

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall
on Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Charles Hardy (Ward Councillor) Paul Chrisp,

24.07.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies from Cllrs. Thompson, Vertija and Hodgson be received and accepted.

24.07.02 Co-option of Councillor

Resolved: that being the only applicant for the position, Mr Paul Chrisp be Co-opted into Rushton Parish Council.

All Councillors welcome Paul and look forward to working with him to make Rushton and Eaton a wonderful Parish and community

24.07.03 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of the 21st May 2024 to be agreed and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. Sime

Seconded: Cllr. Shaw

Resolved: that the minutes of the AGM of the 21st May 2024 to be agreed and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. Shaw

Seconded: Cllr. Sime

Resolved: that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the 18th June 2024 to be agreed and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. Leslie

Seconded: Cllr. Shaw

24.07.04 Public Speaking Time

Charles

Still working to arrange a meeting with Highways, problem appears to be the way Highways prioritize work within the Parishes, need to improve communications with the Parish Councils and communities. The communities need to understand the rational of their maintenance work. PC to attend meeting once organised.

24.07.05

Allocations of individual responsibilities were discussed and will be allocated when all councillors attend.

A- allocate individual responsibilities for specific business

B- appoint representatives to other organisations

Oulton Park Liaison – 2 reps.

Cheshire Assoc. of Local Councils (Vale Royal Area Group) - .

Parish Council Noticeboard

CHALC

Oulton Park Liaison

Litter Pickers

Footpaths

Communications

Development/Planning/Environment

Services

Clerk

Members as available

Cllrs. Shaw/Sime

Members as available

Cllr. Chrisp

Cllrs. Thompson

Cllrs Leslie/+ 1

Cllr. Thompson/Clerk

Youth/Social/Community

- Picnic Area - Chair Neil Thompson Cllr. Shaw
Cllr. Shaw hedge maintenance.
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- Play Zone - Cllr. Vertija
- Facebook – Cllr. Vertija + another
- Newsletter - Mike Wilson + another

24.07.06 Planning Matters**1- To note planning decisions received.**

None

**2 -To consider response to planning applications received
Applications received since the last meeting.****24/00034/OUT****Location-** Land opposite Baytree House, Royal Lane Tarporley,**Proposal –** Erection of up to two self-build custom houses with access and layout included, and matters of scale, appearance, and landscaping reserved for future consideration.

Comments given February 2024.

The Parish Council **Objects** to this Planning Application

Proposed – Cllr. Vertija

Seconded – Cllr. Sime

The full comments can be seen on a separate document.

No further updates since February 24

Notification of a Planning Appeal –**Written Representations Site Address:** Land Opposite Baytree House Royal Lane Rushton Tarporley**Description of development:** Erection of up to two self-build custom houses with access and layout included, and matters of scale, appearance, and landscaping reserved for future consideration**Appellant's name:** Mr Ken Roscoe**Planning or Enforcement ref:** 24/00034/OUT**Planning Inspector ref:** APP/A0665/W/24/3343139**Planning Inspector: Appeal reference:** 24/00072/ND**Appeal start date:** 4 June 2024**Comment before:** 9 July 2024

The Parish Council re-iterates the Objection and comments that were previously submitted.

Application: 24/00665/S73

Proposal: Variation of condition – removal of condition 5 (agricultural occupancy) on planning permissions 4/23618 and 4/23284 (condition 1 Of appeal APP/L0635/A/05/2005162)

Location: Grange House, Mill Lane, Rushton, Tarporley, CW6 9AS
 An extension to the comments deadline has been requested
 Case Officer has detailed the area affected by the agricultural tie.
 The Parish Council has No Objection to this Planning Application
 Proposed – Cllr. Sime
 Seconded – Cllr. Leslie

Notification of a Planning Appeal –

Written Representations Site Address: Spinney Cottage, Lower Lane Rushton Tarporley, CW6 9AN

Description of development: Use of land to rear of Spinney Cottage as garden.

