

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Arthur Nicholas, Eddie Shaw, Neil Thompson, Simon Corradine and Emma Leslie

In Attendance: Mike Wilson
 Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)
 Paul Healey
 David Furness

18.01.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

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

Resolved: that the apologies from Ward Cllr. Moore-Dutton be received and accepted.

18.01.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 28th November 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Corradine

Seconded: Cllr. Shaw

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19th December 2017 are not a full and proper record. The day of the next meeting is incorrect.

18.01.03 Public Speaking Time

Mike Wilson has written some of the sections for the village newsletter, those remaining need to be divided between the councillors according to their involvement in the village and submitted for editing by 26th January.

Fibre Broadband appears to have reached Eaton Lane, if you receive your broadband and telephone from Little Budworth and your telephone number begins 76, fibre MAY now be available.

Oulton Park resident passes should be available from late January/early February, an e-mail will be sent to those who regularly receive the pass. To gain a resident's pass you should live within a mile of the circuit, two utility bills that are within three months old as prove of residence and two passport photographs will be required.

Potholes outside the Jessie Hughes Village Hall are getting worse. To be re-reported to the Highways Dept. by the Clerk.

An Asset consultation is underway by Cheshire West and Cheshire Council (CWaC), this is looking at play areas, toilets, libraries, and green spaces though out the county. Several options are available which includes closure or the sale of some facilities.

18.01.04 Matters Arising

Defibrillator for the Parish

The defibrillator has now been fully installed at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall, a rota of inspection is required to ensure its fully operational if ever required. Cllr. Thompson and Paul Healey are carrying out these checks currently.

Future training will be held hopefully in the spring.

Signs will now be purchased to highlight where the AED is.

Members Budget application update

It has been confirmed that the members budget that the Parish Council obtained can be used for Road Safety issues but does not specifically need to be used for the renewal of the village green kerb.

Proposal

A Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) may be suitable on or around Lower Lane.

Members of the Parish Council and RSWG met with Ian Lovatt of Cheshire West and Chester Council Highways Department on the 18th December. During the meeting it was determined that:

- The VAS would need to be positioned off Highways Lane, with the permission of the landowner.
- As it will be positioned on private land a legal agreement between the PC and landowner may be required.
- The Planning Dept should be made aware of the project, the need for planning permission is very unlikely
- It could be positioned in either direction on Lower Lane, but best, capturing vehicles travelling down Lower Lane.
- Around 70-80 metres detection length is required to capture the speed data.
- Once location determined, check the light levels to ensure the solar panel will work effectively.
- Two suitable locations identified on Lower Lane

At the subsequent RSWG meeting on the 9th January, the VAS was discussed along with other options, the VAS is the only suitable option available. Permission has been granted for the positioning of the VAS on private property on Lower Lane.

- Pricing of installation is required
- Liaise with the Planning dept.
- Liaise with CHaLC to determine whether a legal agreement needed
- Once all costs known, speak with insurance company to gather a quote.
- Check panel angle to ensure adequate sun to power the panel.

To set the budget for the year 2018-19

The Budget for 2018-19 was looked at, although most of the items were in place it was felt that the income should be separated to show clearer each grant individually. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

To set the Precept for the year 2018-19

Precept to stay the same as last year £5000. Last year there was a significant increase and it was felt that there shouldn't be any alteration this coming financial year.

Proposed – Cllr. Shaw

Seconded – Cllr. Thompson

Five in favour, one abstained as felt did not know enough about the subject this year.

Eaton and Rushton's Application for Best Kept Village 2018

This year's entry for has arrived and all councillors are eager for the Parish to enter.

Cleaning of the Telephone Box – future arrangements

The telephone box windows have been regularly cleaned by a local window cleaner and the invoice given to and paid by a local resident, who then passes these on to the Parish Council. It is felt this is an unnecessary burden for a local resident to have to undertake and the Parish Council will now take control of this process and the window cleaner can be paid directly by the clerk.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr and Mrs McCourty for taking care of this telephone box cleaning until now, it is very much appreciated.

Clerks Hours

During Quarter Three the clerk has logged hours worked against hours paid. The clerk is paid for 4 hours a week which is 52 hours a quarter, during quarter three the clerk noted a minimum of 74 hours, many hours go un logged as telephone calls, quick e-mails and the odd half hour don't get included. The Parish Council will assess whether the Hours of the clerk can be increased when assessing the budget.

Councillors Responsibilities

Appointment of Committees and Allocation of Member's Responsibilities 2017/2018

- a) Road Safety – Cllr Plumbley, Cllr Shaw + Working group headed up by Brian Oldham
- b) Members' individual responsibilities be allocated, as follows:

Parish Council Noticeboard
CHALC
Oulton Park Liaison
Litter Pickers
Footpaths
Dog Warden

Clerk
Members as available
Cllrs. Shaw/Cllr. Leslie
Mary Wilson Co-ordinates
Cllr. Nicholas
Cllr. Markham

**Communications
Development/Planning/Environment
Services
Youth/Social/Community**

**Cllr. Thompson
Cllr. Plumbley/Cllr. Leslie
Cllr. Thompson/Clerk**

- Road Safety - Chair Brain Oldham
- Picnic Area - Chair Neil Thompson
- Play Zone -Chair Mike Wilson
- Youth Club - Chair Mike Wilson

**Cllrs. Shaw, Plumbley and
Corradine
Cllrs. Plumbley and
Nicholas
Cllr. Plumbley and
Corradine**

**Cllr. Corradine, Julie
O'Shea, Sec Mary Wilson**

18.01.05 Planning Matters

a) Applications received since the last meeting

17/05241/LBC – Oak Tree Farm,
Location -Edgewell Lane, Eaton
Proposal – Conversion of redundant barn to one single dwelling with replacement
single outrigger.

