

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Arthur Nicholas, Neil Thompson, Eddie Shaw, Emma Leslie and Amy Markham

**In Attendance:** Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Hilary Markham, Mike Wilson, Anita Langford, Cllr. Moore-Dutton, Andrew Arditti (Connecting Cheshire) and Mark Chamberlain (BT Open Reach)

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

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

**18.07.02      Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Nicholas

**Seconded:** Cllr. Markham

**18.07.03      Public Speaking Time**

Andrew Arditti from Connecting Cheshire and Mark Chamberlain from BT Open Reach gave a detailed update on the Broadband upgrade in the Parish.

The Parish is split into three zones for the broadband upgrade, the village centre is expected to be complete by the end of September as long as no unforeseen circumstances arise. The other two zones are more challenging and the timescales for completion are not yet known.

The Parish Council will be notified when Broadband is available, but residents can go to [openreach.co.uk](http://openreach.co.uk) where you can find out whether broadband is available for your property. Once broadband is available for your property, the customer can contact the service provider to arrange connection.

Hilary Markham raised the concern of parking within the village centre and especially around the school.

Mike Wilson on behalf of residents of the village raised concerns over the regular parking of a large vehicle in the village centre. This is not being raised as a complaint as the owner is a villager who needs the van for his business. However as this is a scenic part of the village it may be that the Parish Council could work with the owner in trying to find a more suitable parking place.

**Action:** It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the owner and request a meeting with Chair Cllr Thompson and Mr Wilson.

**18.07.04      Matters Arising**

**Village Fun Day**

The village fun day will occur on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

After discussion it was decided that a bouncy castle wouldn't be easy to manage and alternatives should be considered.

If anyone would like to help organise this special event, please contact the Parish Clerk Lindsey Worrall [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

**The Village Green**

Noticeboard and Bench need to be sanded down and re-varnished before they deteriorate. A quote has been received, an attempt to gain comparison quotes has proved difficult. The councillors have therefore decided to put together a group of volunteers who will sand and re-varnish the street furniture. Anyone wishing to be part of this please contact the parish Clerk Lindsey Worrall at [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

The trees on the green, The village lies within a conservation area, to undertake the required maintenance work on the trees permission from Cheshire West and Chester Council is required, once approval is received the maintenance work required on the trees work will begin.

**Shuttle Bus timetable reschedule.**

No further updates have been received. Cllr. Moore-Dutton will chase

**Action – follow up**

**Cllr. Moore-Dutton**

30mph extension along Eaton Lane

Not all motorists using Eaton Lane remain within the speed limit, the increasing number of speeding vehicles is a danger to other road users and to residents. 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.

The Highways Dept. have confirmed that speed limits are never introduced to reduce speeding, its very unlikely that Eaton lane would meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit because it doesn't have the required density of properties.

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

Following discussion it was decided that up to date data from the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) should be analysed to assess the peak times of traffic flow and speed and to invite Cheshire Constabulary to undertake speed checks.

**Action- Liaise with Highways and gather information/evidence of speed on Eaton lane**

**Cllr. Leslie, Paul Healey and Clerk**

**Councillor Vacancy**

There is currently an opportunity for an enthusiastic member of the parish to join Rushton Parish Council. Anyone who wishes to find out more or wishes to apply for the position, please contact the clerk, Lindsey Worrall at [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

August Edition of the Newsletter

All articles to be submitted to the Newsletter editor by Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**18.07.05 Planning Matters****1- To note planning decisions.**

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

**Decision Withdrawn**

18/01805/FUL – Stone Cottage  
Location – Sapling Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AE  
Proposal – Erection of a detached single storey swimming pool building

**Decision Approval**

APP/AO665/W/18/3193349 – Hares Farm  
Location -Winterford Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AR  
Proposal – Material change of use of land to include the stationing of a residential caravan for a temporary period of three years

**Decision – Appeal Allowed**

18/02155/FUL – Oxheys Lane Cottage  
Location – Oxheys Lane, Rushton, CW6 9AT  
Proposal – Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey extension, demolition of existing porch and replacement with porch.

**Decision – Approval****2- To consider response to planning applications received**

None

**18.06.06 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**

#### **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.

**Action – Liaise with Highways**

**Clerk**

#### **20mph zone**

The 20mph zone will be extended to include Royal lane passed the Jessie Residents should receive consultation letters the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> August, the formal consultation occurs from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September, implementation will be sometime after the consultation period.

**Action – Clerk to ensure residents are kept informed of key dates**

**Clerk**

**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.

**Action – liaise with Highways**

**Clerk**

#### **Cross**

The Road Safety Team 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. 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**

#### **18.07.07 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**

Broadband Update given in Public Speaking

##### **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 will draft out a budget of how the £1,800 could be spent.

**School Project:** This was delayed due to other priorities of the council and the decision not to clear the end copses where the project was to be centred. Mike Wilson reported that he has sent a revised timetable for the project to take place between Autumn 2018 and Spring 2019. He is drafting out how the £1,000 (Tesco Grant) would be spent in case Tesco require this.

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

**The long tree trunk :** will be sawn up into seating for the school project this coming weekend by Martin Boardman.

**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.

A risk assessment will be required to ensure it is safe for children to go onto the picnic area to help the Parish Council.

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

##### **Village Funday**

A joint meeting of Jessie Hughes representatives, PC representatives and previous organisers Mike & Mary Wilson took place on 11<sup>th</sup> June with further meetings planned for 25<sup>th</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> August. A full programme is being produced and for the 2 insurance companies, risk assessments are being done

of the activities. The event celebrates 10yrs since the new Village Hall was built and quite a number of volunteers will be required. Notices and requests for help will be going out shortly.

#### **Play Zone Project**

The hedge has been trimmed, repairs on the overhead MUGA net have been carried out as has the Annual Inspection (circa £350 paid out of Play Zone funds) completed. The equipment mods have been delayed until the PZ funds are adequate to pay for this. A request to the Jessie Hughes Committee is being raised by Mike Wilson for another a special Mamma Mia 2 film night to be run by the PZ committee with profits going to the PZ. This was done with Mamma Mia 1 in 2017 and circa £800 was raised. The 52 Team is working well.

#### **Youth Club**

Numbers remain good with the usual summer dip because of holidays but still circa 25 juniors and 10 seniors attending through the summer break. CRB (equivalent) and First Aid Training are outstanding issues which will be addressed this summer.

### **18.07.09 External Meetings**

#### **18.07.10 Correspondence**

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Member of Parish	04/07/18	Concern about vehicles parked outside school	Respond and Circulate for information

#### **18.07.11 Finance Matters**

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

#### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Creative Play	Play Zone- Annual Inspection	£370.00	£74.00	£444.00
L. Worrall	Q1 Salary	£803.40		£803.40
JHVI	Hall Hire -May and June 2108	£38.00		£38.00

#### **18.07.12 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

#### **18.07.13 Any Other Business**

Rubbish has been fly tipped on Hickhurst lane.

Oulton Mill Lane flooding- Clerk to contact Highways to arrange a meeting whilst the good weather remains.

Bumble bees are in the post box on Dogmore Lane by Pillar Box Farm, do not approach.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:25pm.**

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

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