

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Arthur Nicholas, Neil Thompson, Graham Sime, Eddie Shaw, Mike Wilson, Emma Leslie

**In Attendance:** Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Eveleigh Moore-Dutton, Jerry Markham, Will Markham

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

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

**19.01.02      Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Shaw

**Seconded:** Cllr. Sime

**19.01.03      Public Speaking Time**

Cllr. Moore-Dutton is looking at ways to reduce the plastic waste and would like to look at the final-destination of the plastic waste.

The Heritage variety apple trees that Cllr. Moore-Dutton has ordered for the Picnic Area have now arrived, these were grafted two years ago at Brogdales.

**19.01.04      Matters Arising**

**30mph extension along Eaton Lane**

Not all motorists using Eaton Lane remain within the speed limit. The road has numerous concealed entrances and bends which make the road a greater danger.

The current speed limit on Eaton Lane from Cotebrook into the village is 40mph, it would be safer if this was reduced to 30mph. Reducing the speed is very unlikely as the density of houses does not match that required for a 30mph speed area.

Community Speed Management has been recommended with the use of a Speed Indicator Device SID, this has been previously used on Eaton Lane.

Cheshire constabulary have undertaken speed checks on three separate occasions on Eaton Lane, these have shown that there are vehicles going over the speed limit at various time of the day but especially rush hour.

A meeting with the Highways Department during December has led to Highways agreeing to refresh some of the road markings within the village. Through discussion it was decided that the Parish Council would also look at proposals to enhance the signage at the entrance to the village, including gates or planters. A further meeting with Highways will take place once the Parish Council have finalised proposals they wish to put forward.

**Action- Liaise with Highways including a meeting, Cheshire Constabulary and look at ways to enhance the signage in the village**

**Cllr. Leslie, Wilson and Clerk**

**Lorry Parking in the Village centre**

Over the summer months, the Parish Council have met with the owner of a large vehicle that regularly parked within the village centre, the aim was to try and find a more suitable location for the vehicle to park being mindful that the vehicle is used for a business. The owner has now found a new location to park his vehicle. The Residents of Eaton and The Parish Council are very grateful that this has been rectified.

**The trees on the green,**

Permission from Cheshire West and Chester Council has been received to enable this essential maintenance work to be undertaken. The work was scheduled for November but due to unforeseen circumstances couldn't be undertaken. Works should be completed during January or early February weather permitting.

**Action- Liaise with tree surgeon**

**Clerk**

**Potential Development within the village**

A meeting has taken place between the architect, school head teacher and Parish Council Chair. During this meeting the proposed development was discussed and comments from both the School and Parish Council heard.

The architect will be invited to the February meeting of Rushton Parish Council to further discuss the development proposals.

**Draft Budget**

The clerk had prepared a draft budget for the year 2019-20.

The Actual budget of 2017-18, proposed budget of 2018-19 and draft budget for 2019-20 were worked through.

**2019 Precept Request**To set the Precept for the year 2019-20

Precept to stay the same as last year £5100.

It was felt that there shouldn't be any alteration this coming financial year.

Unanimously agreed on

Proposed – Cllr. Shaw

Seconded – Cllr. Leslie

**19.01.05      Planning Matters****1- To note planning decisions.****18/01365/LBC**

Proposal - Conversion of redundant barn into a single dwelling with replacement outrigger

Location – Oak Tree Farm, Edgewell Lane, Eaton

**Decision -Approved**

**18/01364/FUL**

Location – Land at Oak Tree Farm, Edgewell Lane, Rushton

Proposal – Conversion of redundant barn into single dwelling with replacement side outrigger.

**Decision – Approved**

**18/03798/FUL**

Location – The Cottage, Winterford Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AP

Proposal – Erection of a detached garage

**Decision – Approved**

**18/02238/FUL**

Location – Hill House Farm, The Hall Lane, Rushton, CW6 9AU

Proposal – Erection of two log cabins for holiday accommodation

**Decision – Refusal**

**2- To consider response to planning applications received**

None

**19.01.06      Highways**

Lower Lane is scheduled to be re-surfaced. Scottish Power also plan to undertake works on Lower Lane to place the overhead cable underground, the Clerk has contacted Scottish Power for an update as to when works will begin. Once a timescale of SP Energies works the Clerk will liaise with Highways.

**Action- Liaise with SP and Highways**

**Clerk**

**20mph zone**

The 20mph zone has now been extended to include parts of Royal Lane, Lightfoot Lane and Sapling Lane, the whole of The Green and Lower Lane. Signs are in place and the 20mph speed limit is in place.

**The 30mph sign on Eaton Lane**, the poles are leaning into the road, the signs are becoming damaged, one in particular has become so damaged it has a hole in it, this will need replacement. Following the meeting with Highways it was decided that that the poles need to be moved to prevent this occurring again.

The movement of poles will require advertising to comply with legislation. It is hoped that this will be completed by the end of the financial year.

**Action – liaise with Highways**

**Clerk**

### **Cross**

The Road Safety Team prepared a series of options including signs, road markings and vehicle activated signs. Following the meeting with Highways in December it has been decided that the Parish Council will re-address the proposals and determine the proposal we wish to put forward. Representatives of the Highways Dept. have recommended that the road marking should be re-painted, no dates have been given for this.

**Action – liaise with Highways**

**Clerk**

### **Oulton Mill Lane**

Flooding occurs from the ditch on Oulton Mill Lane during the wetter months, the clerk is liaising with Highways, the landowner has cleared the drains and confirmed that there is a sandstone drain under the carriage way, there is no headwall to this drainage system.

