

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 25th July 2017 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Arthur Nicholas, Eddie Shaw, John Sellers and Neil Thompson

In Attendance: Mike Wilson
John Freeman

17.07.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies from Clerk Lindsey Worrall be received and accepted.

17.07.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20th June 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Nicholas

Seconded: Cllr. Shaw

Resolved: that the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 11th July 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Nicholas

Seconded: Cllr. Shaw

17.07.03 Public Speaking Time

Re-surfacing of Lower Lane

Mike Wilson and John Freeman raised the subject of resurfacing Lower Lane. It was accepted that resurfacing from the Cross through to Old Hall Lane was required, from where Hickhurst Lane has already been resurfaced. SP Energy and contractors working at the School will be contacted to ensure no further works are scheduled that would require digging up the road and spoiling a newly resurfaced road.

Action Liaise with Highways regarding the timetable of resurfacing

Mike Wilson

17.07.04 Matters Arising

Defibrillator for the Parish

There is a defibrillator at the Primary School, it would be beneficial to village to have one at the village hall or village phone box.

Action. Cllr. Thompson to liaise with the JHVI committee and Mike Wilson

Cllr. Thompson

Members Budget Application

An application was completed for a grant from the CWaC Members budget. The Parish Council have received £1800 towards the cost of installing the kerb on the village green.

To undertake the full length of the kerb and include the corner, the tarmac from the kerb to the existing road has to be re-instated to Highways specification. Highways have informed the Parish Council that unfortunately they are unable to pay for the road re-instatement at a cost of a further £1,800. It is believed that, if the corner is completed correctly it will deter vehicles from running on

to the verge. Mike Wilson (Chair of RSWG) has spoken with Terry Ball of TP Construction and it would be inefficient and costlier to do the job in 2 parts.

A second Members budget grant for the remaining amount required to complete work has been applied for and verbally agreed. Once confirmation of this grant is received the Parish Council will arrange for the works to be completed in a timely fashion and adhering to all Highways standards and requirements.

Vacancies, Rushton Parish Council currently have two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Council can contact the clerk, Lindsey Worrall by e-mail rushtonclerk@aol.com

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 Mike Wilson
- b) Members' individual responsibilities be allocated, as follows:

Parish Council Noticeboard

CHALC

Oulton Park Liaison

Litter Pickers

Dog Warden/Footpaths

Communications

Development/Planning/Environment

Services

Youth/Social/Community

Clerk

Members as available

Cllrs. Shaw/Sellers

Members as available

Cllr. Nicholas

Cllrs. Thompson

Cllr. Plumbley/vacancy

Cllr. Thompson/Clerk

**Vacancy/vacancy +
working group headed
up by Mike Wilson**

The responsibilities of Council members will be finalised when the current vacancies are filled.

17.07.05 Planning Matters

- a) **Applications received since the last meeting**

None

- b) **Other**

17.07.06 Highways

Kings Lane, Rushton, from the corner by Hunters Lodge, water is running down the road on the right-hand side of the road, drainage works may be required. United Utilities have attended and taken samples to determine whether the leak is from mains water. United Utilities have undertaken inspection works, an inspection hole has been dug and subsequently infilled. It is unclear whether anything helpful has been found or resolved at the site.

16.07.07 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website and Facebook

Clerk to look at local Parish Council websites and speak with Clerks and Chairs about the service they had when upgrading. The website is now fully compliant with the Transparency code.

Superfast Broadband

Ongoing

Development/Planning/Environment

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

1. **Levelling Work in entrance area.**

Levelling work has now been completed, and the hump has been graded
Cllrs. Nicholas has seeded and rolled the area where the hump was.

2. **Path.**

Colin Booth of CB Homes has kindly offered to donate the materials for the circular path, quotes required for the labour required to undertake this work.

3. **Tree Planting**

The donated tree whips were planted along the entrance perimeter on 20th April 2017, these have all taken well.

An area for the apple tree orchard and wildflower meadow has been cordoned off later in the summer as such planting shouldn't take place now until the colder weather.

4. **Ancillaries**

Notice board is needed and will cost approx £800. However, with limited funds, this will be deferred for the time being. A temporary board is in place.

A litter bin is required and CWaC Streetscene will be asked for this F.O.C. This will require a volunteer rota for emptying.

Action: Mike Wilson

5. **Primary School Project.**

All ready to go once funding secured. Head Nikki Duffell is enthusiastic and detailed quote from Wildbanks Conservation is in place.

6. **Funding**

The Tesco grant of £4k applied for, voting is now taking place in Tesco stores across the local area. Below a list of stores taking part in the voting on the project.

Northwich CW9 5LY

NORTHWICH CHST RD EXP CW8 1HA

NORTHWICH REGENCY EXP CW9 8UW

WEAVERHAM EXPRESS CW8 3EU

WINSFORD DELAMERE EXP CW7 2RD

7. **Bulb planting**

Wildflowers such as Snowdrops, English Bluebells, Wild Garlic, Snakeshead Fritillary should be planted. Tarvin Woodlands have a large selection of native wildflowers and good contacts to suppliers.

8. **Grass Cutting Quotes**

Grass cutting quote has now been received from Nick Reyner, grass £30 per mow and hedges £50 twice a year.

There are concerns that the installation of a path and wild flower area may cause difficulties mowing the picnic area.

9. **Moles**, the mole activity will be monitored.

10. **Hedge Cutting**, the hedges will be cut within two weeks and again in October by Cllr. Shaw. Hedge cutting can be undertaken due to road safety issues.

11. **Gate**, the planning department at CWaC have confirmed that if a second gate is required on Oulton Mill Lane to enable contractor access this would not require planning permission.
12. **Bird Boxes**, Two Bird Boxes have been donated to the project by Environmental Crop Management (ECM)

Road Safety

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 during September, with any improvements occurring in year three of the 20mph project.

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.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

A quote has been requested for the equipment change to replace one of the slides. All costs will come out of the "contingency" saved from the original grants etc.

Youth club

The Youth club remains very busy, it is enjoyed by all that attend.

17.07.08 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. This is interlinked with the website, as the website is developed the information available to the public will grow and therefore the LCAS will become an achievable step.

17.07.09 External Meetings

None reported

17.07.10 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
UK Cycling Event	21/06/17	Cycling event starting at Oulton Park on 10 th September 2017	Details circulated

17.07.11 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Miss L Worrall	Q1 salary	£505.96		£505.96
JHVI	Hall hire – May and June 2017	£38.00		£38.00

17.07.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th August 2017 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

17.07.13 Any Other Business

A proposal for Rushton Parish Council to reduce their meeting schedule from 12 to 10 meeting per year. Item to be placed on the August agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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