

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
held at the **JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL** on **MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011** at **7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. M.Wilson, D.Lilley, J. O'Shea, A. Rose, M.Scott,

**In Attendance:** A. Stubbs – Clerk  
Cllr. E. Moore-Dutton – CWAC  
Mr. B. Platt  
Mr. R. Chisnall

**11.06.01 Apologies for Absence and declarations of interest**

**Resolved:** that the apologies received from Cllrs. Nicholas and Shaw be accepted.

**11.06.02 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr. Rose, seconded Cllr. O'Shea and all agreed.

**11.06.03 Public Speaking Time**

The Chairman decided that any agenda items that were to be discussed by members of the public should be brought forward.

Mr. R. Chisnall informed the Council that the Community Spirit judges plan to visit the Village Hall on July 21<sup>st</sup> during "Tea n Chat" Cllr. Rose volunteered to attend and represent the Parish Council.

**ACTION – Mr. Chisnall to compile list of volunteers to speak to the judges and also to forward copies of the completed entry form to members of the Parish Council.**

Mr. B. Platt wished to discuss various items on the agenda.

**Concerns over asbestos water pipes**

Cllr. Wilson had contacted United Utilities over this and had received a letter stating that there appeared to be no risk from asbestos pipes and that this was backed up by Drinking Water Inspectorate research. A summary of the **D.W.I.** report was handed out. Mr. Platt felt that there was a risk if the pipe was broken and that asbestos pipes had been replaced in other areas.

**ACTION – Cllr. Rose to do research on internet into this subject. Cllr. Wilson to find a contact at Environmental Health to see if they have a view.**

**Village Green**

There had been a meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> to consult the public on the proposed changes to the village green. Cllr. Scott presented his proposals to the Parish Council. The most controversial proposal was the runnel from the well. A secondary well had been found and it was now proposed that a shortened runnel would incorporate both wells before running into a drain. A new single Notice Board (3 sections) and the use of the telephone box for information were also covered.

**Resolved:** that the Parish Council agreed in principle to the proposals subject to costs being sought and highways agreement received for the runnel. Proposed Cllr. Scott, seconded Cllr. Rose and all agreed.

**ACTION – Cllr. Scott to get costs for all proposals and detailed design for runnel. Also to seek agreement from Highways to proposals and to check if the second well is of any archaeological interest.**

**Electricity Sub-Station**

Cllrs. Wilson and Lilley had met with James Penn of Scottish Power. Scottish Power now want an early resolution partly due to concerns over the reliability of the existing units and also as currently they have money to put some cables underground in the village which may be lost if the work is not done shortly. Several sites have been suggested and are being investigated by Scottish Power engineers. Mr Platt has also been discussing options with S.P.

**ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to arrange a further meeting with Scottish Power to try and get some resolution before the next meeting.**

### **Eaton Cottage Farm**

Cllr. Moore-Dutton has been investigating. It was believed that the owner has been requested to submit a planning application and no further action would take place until this had been done. The Parish Council expressed its disappointment with the lack of action over a long timescale.

**ACTION – Cllr. Moore-Dutton to get further update from enforcement officer and also to arrange for a senior planning officer to talk to a future meeting of the Parish Council.**

### **High School Bus**

Concerns were raised over the bus to Tarporley High School, both the drop off point opposite the village green which was felt to be very dangerous and the fact that more than one bus was currently serving Eaton. It was pointed out that the Parish Council had tried to get the drop off point moved before and failed but it was agreed to push for this again.

**ACTION – Clerk to contact Tarporley High School and find out who arranges the transport. Cllr Moore-Dutton to be copied on correspondence.**

## **11.06.04 Reports from Working Groups**

### **Communications**

Website In progress.

**ACTION – Clerk to chase.**

Parish Directory Should be ready for July meeting.

**ACTION – Cllr. Wilson.**

Newsletter Due out August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ACTION – Cllr. Wilson and Mr. Chisnall**

### **Development/Planning/Environment**

Village Design Statement - Pending.

**ACTION – Cllr. Scott**

All other issues were discussed earlier.

### **Road Safety**

Cllrs. Wilson and Lilley had a meeting to agree strategy and have contacted the Community Speed Management Dept and the Community Liaison Officer with Cheshire Police. Various initiatives have been discussed and one of these (a tube which measures speed/volume and weight of vehicles) will be trialled during July. With regard to +7.5 tonne vehicles passing through the village, the community will be asked to report registration number, time & date so that it can be investigated to assess whether the movement was for access (permitted) or for a short cut.

