

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 16th June 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Nicholas, J. O'Shea, J. Plumbley, E. Shaw (Chair), N. Thompson

In Attendance: A. Stubbs – Clerk

15.06.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies received from Cllrs. S. Roberts, M. Wilson and E. Moore-Dutton be received and accepted.

Cllr. Plumbley declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 15/02074/FUL.

Cllrs. Plumbley and Shaw declared pecuniary interests in Carfest.

15.06.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary, Parish and Annual meetings all held on 19th May 2015 be agreed and signed as correct records. Proposed Cllr. Wilson, seconded Cllr. O'Shea and all agreed.

Ordinary meeting – proposed by Cllr. O'Shea, seconded Cllr. Nicholas

Parish meeting – proposed by Cllr. O'Shea, seconded Cllr. Plumbley

Annual meeting – proposed by Cllr. O'Shea, seconded Cllr. Thompson

15.06.03 Public Speaking Time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

15.06.04 Matters Arising

Picnic Area

The notice of disposal has been placed in the Chester Chronicle by Cheshire West and Chester Council. Once the transfer has been done a meeting will be held to decide how best to use the area.

ACTION – with Cllr. Roberts

Plaque for trees on Kings Lane/Edgewell Lane

ACTION – With Mike Scott to progress

Path to the Village Hall - Kerb

Following a further meeting with Highways and taking into account the concerns of residents which Highways could not agree to be held liable for, it was reluctantly decided that this project will be placed on hold. Highways are still looking at ways to provide a positive road boundary. Clerk to write letter to residents.

ACTION - with Cllr. Wilson and Clerk

Red Lion Pub

We await a visit to the area by the developer when a progress meeting will take place.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to progress the meeting.

15.06.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

It was agreed that more Parish Council output/project progress could be posted on the web-site to encourage use. Work by our teenage compilers will speed up after 'A' levels in June.

ACTION – with Cllr Wilson & Clerk to progress

Newsletter

Next issue is due the first week of August. Any proposed entries should be sent to Cllr. Wilson.

Superfast Broadband

It was agreed that pressure needs to be kept on the Connecting Cheshire team and that this should be done in conjunction with Little Budworth Parish Council.

ACTION – Cllrs. Wilson and Thompson to address on Cllr. Wilson’s return

Development/Planning/EnvironmentVillage Green Kerb

Highways have now agreed in principle to this and a fuller specification will now be drawn up for formal approval. It will be implemented with the help of local volunteers using a grant from Cllr. Moore-Dutton of £1,000.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson

Road SafetyRS Working Group Progress

The working group will reconvene in July and will be asked to serve for another 6 months.

The vehicle activated sign is in storage. The installation costs as advised by Highways were too high and an alternative solution is being discussed. The installation will be arranged by Cllr. Wilson on his return.

Highways have agreed to install a permanent sign on the Village Green directing HGV’s back to the A49.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson

ServicesElectricity sub-station

We are awaiting a programme of works from Scottish Power. Clerk has met with SP Energy Networks and been promised by the delivery manager that the works will start shortly.

ACTION – Clerk to chase

Youth/Social/CommunityPlay Zone

The match funding of £4,192 required by WREN has been sent to them. Our solicitors have agreed the final draft of the lease and we are awaiting action from CWAC. We are also working on the discharge of the planning conditions. It is hoped to place orders shortly including the increased flooring specification which has been part funded by a grant from Cllr. Moore-Dutton.

ACTION - Cllrs. Wilson and O’Shea to progress the above. A Special meeting to be organised following the return of Cllr. Wilson.

15.06.06 Planning Matters**a) Applications received since the last meeting:**

Cllr. Plumbley left the meeting.

15/02074/FUL – detached outbuilding at Park Side, Kings Lane

Resolved: that the Parish Council has no objections.

Cllr. Plumbley returned to the meeting.

b) Decisions made:

15/01595/FUL – rear extension at 2 Whalley Drive - permitted

15/01596/FUL – rear extension at 1 Whalley Drive - permitted

c) Other

With regards to the proposed caravan site at Eaton Fisheries Cllr. Thompson spoke against the application at the planning committee which then rejected the planning application.

There has been no news regarding the appeal for the conversion at Owlscote.

15.06.07 Highways

It was reported that Lightfoot Lane is due to be re-surfaced this month.

The Clerk was requested to contact United Utilities regarding the overgrown hedge at the pumping station on Sapling Lane.

ACTION - Clerk

15.06.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
NALC	05/06/15	Details of Star Council awards	No action
Utkinton and Cotebrook PC	06/06/15	Email regarding better links between Council	Cllrs. O'Shea and Thompson hope to attend meeting

15.06.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Wren	Match funding for play area	4192.50		4192.50
Alex Stubbs	1 st quarter salary	438.00		438.00
HMRC	1 st quarter PAYE	109.40		109.40
CWAC	Discharge of planning conditions – play area	97.00		97.00

that the risk assessment for 2015/2016 be received and accepted.

15.06.10 Quality Parish Scheme

Now re-issued as the Local Council Award Scheme which is being investigated.

ACTION - Clerk

15.06.11 External Meetings

Cllr. Shaw reported back from the Oulton Park Liaison meeting which included details of Carfest. This is to be held between 31st July and 2nd August and it is hoped that residents requesting tickets should get their first choice of day.

There will be more car parking this year and Cllrs. Shaw and Roberts have met with the company dealing with traffic management to discuss. Cllr. Plumley requested that there should be more signs to prevent confusion and Cllr. Shaw confirmed that himself and Cllr. Roberts are to meet with traffic management the evening before Carfest starts to check all the signs around the area.

15.06.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st July at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

15.06.13 Any Other Business

Parking in Edgewell Lane is causing problems with large vehicles unable to get through. The clerk to request the PC Ged Gigg attend the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____