The Parish Council Supports the above planning Applications
Proposed – Cllr. Leslie
Seconded – Cllr. Corradine

18/00111/FUL – Stone Cottage,
Location -Sapling Lane, Eaton
Proposal – Single Storey side extension

This application was received on Monday 15th January 2018, therefore there has not been enough
adequate time to be placed onto the Agenda for this meeting. A meeting will take place on Tuesday
30th January at 19:30 in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall to discuss this application.

18.01.06 Highways

Lower Lane is scheduled to be re-surfaced. Scottish Power also plan to undertake works on Lower Lane
which will require digging up the road, liaison between Scottish Power and Highways required.

Action- Liaise with SP and Highways

Cllr. Thompson

Oulton Mill Lane. Water is again running across the road, the problem is under the road. Highways were
approached last year, need to address situation again.

Action- liaise with Highways and Landowner to arrange meeting

Clerk

Park Gate Cottage, Dogmore Lane, the side of the Road has been filled with tarmac, when it rains it covers
half the road as it has no drainage.

Action –liaise with Highways

Clerk

Brownhills Junction, Highways confirmed that they would re-mark the white lines. No details given as to a
timeline.

Action – Liaise with Highways

Clerk

20mph zone extension, assessment was to be undertaken in September, response due by end of March
2018.

Action – liaise with Highways

Clerk

18.01.07 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Superfast Broadband

It appears that if you live on Eaton Lane and receive your connection from Little Budworth you may now be able to get Fibre, those with number starting 76 MAY be affected.

15 residents have given details of their broadband speed to create a picture of the connectivity of the parish.

Voneus Limited

Voneus Limited are Broadband Specialist company who can offer high speed fibre connections to properties in hard to reach locations, this is achieved by deploying a transmitter from locations such as a village church or farm silo, the high speed wireless broadband signal is then distributed to customers homes via relay points. To install this type of broadband approximately 40 customers would be required to ensure the project can go ahead.

Cllr. Thompson has arranged a presentation for the community by Voneus Limited on the 6th February 2018 at 19:00 at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

Development/Planning/Environment

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

The picnic area is starting to look untidy, councillors need to regularly visit to ensure litter is kept to a minimum and the bin regularly emptied.

1. Bulb planting

Wildflowers such as Snowdrops, English Bluebells, Wild Garlic, Snakeshead Fritillary should be planted. Wyevale Garden Centre have kindly donated spring bulbs to the Picnic area project, these have been planted by Mr Dave Plumbley, thank you for undertaking this for us.

2. Cllr. Thompson is the new Chair of the working group. During the winter months Cllrs. Plumbley, Shaw and Nicholas will regularly check the picnic area.
3. Once the weather warms up and dries out further work will begin on the picnic area.

Road Safety

The Road safety working group met on 9th January, the main aspects discussed were; the 20mph zone, Eaton Lane, The Cross Junction and Brownhills Junction and the installation of the VAS on Lower Lane.

The new Chair for the Road Safety Working Group is Brian Oldham.

Cllr. Moore-Dutton would like to liaise with the working group

20mph zone

The Parish Council and Mike Wilson have prepared a proposal for the original rectangle of Lower Lane; Winterford Lane; Edgewell Lane; & Eaton Lane (between the two) to be included as a 20mph zone for Highways consideration. Highways Department have confirmed that the proposal will be assessed, with any improvements occurring in year three of the 20mph project. The equipment that had been placed outside the Jessie to assess traffic failed, this assessment will reoccur and the results known by the end of March 2018, any works will be carried out during 2018-19 financial year

Cross

The Road Safety Team have prepared a series of options including signs, road markings and vehicle activated signs. The Highways department will assess the proposal and make suggestions in due course.

Eaton Lane

Ideally the speed of vehicles using Eaton Lane needs to be reduced to persuade vehicle owners to use the by-pass. Speed management and traffic calming measures could be used to reduce the speed on Eaton Lane and include Islands or interactive signage. With both, speed calming measures or the speed limit reduction, the Parish Council would need to give a financial input into any project.

Beech Lane Junction with Brownhills Rd

The junction requires signage to improve safety. Highways have assessed the junction and will re-paint the lines to improve the visibility. No dates given.

Royal Lane

A new drain is required at the bottom of Royal Lane to prevent flooding, Highways have scheduled works to be complete by the end of March 2018.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

Cllr. Corradine to join the play zone management group

Youth club

Cllr. Corradine to join the management group

18.01.09 External Meetings

Oulton Park Liaison Group met 10th January, residents pass will be available from the last week of January. The race programme will not alter from 2017

Villagers day will occur in June

Jonathon Palmer and John Rush met with Cllr. Shaw to look at the walls around the circuit, works will begin to re-instate the walls, using a fulltime brick layer. A two-year programme of improvements will begin including the removal of trees from Kings Lane and re-instatement of the verge to enhance the wall. New wooden gates will be installed where appropriate and rural style signage to be adopted especially for the Knickerbrook entry sign.

A mini festival will be organised for 2019

18.01.10 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Highways	Jan 18	Closure of Eaton Lane on 26 th January to enable works to be carried out next to Woodgate Farm - 1 day	Circulate for information
Highways	Jan 18	Closure of Oulton mill Lane on 5 th March for 3 days for works to be carried out	Circulate for information

18.01.11 Finance Matters

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

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
JHVI	Hall Fees November and December 2017	£38.00		£38.00
Mrs. A McCourty	Telephone Box Cleaning	£45.00		£45.00

18.01.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

18.01.13 Any Other Business

For next months meeting Cllr. Leslie would like the Development at the former Red lion site to be on the agenda.

The development will be called Eaton Green and each property named after trees. The hoarding has now been put in place, this is for safety reasons.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:21pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____