

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Arthur Nicholas, Eddie Shaw, Neil Thompson

**In Attendance:** Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)  
 Eveleigh Moore-Dutton  
 Emma Leslie (Apex)  
 Paul Healey

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

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

**17.06.02 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish meeting, AGM and Ordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Nicholas

**Seconded:** Cllr. Shaw

**17.06.03 Public Speaking Time**

**The Former Red Lion site**

Emma Leslie, Director of Apex Construction and Developments attended the meeting to give an update on the development at the Former Red Lion site.

The planning application was submitted to CWaC on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Four main points were raised during the open meeting in March, these were;

- Three storey properties were not suitable for Eaton
- The number of properties in the development needed to be reduced
- The dwarf wall was not liked by the residents as it appeared overwhelming
- The development needed to be kept visually open.

The proposal is to have railings along the front of the development rather than a wall, the railings will not impact on tree roots, (a wall would have been built on a raft to protect the roots of existing trees) The fencing will have a hedge planted behind it and within the development site the same railings will be used.

There will be a gate for security purposes, this will automatically open when a vehicle arrives, the 6-7 metre entrance will be large enough to enable refuse vehicles to pull directly off the road. Pedestrian entrances will also be included.

Most of trees present on the site will remain, one tree is dead and therefore will be removed. Additional trees will be added to the development.

The properties will all be two floors, incorporating Cheshire brick, sandstone and slate rooves. The properties have been designed to enable flexible multiple use, to appeal to large number of potential purchasers.

The properties haven't been marketed yet, but there has been significant interest from prospective purchasers.

The build will take 12-18 months to complete.

It was concluded that 40mph was suitable for the stretch of Eaton Lane when the road survey was undertaken by the developer, the survey did highlight that the road was used as a 'rat run'. Apex will support the Parish Council in a traffic management scheme and be able to assist financially for such a scheme.

### Car Parking Charges for Tarporley

Eveleigh Moore-Dutton raised that a CWaC consultation is underway to review parking in Cheshire. The consultation recommends that time-limited parking and charges including disabled parking be implemented in Tarporley.

Tarporley Parish Council have been reviewing the parking facilities in the village, they propose to bring in a time-limited parking scheme to include road side parking.

At Tarporley High School, vehicle numbers at busy times have been counted to assess whether a zebra crossing would be suitable, such a scheme can only be implemented if the vehicle numbers are deemed to be very high during the busy periods for the school.

### **17.06.04 Matters Arising**

Cllr. Julie O'Shea has stood down from Rushton Parish Council. The councillors would like to thank Cllr. O'Shea for all her input and enthusiasm over the years. Julie will remain active in the running of the youth group.

### Defibrillator for the Parish

There is a defibrillator at the Primary School, it would be beneficial to village to have one at the village hall. There is funding currently available which will enable the installation of a defibrillator for just £600

**Action.** Cllr. Thompson to liaise with the JHVI committee  
**Thompson**

**Cllr.**

### Members Budget Application

An application was completed for a grant from the CWaC Members budget. The Parish Council have received £1800 towards the cost of installing the kerb on the village green.

To undertake the full length of the kerb and include the corner, the tarmac from the kerb to the existing road has to be re-instated to Highways specification. Highways have informed the Parish Council that unfortunately they are unable to pay for the road re-instatement at a cost of a further £1,800. It is believed that, if the corner is completed correctly it will deter vehicles from running on to the verge. Mike Wilson (Chair of RSWG) has spoken with Terry Ball of TP Construction and it would be inefficient and costlier to do the job in 2 parts.

A second Members budget grant for the remaining amount required to complete work has been applied for and verbally agreed. Once confirmation of this grant is received the Parish Council will arrange for the works to be completed in a timely fashion and adhering to all Highways standards and requirements.

### Eaton Village Fun Day

This 2017 event has been cancelled due to lack of support.

Vacancies, Rushton Parish Council currently have two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Council can contact the clerk, Lindsey Worrall by e-mail [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

### Councillors Responsibilities

#### **Appointment of Committees and Allocation of Member's Responsibilities 2017/2018**

- a) Road Safety – Cllr Plumbley, Cllr Shaw + Working group headed up by Mike Wilson
- b) Members' individual responsibilities be allocated, as follows:

Parish Council Noticeboard  
 CHALC  
 Oulton Park Liaison  
 Litter Pickers  
 Dog Warden/Footpaths  
 Communications  
 Development/Planning/Environment  
 Services  
 Youth/Social/Community

Clerk  
 Members as available  
 Cllrs. Shaw/Sellers  
 Members as available  
 Cllr. Nicholas  
 Cllrs. Thompson  
 Cllr. Plumbley/vacancy  
 Cllr. Thompson/Clerk  
 Vacancy/vacancy +  
 working group headed  
 up by Mike Wilson

### **17.06.05 Planning Matters**

a) **Applications received since the last meeting**  
 None

b) **Other**

### **17.06.06 Highways**

Kings Lane, Rushton, from the corner by Hunters Lodge water is running down the road on the right-hand side of the road, drainage works may be required. United Utilities have attended and taken samples to determine whether the leak is from mains water.

