

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Arthur Nicholas, Simon Corradine, Eddie Shaw, Neil Thompson and Emma Leslie

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Mike Wilson, Graham Sime, Cllr. Moore-Dutton

18.03.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies from Cllrs. Corradine, Thompson and Shaw be received and accepted.

18.03.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the extra Ordinary meeting of the 30th January 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Simon

Seconded: Cllr. Leslie

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Seconded: Cllr. Nicholas

18.03.03 Public Speaking Time

Cllr. Moore-Dutton spoke about the community bus service (shuttle number 3), this service is currently bookable in advance and after 09:30 its free to those who are of pensionable age, before 09:30, the charge is minimal. A meeting is sort to include Eaton in the route the bus service takes. Currently there are busses in Winsford that could be utilised to organise trips to the leisure centre in Winsford or other local destinations with a small amount of community initiative.

Cllr. Leslie detailed an app that is used by her business that helps creates a 'travel pack for residents'. This may be a usual tool in utilising the public services the community can take advantage of.

The apple trees that had been ordered for the Picnic Area have not arrived yet, these really need planting before the end of March or they would require a lot of water to ensure they establish. Cllr. Moore-Dutton will try to source some heritage varieties from elsewhere.

A quad Bike has been regularly seen travelling through the village of Eaton and the surrounding lanes, the drivers are regularly seen at high speed and driving in a manner that may cause an accident. A letter to be written to the family involved advising that the vehicle must remain within the speed limits and driven responsibly, if further complaints are received Cheshire Constabulary will be contacted.

The application has been submitted for the Best Kept Village competition, judging will take place from Mid-April to Mid-July, with the final judging in September.

The remembrance wreath, until now it has been left up to the individual parish to determine when to remove the remembrance wreath, it has always been taken that whilst it remained in good order it should remain in place as a sign of respect. New guidance from the British Legion suggests that wreaths are removed before the end of the year, so they can be re-used as a recycling initiative.

18.03.04 Matters Arising

Vehicle Activated Sign

The members Budget application to assist with the acquisition of the Vehicle Activated Sign has been approved, Rushton Parish Council have been granted £1500 towards the cost of the sign by CWaC.

Following the meeting of Wednesday 14th March, the position of the VAS has altered and returned to the original position along the hedge line. The Clerk has sent an e-mail to the landowner but has not yet had a response. Works cannot commence until this location change has been confirmed. During the meeting of the 14th March, the cost of the legal agreement was also discussed, following research undertaken by Richard Page, the Clerk has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Mike Wilson has prepared maps showing the location plan for the VAS to be positioned. Once all parties are satisfied with the MOU these can be checked by the solicitors of both parties. The VAS is being delivered on Thursday 22nd March, Terry Ball would like to look at the pole before he installs the VAS to ensure all is satisfactory

Grant to Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

The Parish Council would like to support Tarporley War Memorial Hospital, before doing so, the Clerk will look at the available funds against future budget and allocated monies for projects and advise the councillors.

The Village Green

Noticeboard and Bench are in need of sanding down and re-varnishing before they deteriorate. A quote to be received prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

The trees on the green, these are to be assessed as to whether any maintenance works are required on them to keep them safe and in good health.

The snowdrops on the green are now ready to be split and spread further around the green, they are an attractive feature as you drive into the village and as they spread further the impact will intensify.

Clerks Hours

Clerks hours increased to 6hrs a week from April 2018. To be reviewed in 6 months. Records to be kept and assess what can and can't be achieved in these hours.

AGM

Joint AGM to be held with the Jessie Hughes Committee, dates discussed and to be confirmed.

Village Fun Day

Committee to be set up to organise the fun day that will celebrate ten years since the reopening of the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. Cllr. Thompson and Mike Wilson both happy to sit on the committee.

18.03.05 Planning Matters

a) Applications received since the last meeting

18/01051/CAT

Location – Knowl House, Lightfoot Lane, Eaton, Tarporley, CW6 9AF

Proposal – maintenance to trees within the garden of Knowl House

Rushton Parish Council has no comments as long as this application has been handled by the Tree Conservation Officer.

18.03.06 Highways

Lower Lane is scheduled to be re-surfaced. Scottish Power also plan to undertake works on Lower Lane to place the overhead cable underground, Lindsey Worrall has contacted Scottish Power for an update as to when works will begin

Action- Liaise with SP and Highways and Clerk

Cllr. Thompson

Potholes on Lower Lane. Reported numerous times by Clerk and residents and Eaton. Highways have marked out the worst potholes for infilling. Questions have been asked as to whether the section of Lower Lane/Hickhurst Lane will be re-surfaced once Scottish Power have undertaken the above works, this has not been clarified.

Oulton Mill Lane. Water is again running across the road, the problem is under the road. Highways were approached last year, need to address situation again. Highways willing to attend a meeting, they have attending the site and suggested a meeting once the levels receded.

