

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 8.20pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. M.Wilson, A.Nicholas, D.Lilley, J. O'Shea, A. Rose, M.Scott, E.Shaw

**In Attendance:** A. Stubbs – Clerk  
 Cllr. E. Moore-Dutton – CWAC  
 Members of the public

**11.05.01 Apologies for Absence and declarations of interest**

None

**11.05.02 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr. Shaw, seconded Cllr. Lilley and all agreed.

**11.05.03 Public Speaking Time**

Mr. R. Chisnall informed the Council that the Best Kept Village judges are due at the weekend. They have been informed of the situation at the Red Lion pub.

**ACTION - Cllr. Scott to email the litter picker team.**

Cllr. Moore-Dutton asked for an update on the radar guns and SIDs. Cllr. Lilley informed the meeting that CWAC will contact him when they are available. It is hoped to set up another meeting to discuss road safety and also to set up links with other Parishes who have speed control. It was noted that Road Safety featured highly as a concern with the Parish Plan. **See action below.**

Concerns were raised about the amount of excavation taking place at Stone Cottage, Sapling Lane. It was agreed that a member of the PC should discuss this with the resident. **Action below.**

**11.05.04 New Working Groups of the Parish Council**

It was agreed that the new working groups would be arranged as follows:

**Communications**

Headed by Cllr. Wilson.

To include the newsletter/website/parish directory.

**Development/Planning/Environment**

Headed by Cllr. Scott.

To include the Village Design Statement / Village Green / actions on planning applications.

**Road Safety**

Headed by Cllr. Lilley and Cllr. Wilson.

To include reduction of traffic speed / volume & safe access for pedestrians

**Services**

Headed by Cllr. Shaw and Cllr. Nicholas

To include Homewatch/Farmwatch/Litter/dog fouling.

**Youth/Social/Community**

Headed by Cllr. O'Shea and Cllr. Rose.

To include provision of facilities e.g. Play Area & Youth Club plus working with the Village Hall committee

**Sub Committees**

The Chairman asked that all councillors contact the volunteers that have already come forward and invite them to join the new Working Groups.

**ACTION: – Volunteer names to be circulated**

**Cllr Wilson**

**11.05.05      Matters Arising**

**Communications: Newsletter:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> of the year was produced and circulated by Ron Chisnall and Cllr Wilson on May 1<sup>st</sup>. They are now on track to produce the 4 per year required.

**ACTION :** The next copy will be August 1st

**Cllr Wilson**

**Communications: New Parish Website:** This is being worked on by our supplier and should be ready in the next 6 weeks for testing

**ACTION:** Work with supplier

**Parish Clerk**

**Communications: New Parish Directory:** Being worked on

**ACTION:** Complete ready for Parish Council approval – by July meeting      **Cllr Wilson**

**Village Green Project:** Cllr Scott now ready for a consultation meeting with the community.

**ACTION:** The date for a Saturday morning consultation for the village green improvements to be circulated. Meeting to be held before June PC meeting if possible      **Cllr Scott**

**Electricity Sub-station:** No progress reported

**ACTION:** Meeting to be set up with Scottish Power before the June PC meeting. Mr B. Platt will also be asked to attend.      **Cllrs. Shaw and Nicholas**

**Youth Funding and Junior Parish Council**

The Headmaster of the School is still pursuing enquiries about the use of the playing field and school premises with CWAC. A pool table has been chosen by attendees at the recent Family Fun Night

**ACTION:** Start investigating possibilities for both the youth club and the play area. It may be that land will have to be found for the play area within the village. It was suggested that Oulton Park be approached for funding.      **Cllrs. O'Shea and Rose**

**ACTION:** The pool table to be purchased for the Family Fun Day 10<sup>th</sup> September Cllr Wilson

**Use of telephone box**

**Resolved:** that the telephone box to be used as a information point/book centre.

**ACTION:** This will now be progressed under the village green project.

**Cllr Scott**

**Road Safety:** Cllr Lilley reported slow progress in a speed gun becoming available.

**ACTION:** A strategy meeting to be held before the June meeting

**Cllrs Lilley & Wilson**

**11.05.06      Planning Matters**

Although the site visit to Moss Hall Farm had not taken place, the Parish Council did put forward objections to the planning application for the agricultural building.

- a) Applications since the last meeting - None
- b) Decisions made by Cheshire West and Chester - None
- c) Eaton Cottage Farm – Discussed at AGM

**ACTION:** To be taken up with Cheshire West and Chester Council - **Cllr. Moore-Dutton**

- d) Stone Cottage - Concern about the amount of excavation work see 11.05.03

**ACTION:** Visit to be made by councillor to welcome new owner & discuss work

**11.05.07 Highways Problems/Potholes**

None

**Blocked Gullies - Dogmore Lane and Sapling Lane**

These are now being addressed.

**11.05.08 Correspondence**

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

	<b>SENDER</b>	<b>DATED</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION</b>
1	Cheshire Playing Fields Assoc	April 2011	Subscription £16.00	To pay subscription
2	Gerard Gigg	6 <sup>th</sup> May	May monthly update	Noted

**11.05.09 Finance Matters**

**Resolved: that:**

a) the following net accounts are passed for payment:

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Mike Wilson	Newsletter Paper	5.00		5.00
St. Helens Church	Newsletter copying	30.04		30.04
Amberol	Baskets for Village Hall (Parish Plan)	250.00	50.00	300.00

**11.05.10 Quality Parish Scheme**

**ACTION:**Currently working on Portfolio. Assistance as required by Cllr Wilson: Parish Clerk

**11.05.11 Next Meeting**

Noted that the next meeting will be held on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.30pm**, in the meeting room of the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. Cllr Wilson gave his apologies as he will be abroad.

**11.05.12 Any Other Business**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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

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