives 2016.

Services

Electricity sub-station

Most of the local work of Phase 1 is now completed with any concerns quickly resolved by SP Energy Networks and Duttons. Many overhead cables have been removed, greatly improving the village. The new sub-station will go live in March. New lampposts have been installed although some need lamps changing to lantern type when they are in stock.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

No major problems with much enjoyment and appreciation by users. The 52 team working well. Improvements to the entrance being discussed with Highways.

16.02.06 Planning Matters

a) Applications received since the last meeting:

Although the planning application for the school extension had been notified, the paper plans had not been received and so no discussion could take place. It was agreed that a separate parish council meeting would be arranged to discuss, as the closing date on the consultation was 4th March. All parish councillors can join the discussion as none have a pecuniary interest. It was noted that several open meetings had been held at the school prior to the application so that no public meeting needed to be held.

b) Decisions made:

None

c) Other

Response to CIL Consultation

Councillors were urged to respond individually if interested.

16.02.07 Highways

Road Surface in Hall Lane

Currently being discussed with Highways.

16.02.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Cheshire Community Action	January 2016	Invitation to enter Community Pride Competition	Cllr. Wilson to contact people from last year who could assist with the application
CHALC	09/02/16	Details of CHALC area meeting to discuss proposed CIL	Noted

16.02.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Hibberts LLP	Legal Costs for picnic area	1096.98	220.00	1316.80
CHALC	Induction training for Cllr. Thompson	30.00		30.00
Jessie Hughes	Hall hire Nov/Dec	38.00		38.00
Get Mapping PLC	Parish on-line	28.00	5.60	33.60
Mike Wilson	Newsletter costs	74.50		74.50

16.02.10 Local Council Award Scheme

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

ACTION - All

16.02.11 External Meetings

The induction training received by Cllr. Thompson had been well received.

16.02.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

16.02.13 Any Other Business

There had been an incident of Slurry spillage reported and dealt with by Cllr. Shaw. Disappointment was expressed that the farmer responsible was reluctant to be involved.

It was requested that a letter be sent to Jonathan Palmer thanking him for the pensioners Christmas lunch, if not already sent. A note is to be sent to David Lilley as people who have moved away from the area are still attending. It was agreed that attendance in the first year after a move was acceptable.

Cllr. Wilson to contact the litter teams as there are some gaps in the litter picking which need to be filled.

A reply to the 'Ivy Growth' article in the February newsletter was received from Mrs. Carole Gardner who pointed out the benefits of Ivy to the countryside. This information will be discussed with Mr. Brian Oldham who had raised the issue and also offered to assist in doing a survey.

A note had been received from the Village Design statement group with an update on progress.

Queens 90th Birthday – after major celebrations arranged by the Parish Council for the Queens Jubilee, it was agreed that low scale events would take place for this. Cllr. Plumbley offered to arrange a childrens competition and perhaps a picnic event.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____