**Action – Liaise with landowner and Highways**

**Clerk**

### **Traveller Encampment**

There are a small number of travellers who are parked on Kings Lane, Rushton. They have been approached by the Police and are not planning to stay long. Once further information is known it will be passed on.

## **19.01.07 Reports from Working Groups**

### **Communications**

#### **Superfast Broadband**

Following the presentation from Voneus Limited, a survey is being undertaken to look at the possibility of a community fibre project.

**Action – Liaise with Voneus**

**Cllr. Thompson**

### **Connecting Cheshire Broadband**

Most of the village now has access to Superfast Broadband with speeds up to 100mb, there are a few properties that are not yet possible to connect, and works will continue to provide more secure broadband to these premises.

To determine whether you can access superfast broadband go to [openreach.co.uk](http://openreach.co.uk)

Once broadband is available at your property, the customer can contact the service provider to arrange connection.

Some residents have contacted their service provider and found issues with receiving fibre, issues such as new infrastructure needed and new poles to secure the service. If anyone is having issues, please report these to the Parish Clerk, Lindsey Worrall at [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

## **Development/Planning/Environment**

### **Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.**

Finances: Mike Wilson and Clerk Lindsey are confirming the balance figures, but it is in the region of £1,800 from the Awards for all grant left and the full £1,000 from the Tesco grant still to be spent. Mike has drafted out a budget of how the £1,800 could be spent.

School Project: Will take place in Spring 2019. A balance of how the £1,000 (Tesco Grant) would be spent has been prepared in case Tesco require this.

Actions from site meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018:

The long tree trunk: has been made into seating for the school project, thank you to Martin Boardman for undertaking this.

The CWAC sign: has been taken down by Mike Wilson who will amend it to read Rushton Parish Council.

The Wild Meadow Area for the school project and mini apple orchard has been marked out by Mike Wilson and is in an arc to make it mower friendly. The area that will be planted needs to have the top soil scrapped away. Martin Boardman will be approached to see if he has the tools to achieve this. Aim to prepare the wildflower meadow in February

Entrance Gate has a steep slope Cllrs. Shaw and Nicholas will address this within the next few weeks.

School involvement The next meeting with the primary school will take place during February.

A risk assessment will be required to ensure it is safe for children to go onto the picnic area to help the Parish Council. A Duty of Care document will need to be signed by both the school and the Parish Council.

Dogs are being walked on the picnic area and a fouling box is needed to enable owners to be responsible. Cllrs. Wilson and Moore-Dutton to source a fouling box and general waste bin.

The Safety of the Copse needs to be assessed – clerk to contact Martin Boardman

Nitrogen Oxide canisters have been found at both the picnic area and the play zone, they cause dizziness and a five-minute-high, using such 'mini highs' could lead to a increase in drug use. If any canisters are found in the parish, please report them to a parish councillor or to the parish clerk at [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

The first meeting of the School council was on 4<sup>th</sup> December

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

#### **Play Zone Project**

The MUGA netting has been repaired.

The Mamma Mia 2 film night run by the PZ committee with profits going to the PZ and YC raised £957.97

MUGA is being well used, the committee is aware that the floor will only have 6-8-year, lifespan and may need maintenance during that time. The 52 Team is working well.

#### **Youth Club**

Numbers remain good with up to 40-45 juniors and 15-20 seniors attending.

Due to the youth club's popularity more volunteers are needed to help run the club, a rota similar to the play zone 52 rota has been suggested, if this cannot be arranged, the number of children attending will need to be capped at 30, this is to ensure the adequate number of trained first aiders and helpers are available.

If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail the Parish Clerk Lindsey Worrall at [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

8 members youth Group team have had essential first aid training from Jigsaw Medical.

The Mama Mia 2 evening raised £957.97, to be used to help both the play zone and youth group.

£200 will be used by Youth Group and the remainder utilised for the play zone.

£200 from the Oulton Park donation will be used for youth group.

The Tarporley Rotary club have donated £150 to Eaton Youth Group.

#### **Vehicle Activated Sign on Eaton Lane**

This has stopped working, a call out fee of £150 for TWM to assess the cause is required. It may be easily fixed or may require an extensive repair.

Proposal – Enable TWM operative to assess the cause of VAS malfunction at cost of £150.

Proposed – Cllr. Shaw

Seconded – Cllr. Sime

#### **Mama Mia 2**

The parish Council would like to thank everyone who help to organise and run the event, but also everyone who supported the enjoyable local event. This enables the Play Zone and Youth Club to be managed without use of the limited Parish Council resources.

#### **Transport Survey**

The transport survey has been undertaken, a meeting will now be held to understand the findings.

Those that most need the services don't know what is available or how best to use the services.

#### **Annual Golf Day**

David Lilley and Nick Parker will be organising this years Annual Golf Day, the event will be held in June rather than August.

### **19.01.08 External Meetings**

### **19.01.09 Correspondence**

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action
Member		Potholes within the village	Contact Highways

of public			to Highlight the potholes within the village

**19.01.10 Finance Matters**

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

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
JHVI	Hall Hire – Nov 2018	£19.00		£19.00
L. Worrall	Q3 Salary	£803.40		£803.40
L. Worrall	Q3 Expenses	£32.87	£6.58	£39.45

**19.01.11 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

**19.01.12 Any Other Business**

The telegraph pole at Red Beech Farm has been moved.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:12pm.**

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

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