

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the **JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL** on **TUESDAY 19th July 2016** at **7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs. Mike Wilson, Jade Plumbley, Eddie Shaw, Simon Roberts,
Eveleigh Moore-Dutton

In Attendance: Alex Stubbs (Clerk)
Lindsey Worrall (trainee Clerk)
Brian Bryne

16.07.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies received from Cllrs. Thompson, Nicholas and O'Shea be received and accepted.

There were no disclosures of interest.

16.07.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 19th May 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

16.07.03 Public Speaking Time

Brian Bryne, representing Tarporley Cottage Hospital.

As a member of the fundraising team, Brian is looking at ways to increase the public's awareness of the activities and facilities that the hospital offers.

The hospital covers five districts and offers many services that the public would otherwise have to travel to larger hospitals to receive.

To identify the public's current level of awareness of services provided, an electronic survey has been developed. Brian has approached the Parish council to see whether we can assist with the dissemination of this survey.

Actions-

- 1- Parish Council to e-mail the survey out to those on the e-mail lists we hold. - **Mike Wilson**
- 2- The survey link to be included in the August newsletter - **Mike Wilson**

Cllr Mike Wilson Proposed, Cllr Eddie Shaw Seconded

16.07.04 Matters Arising

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

Peter Robinson of Little Budworth Parish Council, is hosting the next Rural Parishes meeting in September and he has confirmed that he will follow the same format as used at the April meeting hosted by Rushton Parish Council.

Representative of Rushton Parish Council to attend

Action: Neil Thompson

Red Lion Pub

No updates

Resignation of Cllr Wilson

Due to an impending fairly major medical operation, Cllr Wilson has written to all councillors tendering his resignation. The councillor vacancy is to be advertised.

Advert to be placed on the notice board, and within the August edition of the newsletter, closing date for applications mid August.

ACTION: Alex and Lindsey to write advert

The two email lists held by Cllr Wilson ("Villagers" & "Friends of Eaton") totalling some 250 addresses, are to be copied to the Parish Clerk & a member of the Jessie Hughes Committee on

the basis that they are only used on “blind copies” to prevent mis-use by others.

ACTION: Cllr Wilson

Cllr Wilson will continue as Chair of the Play Zone Management Committee & the Rushton Road Safety Working Group until the year end or earlier if volunteers step up to take over. It is important that on each of these committees there is a Councillor member (PZMC – Cllr O’Shea : RRSWG – Cllrs Shaw & O’Shea).

16.07.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

This is being worked on. Alex will continue to look after the website for the foreseeable future.

Facebook, Alex is developing the facebook page, once up and running Lindsey and Cllr. Plumbley will manage the administration of this.

Facebook and the website to link together and over time we may also include Twitter.

Newsletter

Agreed that this will continue to be a Parish Council publication. Phil Alcock, newcomer to the village, has agreed to be the new editor and Cllr Wilson will see to the handover and will assist with the August edition.

Superfast Broadband

Cllr. Thompson has received a request for more information from BT. He is currently working on providing this.

ACTION – Cllr. Thompson

Development/Planning/Environment

Picnic Area

Cllr. Plumbley’s husband Dave has cut the grass seven times so far. For this year he is happy to cut the grass for free if a donation from the Parish Council is given to St Luke’s in respect of his time and commitment.

ACTION: Cllr Shaw to arrange for hedges to be cut as this is becoming a safety hazard.

A management team will need to be set up to co-ordinate this project- Cllrs. Roberts and Wilson to liaise

- **Woodlands:** Woodlands Trust will give out free packs of trees. To qualify, the organisation send the grid reference where the trees are to be planted and choose between a fruit or ornamental tree pack.
ACTION: Cllr. Plumbley
- **Grass / Hedges:** Contract prices for future hedge and grass cutting required.
ACTION: Cllr. Shaw
- **School:** Involving the children, headmaster and caretaker who manages the school garden would really include the community in the development of the picnic area.
ACTION: Cllr. O’Shea to liaise
- **A Visit :** to Winsford Cemetery to be arranged to look at the path design.
ACTION:Cllr. Plumbley
- **New Entrance:** Options for the new bottom entrance are being considered
ACTION: Cllr Roberts
- **Old Fashioned Orchard:** English Apple Trees etc to be added as areas are cleared
ACTION: Eveleigh Moore-Dutton

Road Safety

RS Working Group Progress

Cllr. Wilson to continue as Chair of the Rushton Road Safety Group providing it includes at least one councillor. Currently Cllrs Shaw & O’Shea are members.

Letter sent to Highways in April is being chased. Meeting to be arranged for next week.