Oulton Mill Lane, after a thatched property called Brownhills, there is a ditch on the left-hand side of the road which is continually flooded. Correspondence between the Parish Council and Highways has occurred. A meeting with Highways and the landowner to be arranged later in the year when the flooding is most problematic

**Action – e-mail Highways**

**Clerk**

Potholes, a number of potholes are appearing in the Parish, these have been reported for repair.

### **16.06.07 Reports from Working Groups**

#### **Communications**

##### Website and Facebook

Clerk to look at local Parish Council websites and speak with Clerks and Chairs about the service they had when upgrading. The website is now fully compliant with the Transparency code.

##### Superfast Broadband

Ongoing

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

##### **Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.**

##### **1. Levelling Work in entrance area.**

Levelling work has now been completed, and the hump has been graded  
 Cllrs. Nicholas has seeded and rolled the area where the hump was.

2. **Path.**  
Colin Booth of CB Homes has kindly offered to donate the materials for the circular path, quotes required for the labour required to undertake this work.
3. **Tree Planting**  
The donated tree whips were planted along the entrance perimeter on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017, these have all taken well.  
An area for the apple tree orchard and wildflower meadow has been cordoned off later in the summer as such planting shouldn't take place now until the colder weather.
4. **Ancillaries**  
Notice board is needed and will cost approx £800. However, with limited funds, this will be deferred for the time being. A temporary board is in place.  
A litter bin is required and CWaC Streetscene will be asked for this F.O.C. This will require a volunteer rota for emptying.  
**Action: Mike Wilson**
5. **Primary School Project.**  
All ready to go once funding secured. Acting Head Nikki Duffell enthusiastic and detailed quote from Wildbanks Conservation in place.
6. **Funding**  
The Tesco grant of £4k applied for, voting is now taking place in Tesco stores across the local area. Below a list of stores taking part in the voting on the project.  
  
Northwich CW9 5LY  
NORTHWICH CHST RD EXP CW8 1HA  
NORTHWICH REGENCY EXP CW9 8UW  
WEAVERHAM EXPRESS CW8 3EU  
WINSFORD DELAMERE EXP CW7 2RD
7. **Bulb planting**  
Wildflowers such as Snowdrops, English Bluebells, Wild Garlic, Snakeshead Fritillary should be planted. Tarvin Woodlands have a large selection of native wildflowers and good contacts to suppliers.
8. **Grass Cutting Quotes**  
The grass has been cut by Mr Nick Reynor. Cllrs. Shaw and Nicholas are happy to top the picnic area this year
9. **Moles**, 7 moles have been caught, the mole activity will be monitored.
10. **Hedge Cutting**, the hedges will be cut within two weeks and again in October by Cllr. Shaw. Hedge cutting can be undertaken due to road safety issues.
11. **Gate**, the planning department at CWaC have confirmed that if a second gate is required on Oulton Mill Lane to enable contractor access this would not require planning permission.
12. **Bird Boxes**, Two Bird Boxes have been donated to the project by Environmental Crop Management (ECM)

## Road Safety

Road Signs

Poles for both the 20mph and 30mph signs are loose. Highways are aware.

20mph zone

The Parish Council and Mike Wilson have prepared a proposal for the original rectangle of Lower Lane; Winterford Lane; Edgewell Lane; & Eaton Lane (between the two) to be included as a 20mph zone for Highways consideration. Highways Department have confirmed that the proposal will be assessed during September, with any improvements occurring in year three of the 20mph project.

School Entrance

Meeting to be arranged with School; Highways and Parish Council to discuss the additional traffic / parking which will be caused by the current extension.

Cross

Another accident has occurred at the cross involving a white van crossing from Lower Lane to Sapling Lane, Police aware of the incident.

The Road Safety Team have 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.

Beech Lane/ Brownhill Lane Junction (poor driver visibility).

The landowner is happy for Parish Council to look into the removal of some of the bank to improve visibility with the involvement of Highways. Improved road marking could also help.

**Youth/Social/Community**Play Zone

A quote has been requested for the equipment change to replace one of the slides. All costs will come out of the "contingency" saved from the original grants etc.

Youth club

The Youth club remains very busy, it is enjoyed by all that attend.

**17.06.08 Local Council Award Scheme**

The Parish Council is continuing to work on this. The Clerk is reviewing the information that needs to be added to the website. This is interlinked with the website, as the website is developed the information available to the public will grow and therefore the LCAS will become an achievable step.

**17.06.09 External Meetings**

None

Future Meetings

Oulton Park Liaison Group – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Oulton Park Villagers day 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**17.06.10 Correspondence**

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice	30.05.17	Thank You letter for £500 grant	Letter circulated

**17.06.11 Finance Matters**

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Miss L Worrall	Q1 Expenses- Laptop, USB and stamps	£593.63	£102.87	£638.50

**17.06.12 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

**17.06.13 Any Other Business**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:10pm.**

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

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