Cllr. O'Shea had received complaints from residents of Whalley Drive who walk to the school, about the speed of the traffic and the fact that near misses are regularly occurring. The Parish Council agreed that the 30mph sign should be moved beyond Whalley Drive and this will be part of the recommendations being prepared..

**ACTION – Cllr. Moore-Dutton to check if this is classed as a “safe walking route”.**

**Cllrs Lilley & Wilson to continue with their action plan**

### **Services**

Sub-station & Water already discussed.

An updated “Litter Picker” list has been circulated.

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

Currently the Head teacher at the Primary School is discussing with CWAC the possibility of using the school playing field for a play area but this was looking increasingly unlikely.

**ACTION – Cllr. Moore-Dutton to investigate whether there are valid reasons for this decision by CWAC.**

Cllrs. O'Shea and Rose are to meet with Val Roberts, who chairs the Tilston playing field committee to get ideas for funding. Cheshire Community Action and the Playing Fields Association have also been contacted for funding information. It was decided to push for the playing field at the school first.

**ACTION – Cllrs. O'Shea and Rose to summarise the issues in a letter to Cllr. Moore-Dutton.**

Cllr. O'Shea is to meeting with CWAC lettings department to discuss hiring the school for a youth club and is also now seeking parental help.

**ACTION – Cllr. O'Shea to write to parents for help with youth Club. Cllr. Wilson to add this item to the August Parish newsletter seeking volunteers to set up.**

#### **11.06.05      Matters Arising**

##### **Confirmation of Volunteers for all Working Groups**

List circulated by Cllr. Wilson.

##### **Insurance Policy**

The policy was handed over to Cllr Wilson who will assess the cover.

**ACTION - Cover to be discussed at the July meeting**

##### **Increase of meetings to 12 per year**

This was discussed and it was agreed that an August meeting would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August. The December meeting would be more of a social event with the date to be confirmed.

##### **Red Lion Pub**

Cllr. Wilson is in touch with Scottish and Newcastle estates manager who having removed the rubbish bags is organising gardeners to tidy site. With regard to any possible approaches with a view to developing the site for housing, kit was agreed that nothing should be done until firm proposals / planning applications were received.

**ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to maintain contact**

Concerns over asbestos water pipes discussed earlier.

#### **11.06.06      Planning Matters**

a) Applications since the last meeting

**Resolved:** that the following comments were passed back to CWAC:

##### **11/01958/FUL – holiday let at Hill House Farm**

The proposal is for a log cabin following the demolition of existing outbuildings. Cllr. Scott proposed that the application is supported with reservations expressed about the materials and design of log cabin.

##### **11/02195/FUL – extensions at Stone Cottage**

Support the clearing of existing outbuildings and no objections to extension of house. However conditions should be put on materials to ensure they match the conservation area. Object to size of proposed garages which intrude past the building line and into the countryside.

##### **11/02713/CAT – tree felling at Ginnys Bank, Eaton Lane**

No objections

##### **11/02308/FUL – porch and garage extension at Vine Cottage, Sapling Lane**

No objections

b) Decisions made by Cheshire West and Chester - None

c) Eaton Cottage Farm – discussed earlier

d) Moss Hall Farm – objections to this planning application had now been sent in to CWAC.

#### **11.06.07      Highways Problems/Potholes**

None

**11.06.08 Correspondence**

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

	<b>SENDER</b>	<b>DATED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION</b>
1	Ged Gigg – Cheshire Police	10/06/11	May monthly update	Noted
2	CWAC	08/06/11	Consultation on Local Development Framework Core Strategy	Noted

**11.06.09 Finance Matters**

**Resolved:** that:

a) the following net accounts are passed for payment:

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Jessie Hughes	Hall hire March and April	30.00		30.00

**11.06.10 Quality Parish Scheme**

In progress.

**ACTION – Parish Clerk**

**11.06.11 Next Meeting**

Noted that the next meeting will be held on **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.30pm**, in the meeting room of the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

**11.06.12 Any Other Business**

Cllr. Lilley requested that a letter of Thanks for the Villages day be sent to Oulton Park.

**ACTION – Parish Clerk**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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

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