Path to the Village Hall

To be removed from agenda as it forms part of the road safety working group actions.

Services

No issues.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

A Play Zone Management meeting was held last week. Due to encroachment of weeds & scattering of gravel, it has been decided that sleepers should be installed to prevent reoccurrence.

More seating is required, on busy days there is not enough.

A new notice board shall be installed at the Play Zone, including news of village activities.

Meetings with contractor Terry Ball (sleepers etc) and Creative Play (minor faults need attention) have been set up for the current week.

The 52 club is working well

Youth club

Working well

Litter Pickers

Co-ordinator Mary Wilson reports that two new rings to hold bags have been requested for litter pickers. These cost around £10 each. Parish Council to pay for these.

Village Fun Day

Not to be held this year due to organisers incapacity. New volunteers to be requested in August Newsletter.

16.07.06 Planning Matters

a) Applications received since the last meeting:

None received

16.07.07 Highways

Flooding on Sapling Lane

This is believed to be caused by a collapsed drain. To be progressed at RRSWG meeting.

There appears to be lots of blocked drains around the Village.

Action- Lindsey E-mail Highways asking for drain survey due to blocked drains

Telephone box and Village Green

The question of whether a member of the public would like to take ownership of the telephone box was raised. Are there alternative uses that the public would like to see for the box eg. Book box, defibrillator?

Action- Article to be written in newsletter, asking for alternative uses and a person to step forward to care for it.

Grass Mowing in public areas

Mowing of grass in public areas around the village has been sporadic during this season, this seems to now being done more regularly.

16.07.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
CWAC	07.07.16	Infrastructure Levy consultation	Available to read
UK Cycling	07.07.16	Cycle event, Oulton park 18 th Sept, coming	Advise public of event in August

Events		through Eaton and Rushton	News letter.
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that vouchers be provided for the entrants of the scarecrow competition.

16.07.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
CWAC	Summer term rent for Youth Group	£126		£126
Tarporley Gates	Fencing for interactive sign	£22	£2.40	£26.40
Alex Stubbs	1 st quarter expenses	£51.60	7.27	58.84
JHVH	Hall Hire May/June	£38.00		£38.00

16.07.10 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. The information will be passed to the new Clerk.

16.07.11 External Meetings

Oulton Park Liaison Group 23/06/16

Noise levels are good, the circuit do not plan any changes at the moment.

Little Budworth Parish Council discussed the possibility that Oulton Park could be used to host a charity event next summer, Rushton Parish Council would like to be involved with this charity event. With planning this may be a good joint venture with the parish councils and Oulton Park.

Villagers Day was very well organised and the catering as always of a high standard.

ACTION- Clerk to send letter of thanks to Oulton Park on receipt of donation.

Glass and wire is being removed from the walls around Oulton Park, whilst other walls are being re-rendered, the improvement works have greatly enhanced the aesthetics of the local area.

ACTION - Cllr. Roberts to write an article for the newsletter regarding these improvement works.

It is 90 years since Oulton Hall burnt down leaving 6 dead. The remains of the hall have been fenced off. Mr Morris Hunt is to give a presentation on the 30th Sept at the Fogerty Moss Centre. This is a ticket only event, only 200 tickets are available, which are free of charge.

Cllr. Shaw is the contact for tickets.

ACTION- Article to be written for the August newsletter.

Another cycling event is being held this year starting from Oulton Park. This will take place on 18th September and goes through the village although it is not a race.

ACTION: Event details to be included in August Newsletter.

16.07.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th August 2016 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

16.07.13 Any Other Business

Water Pressure Issues in the Village

United Utilities have been liaising with members of the Parish Council to study the fluctuating water pressure within the village. United Utilities have diagnosed the issue and are now looking at improving the water pressure.

ACTION -Cllr. Roberts to write an article for the August newsletter, Parish Council are working with United Utilities to improve and rectify the situation.

Community Pride Award

The Community Pride Award is split into seven sections and this year we have entered all seven. Jan Freeman organised the Community Spirit Award meeting, which involved members of the community that regularly use the hall, children from the primary school and members of the community that have only just moved in. The meeting also took in special tours of our Play Zone and picnic area. The afternoon was extremely well organised from start to finish, so the Parish Council would like to thank Jan Freeman for her hard work in pulling together a lovely afternoon. Whether we win or come second, we do have a lovely village to live in and a wonderful community spirit to go with it.

Retiring Clerk – Alex Stubbs

Chair Mike Wilson, presented Alex with a candle holder table stand from the council and a bouquet from himself, thanking her for the fantastic professional job that she has done, particularly over the past 5 years busy period. Alex's help & support with the Play Zone project was invaluable.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____