

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall
on Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Suzanne Hinchliffe, Graham Sime, Ed Shaw, Emma Leslie

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Eveleigh Moore- Dutton (Ward Councillor),

21.07.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies from Cllrs. Thompson and Wilson be received and accepted

21.07.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the 15th June 2021 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Shaw

Seconded: Cllr. Hinchliffe

21.07.03 Public Speaking Time

21.07.04 Matters Arising

Village Design Statement

Following the meeting held between Councillor Thompson, David Wood and Mike Scott on the 15th June there has been no further actions have occurred.

Refer to the minutes of June 2021 for the actions from the meeting.

Village Green Wall Repairs

The repairs to the wall were due to completed week beginning 21st June 2021, this has not been undertaken due delays with the Contractor.

Action – Clerk to chase contractor

Clerk

Corona Virus Buddy Update

The buddy system is still working well, thank you to all the angels who assisted over the past year.

Trees on the Green

Further to the minutes of the last meeting:

Option of removing the tree nearest to the Smithy being pursued. A meeting was held with CWaC Tree Officer on Tuesday 29th June. Ryan McConnell listened to reasons for removal of one tree and will discuss with dept. The Tree Officer has rejected the Parish Councils proposal.

Tree Hogs have given a quotation with two options, both are for the removal of one tree and removal of all 'arisings'. The first quote is without stump grinding (£750 +vat), the second is with stump grinding (£1000 +vat).

An investigation into the best CO2 absorbing trees is now being undertaken to select a tree, to be planted at the picnic area to offset the removal if the oak from the village green.

- First action should be to e-mail the neighbours and all who have been involved to advise of the Tree Officers position
- Option to submit an application to fell the tree closest to the Smithy to be pursued.
- The Tree Officer may place TPO's on them to prevent any works being undertaken.
- Could accept decision of CWaC and look to undertaking pruning work with CWaC approval under Conservation Area permit.

Vacancy

The Vacancy for Parish Councillor will be advertised through the noticeboard, newsletter and website.

Anyone wishing to become a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk, Lindsey Worrall at rushtonclerk@aol.com

The vacancy will be voted upon in the September meeting.

21.07.05 Planning Matters

1- To note planning decisions.

2- To consider response to planning applications received

21/02374/FUL

Location – Vine Cottage, Sapling Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AE

Proposal – Single Storey rear extension and render, addition of side window to first floor.

The Parish Council **Supports** to this Planning Application –

Proposed – Cllr. Sime

Seconded – Cllr. Hinchliffe

21/02263/S73

Location – Lower Lane Service Station

Proposal – Demolition of existing building and erection of two detached dwellings – variation to condition 2 (Plans) of planning permission 20/01586/FUL

The Parish Council **Supports** to this Planning Application –

Proposed – Cllr. Shaw

Seconded – Cllr. Leslie

Applications received since the last meeting.

21.07.06 Highways

Outstanding Road Safety Issues from Previous Meetings

There has been little progress on the following issues but they remain our objectives for completion in 2021.

A full list of the council's objectives can be found in the May 2021 Meeting minutes.

a. Highways Issues

Sapling Lane, the flooding issues are becoming worse with water visible on dry days. Mr Bert Platt has produced a document showing where he feels the efforts should be placed, Cllr Wilson has

produced photographic evidence to show that the leak is a Highways Dept. issue and not Private issue along with details of how long the drains remain flowing once cleared by Highways operatives. This evidence will enable the Parish Council to prove that the leak is causing significant harm and danger and needs addressing.

The flowing water on Sapling Lane is causing the road to wear away, recently a motorist lost a wheel when hitting a pothole.

Action: A comprehensive plan of works required has been drawn up, these have been sent to Highways to assist them in their understanding of the issues.

Highways attended and jetted the gullies but did not invite representatives of the Parish Council to be present as original suggested. The Clerk to chase a meeting on Sapling Lane as Highways interventions are only temporary fixes and a long-term resolution needs to be determined with all parties present. Clerk to Chase Highways, Councillors believe a 25 metre length needs digging up to remediate the issues on Sapling Lane.

The 20mph limit currently sited before the Village Hall should be put out to where the current 30mph limit changes to 50mph (at the bottom of the hill; the originally agreed position). The 20mph sign by the Green, should be moved out to where the 30mph sign is. This is being assessed by Highways and we await a decision. Clerk to chase the delivery team.

40mph sign on Whalley Drive is missing, and the other one is pointing the wrong way. Clerk to contact Highways and ask for a replacement.

The Fingerpost on Dogmore Lane is facing the wrong way, to contact Highways and ask for this to be corrected.

b. Road Safety Matters

Convictions – after 10 years of working with Cheshire Constabulary the Parish Council now have regular convictions for speeding motorists travelling through Eaton. Thanks to PSCO Jorge and PC Paul.

Police Surgeries – after a request from the new PC for more involvement with the community, there will be regular police surgeries at the Jessie Hughes on the following dates;

Monday 26th July 1.00 -2.00 pm

Wednesday 4th August 12.00 – 1.00pm

Thursday 9th September 6.00 -7.00pm

Saturday 23rd October 7.00 -8.00pm

Friday 19th November 11.00 – 12.00 noon

Wednesday 15th December 5.00 -6.00pm

Serious accidents have occurred on Royal Lane just outside the village, a total of five accidents in four years have occurred including a car hitting a tree. These accidents need to be reported to Highways when they occur to re-enforce how dangerous the lanes of the Parish are and that speed is often a factor in car accidents.