Appellant's name: Mr J Markham

Planning or Enforcement ref: 23/00961/LDC

Planning Inspector ref: APP/A0665/X/24/3344341

Planning Inspector: Appeal reference: 24/00077/REF

Appeal start date: 19 June 2024

Comment before: 31 July 2024

The Parish Council re-iterates the Objection and comments that were previously submitted

24/01839/TPO

Location- Silver Birches, 2 Lower Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AL

Proposal – 2x silver Birch – Crown thin and reduce crown by 1-2m.

The Parish Council has No Objection to this Planning Application

Proposed – Cllr. Leslie

Seconded – Cllr. Sime

24/01804/LBC

Location – Oak Tree Dairy, 36 Edgewell Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AE

Proposal -Single Storey Extension

The Parish Council Supports this Planning Application

Proposed – Cllr. Leslie

Seconded – Cllr. Chrisp

Provision of Disabled Parking Bay

Location - 11 Edgewell Lane

Proposal – Disabled parking bay

No issues with this provision.

24.07.07 Highways

Outstanding Road Safety Issues from Previous Meetings

a. Highways Issues

village entry signs images have been previously circulated of designs that could be used for the village entrances. All councillors have looked at these and discussion held.

The design and pricing of both the gates and signs has been obtained, before going ahead with this project the Parish Council has liaised with Highways.

Jerry Gibbs of Highways has clarified the licences required for working on highways land. Highways confirmed that Rushton Parish Council own the signs and can update, maintain them as long as appropriate licences in place to do so.

Councillors will review details and assess funding avenues.

To contact Highways to enquire whether line painting on Eaton Lane would be an advantage and who would be responsible for the payment of this process.

Actions – prepare proposal and continue liaison with Highways Cllrs Sime, Leslie and Vertija.

Sapling Lane

To enable the United Utilities maintenance work to be undertaken Sapling Lane will be closed for 23rd August to 19th September 2024.

b. Road Safety Matters

The Parish Council are awaiting feedback and clarification from highways on several matters

1. 20 MPH signs - Highways have confirmed that the 20mph sign on Royal Lane will be moved to incorporate the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. The 20mph on Eaton Lane is in the incorrect location, going from 20mph in the centre of the village to 30mph and then 40mph heading towards Cotebrook, No timescales given.
Highways have confirmed that to move the 20mph sign to incorporate the Jessie Carpark requires Highways to follow the TTRO process and readvertise, consultation is currently underway.
2. VAS On Lower Lane – is a community initiative to slow traffic on a narrow lane with no footpaths next to the busy primary school.
The VAS will be reinstalled imminently.
3. The Oulton Mill Lane sign, located by the Picnic area was hit and damaged autumn 2022, the damage was reported to Highways, no actions taken. sign then disappeared (summer 2023). Clerk reported this to Highways and a works order placed but no timescales for the replacement given. The sign has now re-appeared but is damaged and dangerous, clerk reported to Highways again.
4. The Hall lane, the speed signs are facing the wrong way and need turning correctly, Clerk has reported this, works order in place.
5. Lower lane, has no road markings in some areas due to the narrow nature of the road.
Highways will undertake new line paintings in due course.
Parish Council has asked for resurfacing to be undertaken before line painting, Highways have no provision to resurface. If evidence that Highways have previously committed to road surfacing, this can be re-addressed.
6. The road sign on the corner of Hickhurst and Dogmore Lane is broken, a works order is in place.
7. The road sign on the corner of Dogmore and Kings Lane is broken, a works order is in place.
8. The 30mph signs on Eaton lane are the wrong way around, a works order is in place
9. Oulton mill lane to Cotebrook junction, visibility is very poor especially in large vehicles,
Highways do not believe there are any safety issues with this junction
10. Sapling Lane, large pothole/Sink hole appeared next to a drain cover, repair initially undertaken quickly. It has reappeared and reported to Highway, further works undertaken to repair the pothole has occurred.

