

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Neil Thompson, Eddie Shaw, Amy Markham, Emma Leslie, Mike Wilson

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

19.06.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

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

Resolved: that all Councillors have a personal interest in Planning application 19/02023/FUL, in that they know the applicant, former councillor Arthur Nicholas.

19.06.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of the 21st May 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Markham

Seconded: Cllr. Shaw

Resolved: that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 21st May 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Shaw

Seconded: Cllr. Markham

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 21st May 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Markham

Seconded: Cllr. Thompson

19.06.03 Public Speaking Time

Cllr. Moore Dutton has undertaken a training course on Police Licencing, this looks at how to identify sites where money laundering is taking place, locations that have no visual signs of income etc. Rural locations can sometimes be ideal hubs for small scale criminal activities.

19.06.04 Matters Arising

Appointment of Vice Chair for 2019-20

Resolved: that Cllr. E. Leslie is appointed as Vice Chair and the declaration of office be accepted

To review the members responsibilities and the working groups they represent.

Members' individual responsibilities be allocated, as follows:

Parish Council Noticeboard
CHALC
Oulton Park Liaison
Litter Pickers
Footpaths

Dog Warden
Communications
Development/Planning/Environment
Services
Highways

Youth/Social/Community

- Picnic Area - Chair Neil Thompson

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Clerk
Members as available
Cllrs. Shaw/Leslie/Sime
Mary Wilson organises
Cllr. Shaw and Mr P
Healey
Cllr. Markham
Cllrs. Thompson/Wilson
Cllrs Leslie/Sime
Cllr. Thompson/Clerk
Cllrs. Wilson/Leslie

Cllrs. Wilson and
Thompson
Cllr. Shaw and Mr
Nicholas – Mowing and
hedge maintenance.

- **Play Zone** -Chair Mike Wilson

Cllr. Markham

- **Youth Club** - Chair Mike Wilson

Cllr. Thompson, Julie
O'Shea Sec, Mary Wilson
Treasurer.

To review the Village Design Statement (VDS) for Eaton

A new Village Design Statement has been received from the group set up some 3 or 4 years ago under Michael Scott. The working group have now completed the VDS, which has been submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council and adopted by them.

The group worked independently of the Parish Council, and therefore the VDS is available as an independent document for residents to read by going to the Cheshire West and Chester Website.

Vehicle Activated Sign

The Parish Council have reviewed the options available and decided that TWM should undertake the repair to the vehicle activated sign.

Proposal – TWM to undertake repair to VAS on Eaton Lane

- **Proposed – Cllr. Shaw**
- **Seconded – Cllr. Wilson**

19.06.05 Planning Matters

1- To note planning decisions.

None received

2- To consider response to planning applications received

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Location – 7 Elm tree Court, Eaton, CW6 9AZ

Proposal – Single Storey front Extension

The Parish Council has no objections to this Planning application –

Proposed – Cllr. Markham

Seconded - Cllr. Leslie

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Location – Park Wall Farm, Kings Lane, Rushton, CW6 9BA

Proposal – Erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building

The Parish Council **Supports** the above planning Application

Proposed – Cllr. Markham

Seconded – Cllr. Leslie

19.06.06 Highways

30mph extension along Eaton Lane

Not all motorists using Eaton Lane remain within the speed limit. The road has numerous concealed entrances and bends which make the road a greater danger.

The current speed limit on Eaton Lane from Cotebrook into the village is 40mph, it would be safer if this was reduced to 30mph. Reducing the speed is very unlikely as the density of houses does not match that required for a 30mph speed area.

Cheshire constabulary have undertaken speed checks on three separate occasions on Eaton Lane, these have shown that there are vehicles going over the speed limit at various time of the day but especially rush hour. Further speed checks will be undertaken in due course.

It has been agreed with the Highways Dept. that the parish council will prepare a plan for the village, looking at proposals to enhance the signage at the entrance to the village, including gates or planters, plus all other outstanding Highway issues. A further meeting with Highways will then take place once the Parish Council have finalised the proposals they wish to put forward.

Action- Liaise with Highways including a meeting, Cheshire Constabulary and look at ways to enhance the signage in the village

Cllr. Leslie, Wilson and Clerk**Potholes**

Some potholes have been infilled along Royal Lane and Eaton Lane with permanent repairs being undertaken

Lower Lane is scheduled to be re-surfaced. Scottish Power also plan to undertake works on Lower Lane to place the overhead cable underground, the Clerk has contacted Scottish Power for an update. Once a timescale of SP Energies works the Clerk will liaise with Highways.

The clerk has met with the contactors who will be undertaking the works a timescale was unavailable and suggested SP would be best to advise. A representative of Scottish Power has made contact but no details given so far.

Action- Liaise with SP and Highways

Clerk

20mph zone

The 20mph zone has now been extended to include parts of Royal Lane, Lightfoot Lane and Sapling Lane, the whole of The Green and Lower Lane. Signs are in place and the 20mph speed limit is in place. Driving through the village towards Cotebrook, the speed changes from 20mph to 30mph at the village green, some residents are now experiencing vehicles accelerating out of the village centre past their properties. This will be taken up with Highways.

Action – liaise with Highways

Cllr. Leslie, Wilson and Clerk

The 30mph sign on Eaton Lane, the poles are leaning into the road, the signs are becoming damaged, one in particular has become so damaged it has a hole in it, this will need replacement.