The Clerk will report all Flood issues potholes and Highways issues, but if residents also report them the issues will be dealt with quicker, the number of times issues are reported the higher ranked an issue becomes (a bit like points makes prizes). Go onto the Cheshire West and Chester Council Website,

click onto **Report a Highway Fault**, then **Report a Fault**

You will be able to detail the fault, including the exact location and attach up to five photos.

21.07.07 Reports from Working Groups Communications

Newsletter content required by 26th July 2021.

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

The Picnic Area is being used well. Thank you to Mike Wilson and others who check on the site/bin regularly and do the now weekly mow..

Weekly mowing and removal of refuse continues.

The picnic area is being used well and the wildflower meadow has been successful with many users complimenting the wildflowers and the picnic area as a whole.

Anyone wishing to volunteer with the picnic area project, please contact the Clerk Lindsey at, rushtonclerk@aol.com

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone Project

The play zone sanitiser is checked regularly to ensure it is kept topped up. Signage is in place.

There has been some damage to the wooden structures and also shrinkage to wetpour floor. The damage has been reported to Creative Play (manufacturer) with concerns that the floor damage was not expected until at least year ten. Creative Play will repair a 3-metre section for free, discussions are on going regarding other damage.

Eaton Primary School conversion to Academy

Eaton Primary School has converted to an Academy as part of Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College Multi-Academy Trust.

The current agreement between Eaton Primary School and Rushton Parish Council in respect of the MUGA requires renewal which will now be between the Parish Council and the Academy.

Contact has been made with the legal representatives who assisted with the agreement prepared in 2015.

Agreement has been reached with the Academy regarding the £500 per year maintenance fee and wording of relevant agreement paragraphs including aspects of liability. This will need to be clarified by Parish Councils Solicitor.

Ongoing liaison between the School Academy and Parish Council will occur until the new agreement can be implemented.

Action - liaison until new agreement can be put in place. **Cllrs. Wilson & Thompson**

The wet pour floor is showing signs of damage and shrinkage mainly in the Play Area, Creative Play will inspect and give a quote for the repairs.

Action – Cllr. Wilson to meet Creative Play on site

Cllr. Wilson

Youth Club

As no leaders have stepped forward to help re-open the youth club, it has now been closed. All equipment has been cleared from the school including the youth club safe. The petty cash will be banked by the Parish Council and used for something special at the September Village Fun Day.

Annual Village Fun Day

This will take place on Sunday 5th September, a committee from the Jessie Hughes Village Hall and Parish Council will help to organise the event Cllrs. Leslie, Hinchliffe, Sime and Moore-Dutton have all offered to assist with the organising of the day.

21.07.08 Correspondence

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action	
Multi-Academy Trust	29/10/20 onwards	Use of MUGA by school when transferred to Multi-Academy Trust, new agreement to be created	Circulate to councillors	
Councillors	24/02/2021 onwards	Maintenance of trees on the green, emails between residents, contractors, and CWaC Tree Officer	Circulate to Councillors	

Councillors, architect	16-20/06/2021	Organising and reviewing the drop-in session for the Planning application on Land adjacent to The Spinney and Eaton primary School	Circulated between councillors	
CWaC	22/06/2021	Concerns about overgrown verges and the road safety implications raised	Circulated to councillors	
Member of Public	24/06/2021	Following a litter pick, litter has been observed coming from refuse vehicles on country lanes witing the parish	Circulate to Councillors, raise issue with street scene	
JHVI	30/06/2021	Payment for the JHVI for May and June is due, payment would be easier via BACS	Discuss in next meeting	
Newsletter editor	05/07/2021	Newsletter contributions are due by 26 th July	Circulate to Councillors	
Councillor Wilson	06/07/2021	The Youth Club will not re-open, the stored equip. At the school will be removed	Circulated	
Member of public	08/07/2021	Beeston and Tarporley Station re-opening, help needed to lobby CWaC for funding	Circulated	
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	08/07/2021	'Go Wild for Wildlife' initiative, verges suitable for wildflowers to be identified to Cheshire Wildlife Trust	Circulated, to be discussed in next meeting	
Hibberts Solicitor	12/07/2021-14/07/2021	Confirmation of fee for MUGA agreement, following call with Cllr. Wilson further confirmation of work to be undertaken and fee expected.	Circulated	
Creative Play	13/07/2021	Repairs to wet pour flooring	Circulated	

21.07.09 Finance Matters

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

- Accounts for payment (below)

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Jessie Hughes Village Hall	Hall Fees May and June 21	£42.00		£42.00
Cheshire playing fields	Yearly subs	£20		£20

21.07.10 External Meeting

Oulton Park Liaison meeting will be on 25th August.

21.07.11 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 7:30pm at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

21.07.12 Any Other Business

Phone Box – needs painting and also there is a broken pane of glass.

Cllr. Sime to replace the glass, speak to Cllr. Wilson regarding who painted it last.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____