

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 6:45pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Julie O'Shea, Arthur Nicholas, Simon Roberts, Neil Thompson  
 Eddie Shaw, and John Sellers

**In Attendance:** Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)  
 Eveleigh Moore- Dutton  
 Mike Wilson  
 Plus 32 members of the public

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

**Resolved:** that there were no disclosures of interest.

**17.03.02      Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21st February 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Nicholas

**Seconded:** Cllr. Thompson

**17.03.03      Public Speaking Time**

**Development of The Red Lion Site, Eaton Lane, Eaton**

**Summary:** The pre-meeting went ahead as planned with an attendance of 42 from the community including councillors.

Upon arrival members of the community could look at the displays and meet the development company to ask questions whilst having light refreshments. After this informal time Emma Leslie Director of Apex Development and Construction gave a brief history of the company and the roles of each member present.

Emma then went on to outline the development they wish to undertake at the previous Red Lion Site before answering the questions and concerns of the community.

There are a number of trees on the site, it is the hope of the developers to keep all of these, the development will take between 18 and 24 months to complete.

Due to the dangerous nature of one of the current exits from the site, it is believed that one central entrance would be a safer option, a traffic management system would be looked into to improve road safety, Apex would engage with the Parish Council on this aspect.

Apex are also keen to engage with Eaton Primary School, involving the gardening group when planting is being undertaken, but also if possible 'holding' the construction, to enable children to visit and see how a construction site works.

Due to the sites location, it is not easy to walk to a service centre, and this was a contributing factor why affordable housing was not possible on the site.

Notes from the meeting including the list of questions and answers and a letter to Emma Leslie (Director of Apex) are available. The main points from the meeting and communicated to Apex are:

1. **Design of Houses:**

The displays included some examples of rural buildings in both Tarporley and Eaton which look very acceptable. However the proposed development shows houses that are 3 stories high (there are no 3 story buildings in Eaton) and did not show the variation of design which is typical of the existing buildings in the Village. It would be preferred if some more affordable housing such as the terrace type built over recent years in Tarporley could be included.

2. **Entrance**

It was felt that a walled gated entrance gives the impression of a very separate community not wishing to be seen as part of the village

3. **Traffic Management**

With typically 8 to 10 resident cars using this entrance plus others, it was agreed that a traffic management scheme of speed restriction, signage etc will be required.

4. **Accessibility**

Although there would be difficulties, it is hoped that the creation of a footpath to the village will be explored.

A request to Apex for a follow up meeting to discuss their views on the above before Planning Application has been requested.

**17.03.04 Matters Arising**

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

- Next meeting due in April

Defibrillator for the Parish

No update

Transparency Code Funding

The Parish Council have received a grant to buy a laptop and software for the Clerk to use.

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.

It is believed that, if the corner is completed correctly it will deter vehicles from running on to the verge.

**Proposal:**

Clerk to apply for Members budget grant for the remaining amount required to complete work, whilst Mr Mike Wilson Speaks (Chair of RSWG) with TP Construction to ascertain whether the first part of the project can be undertaken.

**Mike Wilson/Clerk**

The junction of Brownhills Road and Beech Road has been raised with Highways as a concern due to the poor visibility, the installation of a mirror may improve this.

A Members Budget Application, £100 for a mirror and £150 for apple trees including Cheshire varieties for the picnic area has been applied for, this application will be from the 2017/18 members budget fund.

Highways to be contacted regarding liability issues surrounding the installation of a mirror

**Action**

**Clerk**

### **17.03.05    Planning Matters**

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

None

#### **b)    Other**

### **17.03.06    Highways**

1. The poles installed, including the Eaton Lane 30mph pole, have been poorly installed and will be rectified

**Action:**

**Highways**

2. A reason given for only 1 pole being installed in some places of the 20mph zone is that residents objected. This will be chased up with residents to see what the problem is.

**Action:**

**John Sellers / Mike Wilson**

3. Road markings have not been added in any of the recent installations to villages due to cost. The Parish Council would have to fund the £2,000 involved. Agreed to leave this until Lower Lane has been resurfaced and funding source found.

### **16.03.07    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.

##### Superfast Broadband

Ongoing

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

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

**Mike Wilson (Chair of W.G.) gave following update:**

#### **1. Working Group Meetings**

The first meeting of the Working Group was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February (notes already circulated). A 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on site was held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March with 2 councillors also in attendance. At this meeting (in terrible weather which limited time) the following issues were discussed.

#### **2. Lay-By and Entrance**

The first phase is complete with kerbs and tarmac lay-by and path in place. There has been criticism with regards to the installation quality of the bird-mouth fencing and the ramping.