The sign coming into the village has now been repaired. The sign post exiting the village still awaits repair once details are finalised between the landowner, the Parish Council and the Highways Department.

Action – liaise with Highways

Clerk

Cross

The Road Safety Team prepared a series of options including signs, road markings and vehicle activated signs. Following the meeting with Highways in December it has been decided that the Parish Council will re-address the proposals and determine the proposal we wish to put forward. Representatives of the Highways Dept. have recommended that the road marking should be re-painted, no dates have been given for this.

Action – liaise with Highways

Clerk

Oulton Mill Lane

Flooding occurs from the ditch on Oulton Mill Lane during the wetter months, the clerk is liaising with Highways, the landowner has cleared the drains and confirmed that there is a sandstone drain under the carriage way, there is no headwall to this drainage system.

The Clerk has contacted the Highways team about this again.

Action – Liaise with landowner and Highways

Clerk

Other issues that need liaison with the Highways Dept.

- The fingerpost sign From Hickhurst Lane to Dogmore Lane has been Knocked around so the sign now to Wettehall now points down Kings Lane.
- On Dogmore Lane at the bend opposite Parkgate Cottage drive, the road is giving way, it has been built up three times by the Highways Dept. and now the water runs the wrong way. There is approximately 35% lying water on the road, half a foot deep. To rectify this a drain needs to be placed down the roadside or new road surface.
- On Eaton Lane, after the Lodge there have been multiple accidents since September 2018 with cars going into the field hedge. The last one hit the tree.
- Oulton Mill Lane, a section of hedge approximately 80 metres in length has been removed from a field up to the road. Two accidents have occurred with cars going off the road as they were unable to see the bend in the snow. A marker or signage is required to make the road safe.
- On Winterford Lane a short distance down from the village, there appears to be a blocked drain, the road is a least half covered in water.
- Eaton Lane by the Red Lion development site, drain is blocked under the road and flooding the road.
- Sapling Lane, drain appears to be blocked causing water to run across the road.

**19.06.07 Reports from Working Groups
Communications**

Development/Planning/Environment

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

School Project: is well underway. Approx. £600 of the £1,000 (Tesco Grant) has been spent

The long tree trunk: has been made into seating for the school project, thank you to Martin Boardman for undertaking this.

The CWAC sign: has been amended to display Rushton Parish Council.

The Wild Meadow Area for the school project and mini apple orchard

The 'wildflower meadow' area that was installed in late March is now in full flower and looking spectacular for its first season.

Next Meeting of with the school will take place on June 27th.

Entrance Gate has a steep slope which Cllrs. Shaw and Nicholas have partially filled. This will be completed during the summer months.

The grass is being Mown every ten days in the areas of use, allowing the wildflowers to set seed in the banks.

The 12 team is to be set up, 12 volunteers to look after the picnic area, each responsible for one month, visiting once a week.

Hedge cutting will occur in autumn.

Nitrogen Oxide canisters have been found at both the picnic area and the play zone, they cause dizziness and a five-minute-high, using such 'mini highs' could lead to a increase in drug use. If any canisters are found in the parish, please report them to a parish councillor or to the parish clerk at rushtonclerk@aol.com

Youth/Social/Community Play Zone Project

The Annual Inspection of the Play Zone has been undertaken at a cost of £295 plus VAT.

The gardening group have weeded and re-planted the boarder, along with cutting the inside hedge at the Play Zone

Youth Club

Ed Harris is undertaking his Duke of Edinburgh award, as part of this he will be helping at the youth club till the end of the year.

Outdoor Play equipment has been ordered.

19.06.08 External Meetings

Cllr. Shaw attended the Oulton Park Liaison Meeting on 12th June.

British Touring Cars will be at Oulton Park the weekend of 29th June, Councillors have been asked to monitor the traffic flow through the village over the weekend.

Oulton Park Villagers Day will be held on Sunday July 7th.

August Bank Holiday is the Gold Cup

Thursday 3rd October, the Welsh Rally will be coming to Oulton Park, car start from Liverpool at 4.50pm and will be at Oulton Park between 7 and 10pm. Gates open at midday. Holders of Residents passes will receive free entry.

Cllr. Wilson attended the Tarporley Transport meeting on 3rd June, where local Parish Councils were able to come together and try to understand the result of the recent transport survey.

19.06.09 Correspondence

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action
TWM	09/05/19	Final decision required needed on the repair of VAS on Eaton Lane	Circulate for decision
Councillor	31/05/19	Enquiry as to whether there are properties on the electoral register of Rushton and Eaton that are in Cotebrook and Utkinton	Send response
Creative Play	07/06/19	Report following the maintenance inspection	Circulate to the Play Zone team

Highways	10/06/19	Repair to 30mph signs undertaken, issue with one reported, councillors need to liaise with landowner	Circulate and discuss in meeting
SBA (External Auditors)	11/06/19	Confirmation of exempt status of accounts, for period 2018-2019	Inform councillors

19.06.10 Finance Matters

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

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
TWM	Outstanding cost for VAS maintenance on Eaton Lane	£213.50	£42.70	£256.20
Creative Play	Annual Inspection/service of the Play zone	£295.00	£59.00	£354.00

19.06.11 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

19.06.12 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____