Action- liaise with Highways and Landowner to arrange meeting

Clerk

Brownhills Junction, Highways confirmed that they would re-mark the white lines. No details given as to a timeline.

Action – Liaise with Highways

Clerk

20mph zone extension, assessment was to be undertaken in September. Final details are due in April 2018.

Action – liaise with Highways

Clerk

Royal lane drainage, drain has now been replaced and potholed infilled along Royal Lane.

18.03.07 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Superfast Broadband

Following the presentation from Voneus Limited, survey being undertaken to look at the possibility of a community fibre project.

38 people interested in community fibre, if anyone else is interested please contact rushtonclerk@aol.com.

Action – Liaise with Voneus

Cllr. Thompson

BT some fibre is being placed along Sapling Lane and Oulton Mill Lane (18th April and 9th April respectively), it is unclear as to which properties this will go to until after the works are complete.

Development/Planning/Environment

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

The Tesco 'Bags of Help' project may need to begin soon to show that we are committed to spending the money. Mike Wilson has spoken to the Primary School Head Teacher and a teacher is being nominated to lead the project.

Moles have returned to the picnic area, Cllr. Shaw to ask them to leave.

A risk assessment will be required to ensure it is safe for children to go onto the picnic area to help the Parish Council.

Road Safety

RSWG met on 6th March, Cllr. Shaw, John Freeman and Brian Oldham present. Talked through the costs of VAS and whether any neighbours had been approached, at the time no neighbour involvement had been sort. The VAS was the only item on the agenda as there was no updates on other ongoing issues.

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.

20mph zone

The Parish Council and Mike Wilson 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, with any improvements occurring in year three of the 20mph project. The equipment that had been placed outside the Jessie to assess traffic failed, this assessment will reoccur, and the results known during April 2018, any works will be carried out during 2018-19 financial year.

Cross

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. Representatives of the Highways Dept. have recommended that the road marking should be re-painted, no dates have been given for this.

Eaton Lane

Ideally the speed of vehicles using Eaton Lane needs to be reduced to persuade vehicle owners to use the by-pass. Speed management and traffic calming measures could be used to reduce the speed on Eaton Lane and include Islands or interactive signage. With both, speed calming measures or the speed limit reduction, the Parish Council would need to give a financial input into any project.

Beech Lane Junction with Brownhills Rd

The junction requires signage to improve safety. Highways have assessed the junction and will re-paint the lines to improve the visibility. No dates given.

Royal Lane

A series of three drains have been installed at the bottom of Royal Lane to prevent flooding. Whilst this work was being undertaken Highways also infilled the nearby potholes.

It was decided at the Parish Council meeting that the Road Safety Working Group should now be closed down as the projects still to be completed are enough to deal with at this time. As a Parish Council the remaining projects will be worked on closely with the Highways Department to help us to come to a satisfactory conclusion.

We would like to thank you all of your time, effort and input that you have put into the Road Safety Working Group during the past few years. A lot has been achieved, most recently with securing another VAS and the drainage issue on Royal Lane/Eaton Lane. Thank you to all members Present and Past in helping to make Rushton Parish a safer place to live

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

Quotes have been received for the new notice board which will be ordered soon.
The 52 club works well, with no problems reported other than the waste bin key being lost.

Youth club

Management meeting held on 8th March (minutes on the website), the management team have now gained Simon Corradine and Sarah Heath.

The Insurance has been renewed by the Parish Council.

YouthFed, joining at no cost. CRB and DBS checks being undertaken for regulars there may be a fee.

YC Rules and Consequences- due to occasions of unacceptable behaviour, rules have been revised. 'Ban' period clarified and agreed by man. Group and explained to the children.

Summer outdoor activities -Due to the possible unavailability of the play field, a YC management meeting is planned for 12th April to agree safeguarding measures.

18.03.09 External Meetings

18.03.10 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Highways	01/03/18	Closure of Oulton mill Lane on 9 th April for 1 day for works to be carried out by BT	Circulate for information
Highways	01/03/18	Closure of Sapling Lane on 18 th April for 15 days for works to be carried out by BT	Circulate for information

18.03.11 Finance Matters

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

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Morelock Signs Ltd	VAR	£2768.00	£553.60	£3210.60
Cheshire Community Action	Best Kept Village Competition application fee	£45.00		£45.00
Rayner Groundcare Ltd	Picnic Area, mow grass x2, Cut hedge x1	£110.00	£22.00	£132.00
ChALC	Yearly Subscription	£136.44		£136.44
L Worrall	Q4 Salary	£505.96		£505.96
L.Worrall	Q4 Expenses	£42.00		£42.00
Arthur J. Gallagher	Youth Club Insurance	£118.16		£118.16

18.03.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

18.03.13 Any Other Business

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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