

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held Via Zoom on Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs. Neil Thompson, Mike Wilson, Suzanne Hinchliffe, Eddie Shaw, Amy Markham, Graham Sime

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

20.06.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

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

20.06.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 19th May 2020 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Wilson

Seconded: Cllr. Hinchliffe

20.06.03 Public Speaking Time

20.06.04 Matters Arising

Village Green Wall Repairs

A quote has been received for the repair to the damage that occurred to the wall of the Village Green following the Road Traffic Accident. The quote is; £803.00 plus VAT

This quote is sizable due to the traffic management element required to ensure the repairs can be undertaken safely.

The Clerk has instructed the insurance company to undertake the repair and try to reclaim cost from the haulage company. The Insurance company are in the process of sending the repair costs to the Parish Council, once received works will commence.

Corona Virus Buddy Update

Cllr Wilson gave an update on how the Buddy System and Local News Update were being handled. There was an excess of volunteers (over 90) offering to help and all those considered "vulnerable or shielded~" (over 50) within our Parish from the outset in March were given a "Buddy Angel" to do shopping, prescriptions and being there as a contact. Mike reported that Tarporley Parish Council are doing a good job and ideas and information is shared.

Residents of Eaton are mowing the grass on the green, picnic area and the school, whilst other volunteers are making Scrubs for Leighton Hospital.

The Insurance company have asked for risk assessments to be undertaken by all volunteers helping in the village, this will ensure all parties are covered under the Parish Councils Public Liabilities.

CWaC to be made aware that residents are undertaking the mowing at the moment, as the operative who attended from CWaC managed one strip before finding he was unable to do anymore.

'Drop in' phone calls are being made to people to see how they are especially those who have no access to computers. A Virtual quiz is also being run. All agreed that a special effort should be made to ensure that residents who may be suffering from the mental effects of isolation, are identified and help offered. Cllr Wilson agreed to include this in the next update.

The Buddy updates will now be circulated when there is a need rather than on a weekly basis.

Speeding in Eaton

A lot of residents are approaching Councillor Wilson regards to the speed of vehicles travelling through the village.

PC Monks acknowledges that there have been issues and is engaging with the councillors and will push for assistance with enforcement methods.

PCSO Williamson has today (June 16th) been undertaking speed checks on Lower Lane, but they acknowledge there are difficulties in finding locations to stand or park on Eaton Lane to do the same process.

A motorcyclist has crashed into a tree on Eaton Lane recently, no serious damage was caused to either the cyclist or motorbike on this occasion. The incident has been logged with the police.

The Cheshire Rural Crime Unit of Cheshire Constabulary have begun an Operation called 'Hairspring' PCSO's in rural locations such as Wrenbury, Barbridge can engage with the rural community and encourage safer speeds and safer vehicles.

The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Eaton Lane is not supported data that the Police would be able to use for enforcement but indicates there is an issue in the village of some motorists travelling at unacceptable and dangerous speeds.

All Councillors agreed that this is a serious issue in the village and needs to be pushed.

Actions –

- 1) – Continue liaison with PC Monks
- 2) - write to Commissioner, Cllrs Wilson, Thompson and Clerk Worrall to draft letter
- 3) Paul Healey to be asked to undertake further analysis of the VAS data to drill down into repetition of speeding offences, times of occurrence, certain days of weeks etc.
- 4) Details of PC Rob Simpson to be passed to Clerk Worrall
- 5) A virtual 'one off' meeting to be undertaken to generate the ideas needed to begin talking the issue. Cllr. Wilson to organise and Chair.

19.06.05 Planning Matters

1- To note planning decisions.

19/00568/FUL -Amendment/additional information

Location – The Old School House, Lightfoot Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AF

Proposal- Sub-division to form separate dwelling with own vehicular and pedestrian access

Approved

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Approved

20/01208/FUL

Location- Linden House, Eaton Green, Eaton, CW6 9YN

Proposal – Addition of Dormer windows to front elevation

Approved

2- To consider response to planning applications received

20/00364/FUL

Proposal -Two Storey side extension, outbuilding and new retaining wall

Location – Sapling Cottage, Sapling Lane, Eaton, CW6 9

The Parish Council **Supports** this Planning Application –

Proposed – Cllr. Wilson

Seconded – Cllr. Sime

20.06.06 Highways

Outstanding Road Safety Issues from Previous Meetings

1. Proposals suggested by the Parish Council & Responses from Highways

a. Speed Limits (see marked up map used).

- i. The 20mph limit currently on the Village Green, should be moved out to where the existing 30mph limit is situated (the originally agreed position).
- ii. The 30mph limit in i. above should be moved out to the current "Eaton Village Sign" towards Cotebrook.
- iii. The 20mph limit currently sited before the Village Hall should be put out to where the current 30mph limit changes to 50mph (at the bottom of the hill; the originally agreed position).
- iv. The 30mph limit in ii. Should go out to the "Eaton Village Sign" at the hill-top
- v. The current 20mph sign 50m below the school (Lower Lane), should be moved out to existing 30mph signs at the far end of Whalley Drive.
- vi. The 30mph signs from v. to be moved to junction with Dogmore Lane.

vii. Response by Highways

The proposal was understood by Highways but involved many issues. It was agreed that RPC will contact Dave Reeves (Road Safety Engineer) of Highways Ellesmere Port office to arrange a visit and possible re-assessment. It was agreed to hold this meeting last year and the Clerk was asked to expedite this which may have to be a Zoom type meeting.
ACTION: RPC to arrange meeting with Dave Reeves.

