

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Eddie Shaw (Chairman), Arthur Nicholas, Julie O'Shea, Jade Plumbley, Mike Wilson

**In Attendance:** Alex Stubbs (Clerk)  
 Mr B. Platt (Resident)

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

**Resolved:** that the apologies received from Cllrs. Thompson and Roberts be received and accepted.

There were no disclosures of interests.

**16.03.02 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Wilson, seconded Cllr. O'Shea.

that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16th February 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Plumbley, seconded Cllr. Nicholas. Cllr. Wilson was thanked for taking these minutes in the absence of the Clerk.

**16.03.03 Public Speaking Time**

Mr. Platt attended to raise his concerns about traffic in the village, in particular the parking along Edgewell Lane which often leads to problems with large vehicles getting through. He was also concerned that the play area entrance was not helping the problem and that the proposed expansion of the school would lead to increased traffic problems.

Cllr. Wilson stated that discussions were taking place with Highways regarding the area around the play zone and that the school was working very hard to keep traffic flowing at drop-off and pick-up times.

**16.03.04 Matters Arising**

**Communication with other Parishes within Ward**

A further meeting had taken place in February and had concentrated on issues in Tarporley. Cllr. Wilson would like to see more issues of importance to the rural parishes discussed. The next meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> April at Eaton.

**ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to circulate notes**

**Red Lion Pub**

It is believed that this site has now been sold but we are awaiting confirmation of who the new owner is.

**BT pole on Dogmore Lane**

The MP's office have forwarded an email from Openreach setting out their survey fee again and also stating that costs will have to be met by the landowner.

**Resolved:** that PC will await a decision on the school expansion and then re-apply to Openreach. Cllr. Wilson to also raise with Highways.

**16.03.05 Reports from Working Groups**

**Communications**

**Website**

Cllr. Wilson has sent out emails to all village and other groups to see if they want to add content to the new website. Some organisations may wish to add their own content or they might want to simply add a link to their website.

#### Newsletter

Next newsletter is due out in the first week in May.

#### Superfast Broadband

Connecting Cheshire have confirmed that they will attend the April Parish Council meeting.

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

#### Kerb on Village Green

This has been delayed at present due to personal commitments but it is hoped it will be done later in the year.

#### Picnic Area

Cllrs. Wilson and Roberts are working on some computer generated schematics with the help of a volunteer from Tarporley. It is hoped that these will be presented at the April meeting and then an open meeting can be held to collect the views of parishioners.

**ACTION – with Cllrs. Wilson and Roberts**

### **Road Safety**

#### RS Working Group Progress

It is hoped that the 20mph speed limit will be implemented on Winterford Lane and Edgewell Lane shortly after April. Cllr. Wilson is pushing for Lower Lane to also be included.

**ACTION – Cllr. Wilson**

#### Path to the Village Hall

Final option is part of RS Objectives 2016 and this is to be discussed with Highways.

### **Services**

#### Electricity sub-station

It is believed that the new sub-station is now working. Cllr. Wilson has asked SP Energy Networks for a breakdown of the remaining works and also an estimate of when Phase 2 will commence. He is also in communication with Jeff Powell of Highways regarding the streetlights.

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

#### Play Zone

Maintenance has been carried out by Creative Play and we are now awaiting the visit from an independent inspector. There have been complaints about skateboards being used on the play area and this is being addressed.

#### Youth club

The bill for the youth club insurance was presented as the Parish Council pays this and the increase in the premium was discussed.

### **16.03.06 Planning Matters**

#### **a) Applications received since the last meeting:**

None

#### **b) Decisions made:**

15/04644/FUL – temporary workers dwelling at Alton View, Hickhurst Lane – withdrawn  
16/00587/FUL – pond and works at Stone Cottage, Sapling Lane - approved

#### **c) Other**

No issues to report.

**16.03.07 Highways****Road Surface in Hall Lane**

It was agreed that the re-surfacing was a great success and had been done extremely well although it was pointed out that the diversion was badly planned and signposted which had led to some complaints from residents.

**Flooding on Sapling Lane**

**Resolved:** that Cllr. Wilson to set up a meeting with Highways which should also include Mr. Platt.

**16.03.08 Correspondence**

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Tower Mint		Sample of 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday commemoration coin	Noted but no order to be placed
CWAC	26/02/16	Letter regarding removal of New Homes Bonus	Noted

**16.03.09 Finance Matters**

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Alex Stubbs	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter salary	438.00		438.00
HMRC	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter PAYE	109.40		109.40
Creative Play	Play zone maintenance	350.00	70.00	420.00
Arthur J. Gallagher	Youth club insurance	106.30		106.30

that the Parish Council financial regulations be re-approved.

that the Annual Parish Council and Parish meetings be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May while the Ordinary Parish Council meeting be held as usual on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**16.03.10 Local Council Award Scheme**

The Parish Council is continuing to work on this.

**ACTION - All**

**16.03.11 External Meetings**

Cllr. Shaw reported back from the Oulton Park Liaison meeting. Villagers day is to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and an Easter Funday on Easter Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. Residents were encouraged to apply for their residents passes.

**16.03.12 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

**16.03.13 Any Other Business**

There had been complaints regarding the muck on The Hall Lane. The Clerk to write to the farmer responsible.

It was noted that a working party had planted more snowdrops on the green. The Clerk to write with the Parish Council's thanks.

It was noted that Gill Dennett had agreed to be the new parish Dog Warden. Cllr. Wilson to supply a map showing the position of the dog bins so that Gill can inspect them and report back.

Cllr. Wilson reported that he is working on a list of areas that do not have litter pickers and is also checking that the existing litter pickers are willing to carry on.

It was noted that the play zone management group are organising a barn dance to raise funds for continuing maintenance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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

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

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