**Action: Issues to be taking up with the contractor TP Construction – Mike Wilson**

**3. Levelling Work in entrance area.**

WG Member, Martin Boardman, has offered to bring his JCB to the site on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March (9am) and with a hired dumper truck (organised by Cllr Shaw) will move spoil and some hard standing to level the approach to the entrance. Mike Wilson will also work that day and all Councillors are asked to assist if possible.

However: A major concern was raised that a JCB and dumpster may damage the new kerbs and Tarmac:

**Action:** this last point to be raised with Terry Ball and Martin Boardman to ensure no damage. If uncertain the job will be put off and another access point considered **Mike Wilson / Simon Roberts**

**4. Path.**

A possible circular walk was explored and Dave Plumbley has estimated that the cost would be circa £6k. No funding is currently available for this.

**5. Tree Planting**

As soon as the entrance problems and levelling is complete, the trees currently held by Jade will be planted along the entrance perimeter.

An area for the apple tree orchard needs establishing as planting is needed in the next few weeks.

**6. Ancillaries**

Due to limitations on funding, we will make do with the existing tables and benches and the cycle racks. Notices are required and quotes will be arranged for authorisation.

**Action: Mike Wilson/ Cllr Plumbley**

**7. Primary School Project.**

All ready to go once funding secured. Acting Head Nikki Duffell enthusiastic and detailed quote from Wildbanks Conservation in place.

**8. Funding**

The Tesco grant of £4k applied for but nothing yet heard. A chase up letter has been sent to CB Homes requesting support.

**Road Safety**

**1. RS Working Group Progress**

Although there has been some email correspondence between members, a meeting is overdue and will be called before the next Parish Council Meeting. Meeting organised for 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

**2. Current Road Safety Concerns of the Parish Council**

**Action:** Letter to be sent to Highways on the following points **Mike Wilson**

**a. 20 MPH zone**

It is felt that the zone should have included the road from Lower Lane to Edgewell Lane. This would help to highlight risk in the Cross junction area and for pedestrians walking to the Church and to the Village Hall.

**Action:** Request to Highways - **Mike Wilson**

**b. School Entrance**

Particularly with the expansion of the school resulting in double the number of children being dropped off and collected, the speed of traffic in the school entrance area is still unacceptable and recent complaints have been received

from parents and a neighbour living opposite. A meeting to be requested with the school management and a specialists from Highways/ CWaC departments

**Action: Mike Wilson**

**c. Community Speed Watch**

Alpraham Parish Council have offered use of their speed gun. Operators have to be trained and the location spot approved. A “champion” is required.

**Action: Mike Wilson** to ask members of the Working Group.

**d. “The Cross”**

Again there have been instances of near misses or 2 weeks ago a collision, caused by vehicles driving across from Lower Lane through to Sapling Lane without pausing or going left around the Cross. Agreed that this area be re-looked at with specialists from Highways. The Parish Councillors would like to attend the first site meeting if possible.

**Action: Meeting to be arranged Mike Wilson**

**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.

38-40 juniors attend and up to 12 seniors, with 65% from within the parish. Parents are covering the rota well.

**17.03.08 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.

**17.03.09 External Meetings**

None

Future Meetings

**17.03.10 Correspondence**

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Neighbourhood Planning	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Beeston, Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Neighbourhood Plan, Publicity Stage Consultation.	Circulated by e-mail, comments to clerk.
CWaC	9 <sup>th</sup> March	HWRC Operational changes	Circulated by e-mail for information
Eng V Royal	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Road closure, Woodgate Farm Lane closed 21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> March for drainage investigation by CwaC	Circulated by e-mail for information
Mrs Liz Gale	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Phone call regarding speed of vehicles outside Eaton Primary school	Letter to be sent
Anne Kelly	March	Questionnaire to assist the start of the coffee	Questionnaire unfortunately cannot

	2017	shop	be circulated by Parish Council
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### **17.03.11 Finance Matters**

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

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NET (£)</b>	<b>VAT (£)</b>	<b>TOTAL (£)</b>
JHVI	Jan and Feb Hall Hire	£38.00		£38.00
Arthur J Gallagher	Youth Club Insurance	£106.68		£106.68
T P Construction	PO 2017/001 amendment A Oulton Mill Picnic Area layby	£7148.40	£1429.68	£8578.08

Budget spreadsheet for 2017/18 approved.

Proposed Cllr. Nicholas

Seconded Cllr. O'Shea

### **17.03.12 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

### **17.03.13 Any Other Business**

Village Design Statement- what is its current status, important tool for planning applications and developments within the village, Clerk to investigate.

Fair funding for Schools, consultation ends 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Schools are to lose significant funding, Eaton Primary school to lose £67,000, which is £580 per child from the initial £1300 per child.

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

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

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