b. Actions to try and reduce the number and / or speed of vehicles using Eaton as a "rat run" between the Alvanley Arms (A49) and the "Red Fox" (A49/A51).

i. Village Approaches (see examples)

On Eaton Lane and Royal Lane ("Eaton" Sign Board) the Parish Council would like to create "You Are Entering a Rural Village" structures with flower beds, beware signs; gated impression. The structure would be fastened to the "Eaton" village signs and not require digging out for supports etc.

ii. Response by Highways

No initial objection. Various forms are now online for "addition of street furniture" etc and RPC were advised to look-into this and before submitting, send a draft to them for comment

ACTION: RPC to complete documentation and submit with layout etc to Highways for comment. Cllrs. Wilson, Thompson and Leslie to create the plans, with drawings, dimensions and approx. costings for the planters.

iii. Road Marking

Existing & new road marking e.g. "dragons-teeth" need to be investigated and renewed where appropriate.

iv. Response by Highways

This can be looked at after the decisions are made ref new speed limit positions.

Smaller Issues requiring attention

Flooding occurs from the ditch on Oulton Mill Lane during the wetter months, after lengthy liaison with Highways and no action, the landowner has cleared the drain, rodded under the road, cut the hedge and installed an inspection chamber

United Utilities are looking at Dogmore Lane near Red Beech Farm, new drains may be required, a drain jetter has recently been hired by a local landowner and used to clear the drains.

In the last 6-8 weeks flooding has been occurring on Oulton Mill lane, a possible blocked drain outlet is causing the road to become fifty percent flooded at times.

Sapling Lane, the flooding issue is becoming worse than ever with water visible on dry days. Mr Bert Platt is very knowledgeable of the area as is Cllr Shaw who may be able to assist Highways in determining the cause of the leaks. Photographic evidence should be gathered to show that the leak is a Highways Dept. issue and not Private issue. Even if the leak does originate from Private property the Highways Dept. should ensure that the owners undertake the repairs.

Beech Lane has had traffic lights for five weeks due to a grid sinking

The PSCO regularly undertakes speed checks within the village using a speed gun, he stops motorists who are travelling above the limit.

In December with the help of the PSCO we requested the Police undertake speed checks with the Camera van on Eaton Lane, after the initial assessment of Eaton Lane it became apparent that The Camera Van would not be able to use the Layby on Eaton Lane or any other location along the stretch because a van needs to be visible for 100 metres within a 40 mph zone to avoid issues with motorists braking.

We have requested a meeting with Highways to follow up from our last meeting with them in December 2019, one of the items we want to discuss with them is the possibility of a speed survey and the financial costs involved, this meeting is on hold until the Coronavirus pandemic has passed. The Parish Council are also working with The Highways Dept to install planters at the entrances to the village to emphasis to all that they are entering a village environment.

20.06.07 Reports from Working Groups Communications

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

School Project – Birds Bugs & Butterflies project was completed in July 2019 with Eaton Primary School.

The project was to be repeated with Eaton Primary School in Spring 2020, it is currently on hold and will re-run in Spring 2021.

The Tesco Grant for the Bees, Bugs and Butterflies Project has a balance of £412.66 which could finance more work on the project.

The original Grant balance is £1,832.83

The Picnic Area has been well used during lockdown. Thank you to Mike Wilson and Simon Corradine for looking after the site during this time.

Notices have been renewed around the site.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone Project

Currently closed.

The school have use of the MUGA during school hours. Cllr Wilson and Mrs Wilson have recently cut the hedge, removed mushrooms and closed an 'escape hole' that had appeared.

Youth Club

Currently Closed.

The Tuck shop boxes have all passed their expiry date, these have been disposed off and new items will be purchased when the Youth Club re-opens.

Village Fun Day

This year's village fun day will hopefully go ahead on Sunday 6th September, if allowed by government guidelines, it may be that this year the fun day could involve Eaton Primary School.

Risk Assessments for village volunteers

The Clerk took advice from the Insurance company regarding volunteers helping undertake various activities within the village and Picnic Area. Risk Assessments have now been undertaken to ensure all volunteers are fully covered by the Parish Councils insurance.

20.06.08 Correspondence

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action
Cllr. Wilson	March to present	Buddy update	Update has been circulated via e-mail
Member of public	20/05/2020	Letter to detail the planning application at Hill House Farm	Circulated to Cllrs.
Cllr. Wilson	June	Speeding on Eaton Lane, Police involvement with Op Hairspring and options available to look at reducing speed on Eaton Lane and Lower Lane	
Co-op	28/05/20	Co-Op fund to help local communities.	Circulated to councillors and Ward Councillor
BT Openreach	02/06/20	Three properties within the Parish are still unable to get suitable broadband solutions, BT have quoted £16,000 per property to install Fibre to the Properties, alternative options need to be addressed. Cllr. Thompson corresponding with householders and BT Openreach.	Circulated for information.
North West Ambulance	June	Audit on the Defibrillator at the JHVI, Pads need renewing	To be actioned by Councillor Thompson

20.06.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)

20.06.10 External Meeting

20.06.10 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM, the date and time is yet to be determined, once the accounts have been finalised by the Clerk and internal auditor.

The next Oulton Park Liaison Committee meeting will be held in October. Currently Oulton Park are holding Track Days, but MSV hope to begin race meetings in July.

20.06.11 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:04pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____