11. Eaton Lane Drainage issues Curbing project at village green, residents would like to assist in the project. Funding options to be assessed.
Theres water flowing from the telephone box down the road, Unities Utilities have confirmed it is not chlorinated and therefore not a water leak. Clerk has already reported this to Highways as a likely drainage fault, Highways believe its just flowing from Higher Ground. Clerk has contacted UU to ask how to proceed with this, who have confirmed there are no assets leaking within the village.
Parish Council to seek a meeting with Highways. Possible option is to place a drain along the edge of the green to capture all excess flow.
12. Beech Lane Layby has a sign which is in need of replacement, a bin would also be a great asset to the layby. A school bus was observed having to reverse as they couldn't pull out of the layby due to the concrete posts and soil that have been deposited. The sign at the layby needs replacement and a new bin, Highways to be asked to supply these.
13. Sapling Lane, water running down both sides of road, created a ravine, water running into field, dangerous if two vehicles meet as the drop of the road is deep.
14. The hedge on Eaton Lane at the corner opposite the monument is overgrown, to approach homeowner to ask for the hedge to be cut back.
15. The 20mph signs on Winterford lane are the wrong way around, work order in place
16. The 20mph signs on Sapling lane are the wrong way around. Work order in place

24.07.08 Reports from Working Groups Communications

Newsletter

The August newsletter articles are due 26th July, the content was discussed during the meeting Thank you to Mike for his editorship and circulation. Mike will continue to undertake this role for this year,

Editor role is still vacant. If anyone would like to now take on the role of newsletter editor, please do contact the Clerk, Lindsey via at e-mail at rushtonclerk@aol.com

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

The Picnic Area bin has now being emptied by Street Scene. The site is being used regularly.

All councillors agreed that 4 fruit trees should be purchased and planted in November.

The picnic area is suffering a mole issue, previously a mole catcher was employed but all his mole traps were stolen, at the moment the moles will not be controlled.

The Parish Council and local birds would like to thank the mystery person who fills the bird feeders at the entrance to the picnic area.

Great thanks to Nick Rayner who is cutting the grass fortnightly.

Display boards to be removed and replaced

Hedge by layby to be carefully cut as currently very overgrown and encroaching layby.

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 steps on the junior Tower need replacing or repairing, Olga to contact Creative Play regarding damage, the quote received appears excessive. Local Joiner to be approached for advice or assistance.

The wet pour of the MUGA has been replaced and the facility reopened.

The gates to the Play Zone are sagging and need realignment, Olga to contact Terry Ball.

The 52 team are working well and we thank everyone involved in keeping the Play Zone a well maintained and enjoyable space for the children of the Parish.

Village Green

As detailed within Road Safety

Matters Arising

24.07.09 Correspondence

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action
Highways	08/04/24 onwards	20mph Royal Lane under consultation	Circulated
Member of Public	09/05/24 onwards	Sapling Lane subsidence photo's, sent to Highways, engineer on site in 40 minutes, repair undertaken immediately	Replied to member of public
Highways	09/05/24 onwards	Sapling Lane Subsidence, if re-occurs Highways will undertake an investigation into it Photos sent of fresh subsidence on 20 th June Engineer on Leave will investigate once back	10/06/24, contacted Highways to report fresh subsidence
Member of Public	27/05/24	Village Green water issues and village green bed. Clerk e-mailed UU and Highways	Circulated, Clerk to do works on bed
UU	10/06/24	UU confirm no leaks to assets within the Eaton area	Circulated
Cllrs. And School	25/06/24	MuGA Repairs detailed and reopening of facility	Circulated

24.07.10 Finance Matters

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

Cheque No.	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
1059	M Ravenscroft	Internal audit invoice	£42.50		£42.50
1060	JHVI	Hall Hire May and June	£78.00		£78.00

24.07.11 External Meeting

Oulton park Villagers day 7th July was very well attended. The day raised £4270 for the Parishes of Little Budworth and Ruston, each receiving £2135.

Rushton Parish Council would like to express are gratitude to MSV and all those that attended for making this donation possible. This will help woth the funding of the new village signs for the village.

The liaison group have a vacancy for Residents liasion officer, if anyone would like to apply for this role, please e-mail the Clerk, Lindsey at rushtonclerk@aol.com

24.07.12 Any Other Business

Eaton Village Police Surgeries

July 17th – 5pm

Aug 17th – 6pm

Sept 5th – 3pm
Oct 25th – 10-am
Nov 8th – 5pm
Dec 14th – 11am

24.07.13 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 7:30pm at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:47pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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