

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall
on Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Graham Sime, Suzanne Hinchliffe Phil Hodgson and Olga Vertija

In Attendance: Eveleigh Moore-Dutton (Ward Councillor), Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Mike Wilson
 Charlies Hunt

23.02.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

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

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr. Sime chaired the meeting.

23.02.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the 17th January 2023 to be agreed and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. Sime

Seconded: Cllr. Vertija

23.02.03 Public Speaking Time

Cllr. Moore- Dutton gave an update on the trial of the Pot Hole Pro, the pothole repairs undertaken so far have been of high quality and the machine can use 8 tonnes of tarmac a day making the repairs very time efficient and of high standard. Following the initial trial, CWaC have funded the hire of the Pothole Pro from JCB for another three months.

Cllr-Moore Dutton as a match funded budget that enables the community to gain funds for one off spends, The Jessie Hughes Village Hall are utilising this funding opportunity to fund a battery to store electricity from the solar panels.

Mr Hunt has undertaken litter picking along Hickhurst Lane, due to the volumes of litter currently on the lanes he enquired whether there was any facilities in the Parish to place the bagged litter once collected. It was explained that the team of litter pickers within the Parish, take the rubbish home and place it into their own recycling and domestic bins, to request CWaC collection would require payment for the contract.

23.02.05 Planning Matters

1- To note planning decisions received.

None

**2 -To consider response to planning applications received
 Applications received since the last meeting.**

22/02503/FUL

Location - Land at Oulton Mill Lane Rushton, CW6 8BE

Proposal - Engineering works and construction of hardstanding associated with the agricultural development approved under 21/00145/AGR- (retrospective)

New plans have been received, the plans do not clearly show the datum point to determine the bund size and also do not clearly detail whether the trailers are to remain or be removed from the site. Once these points have been clarified the Parish Council will make comment.

22/02768/FUL**Location** - Land at Spinney Cottage, Lower Lane, Eaton**Proposal** – Construction of One new dwelling

Further detail required before Parish Council can make comments, the boundary of the development needs clarification to determine whether this is occurring within the garden or within open countryside.

23.02.06 Highways**Outstanding Road Safety Issues from Previous Meetings**a. Highways Issues

- 1) Planters and village entry signs on top has been discussed and options for designs will be prepared by Cllrs. No proposals/options available to discuss – rollover to next meeting.

Actions – prepare proposal Cllrs Sime, Leslie, Hinchliffe and Vertiga

- 2) Purchase sign for direction to M6 north and South for placement near village green – rollover to next meeting.

Action – Select sign of. preference **Cllrs. Sime, Leslie and Vertija** and Clerk to speak with Highways regarding licences required.

b. Road Safety Matters

- 1) 20 MPH signs - Highways have confirmed that the 20mph sign on Royal Lane will be move to incorporate the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. No timescales for this work Hs been given.
- 2) Speed data from VAS – Cllr Sime will be taking this on and will contact Brian Oldham and Paul Healey about how to get the data.
- 3) Community Speed Watch and Speed Camera – can the village club together to buy one? Cllr Thompson – costs of camera and implementation of a Community Speed Watch including training will be included in discussions about speed reduction measures.

23.02.07 Reports from Working Groups
Communications**Newsletter**

Editor role is still vacant. If anyone would like to now take on the role of newsletter editor, please do contact the Clerk, Lindsey via at e-mail at rushtonclerk@aol.com

Mike Wilson is kindly continuing to assist with the preparation of the latest edition of the newsletter – thanks to Mike for his continued support.

Broadband

Following a meeting at Cotebrook Village Hall, Open Reach have confirmed that the voucher scheme can be utilised for the Parish and surrounding areas who are currently struggling with broadband issues.

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

The Picnic Area bin has now been replaced and the emptying of bin is being taken care of by Street Scene. The site is obviously being used regularly.

It was agreed that we would not pursue the Mersey Forest project for tree planting any further at this point. We would however like to plant the wildflower meadow again this year and will look to grow the number of trees in the Orchard later this year.

Anyone wishing to volunteer with the picnic area project, please contact the Clerk Lindsey at, rushtonclerk@aol.com

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone Project

Cllr. Vertija has now taken over as Cllr supporting the Playzone activity and thanks to Mike Wilson for the continued work he is doing in supporting the Playzone and Cllr. Vertija.

A working party will be organised for March 18th to undertake a spring clean, and reseal areas of water ingress. Parents will be invited to take part in the spring clean.

Quotes have been received for replacement signs and an order placed.

Eaton Primary School conversion to Academy

Eaton Primary School has converted to an Academy as part of Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College Multi-Academy Trust.

The current agreement between Eaton Primary School and Rushton Parish Council in respect of the MUGA requires renewal which will now be between the Parish Council and the Academy.

The agreement has undergone final review with the solicitor, all councillors present happy with the agreement and happy for it to be signed.

Ongoing liaison between the School Academy, Parish Council and legal teams will occur until the new agreement can be implemented.

Action – liaison until new agreement can be put in place.

Cllr. Thompson

Matters Arising

Village entrance signs

Cllr Hinchliffe has circulated some images of sign designs that could be used for the village entrances. All councillors to look at these before the next meeting and determine which style would be the most appropriate for the village.

Clerk has spoken with Little Budworth Parish Council regarding the signage that they are proposing, once details of the company being used are received Clerk will circulate this information.

CPR Training

CPR Training was arranged for 19th February 2023, due to Covid this has been cancelled and will be re-arranged for March.

23.02.08 Correspondence

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action
Solicitors and councillors	16/03/22 onwards	MUGA agreement update	Responded and Circulate to councillors
Mersey Forest	23/09/22 onwards	Organising and meeting to discuss planting of trees	Circulated
Councillors and Member of public	12/12/2022	Sign on green become broken	Circulated
UU	23/12/2022	Update from UU	Circulated
Member of public	10/01/2023	Planning for AED training	Circulated
Drays Coffee Shop	19/01/23	Sale of books has raised £32 for the Playzone	Thanks sent to The Drays
Member of Public	24/01/23	Street light opposite the Church on Royal Lane is not working. Reported to Highways, they have attended, and fault is with supply. SP made aware, Clerk to report to SP also	Responded to Member of Public
Highways	26/01/23	Highways confirm that after assessment the 20mph sign on Royal Lane will be moved to incorporate The Jessie Hughes Village Hall Car Park	Circulated
Councillor, Play Zone Committee	26/01/23	Organising Spring Clean of Play Zone for 18 th March 2023	Circulated
Tarporley Doctors Surgery	30/01/23	Survey regarding location of AED equipment within village	To complete and return
UU	01/02/23	Drop in sessions at various village Halls – Jessie Hughes Village Hall 01/03/23	Circulated and placed on noticeboard

23.02.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
WEL Medical Ltd	Replacement AED Battery	£160	£32.00	£192.00

23.02.10 External Meeting

.Clerk is attending an election briefing on 5th March.

23.02.11 Any Other Business**23.02.12 Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7:30pm at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. PC Paul Gilchrest and PCSO Jorge Ferreira will be in attendance

The meeting closed at 9:04pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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