

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 16th May 2017 at 7:30pm

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

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)
8 members of the public

17.05.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

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

17.05.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 18th April 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Nicholas

Seconded: Cllr. O'Shea

17.05.03 Public Speaking Time

Tarporley Hospital are very grateful to the members of the parish who have assisted them over the previous year. Eaton and Rushton residents have helped to raise funds for the hospital through a hog roast and music night (£700 raised), Gilbert and Sullivan night (£1000 raised) race night (£3000 raise) and Christmas card sales.

2019 will be the centenary year of the hospital opening and will be celebrated.

Lightfoot lane, why wasn't it included in the 20mph zone?, could it now be included into the 20mph zone?. Cllr. O'Shea explained the history of the implementation of the 20mph zone and that the parish Council are liaising with the Highway's Dept to improve speed and safety through the village.

Village Design Statement, what is the current status of this document? Parish Clerk to contact VDS team to get update. Cllr. Sellers to approach other Parishes to assess validity of undertaking a neighbourhood plan in co-ordination with other parishes.

Action contact both VDS team for update and neighbouring parishes

Cllr. Seller/Clerk

The Red Lion site, a conifer tree has split and a branch is resting on the overhead cables, this may cause loss of electricity to neighbouring properties. Apex have been notified by telephone, if the parish Council could also notify them it may speed up the removal of the tree.

Action

Clerk

Speed of vehicles on Eaton Lane, near misses and property/garden damage has occurred due to vehicles speeding and large agricultural vehicles having to take avoiding action on Eaton Lane. Could the 30mph zone be reconsidered and incorporate the stretch of Eaton Lane that goes past the Apex development site.

Action Pass to RSWG and Highways for consideration

Mike Wilson/Clerk

17.05.04 Matters Arising

Cllr. Simon Roberts has stood down from Rushton Parish Council after three years service. The councillors would like to thank Cllr. Roberts for all his input and enthusiasm over the years.

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

- No date as yet

Defibrillator for the Parish

There is a defibrillator at the Primary School, would be beneficial to village to have one at the village hall. There is no funding currently available, but the grant may re-appear.

Action next JHVI committee meeting 9th August, Cllr. Thompson to attend. Cllr. Thompson to write to JHVI committee prior to this. **Cllr. Thompson**

Little Budworth Parish Council recently undertook first aid training. This could be rolled out in Eaton and Rushton in the Autumn or Winter.

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 at a cost of a further £1,800. It is believed that, if the corner is completed correctly it will deter vehicles from running on to the verge. Mike Wilson (Chair of RSWG) has spoken with Terry Ball of TP Construction and it would be inefficient and more costly to do the job in 2 parts.

Proposal:

Clerk to apply for Members budget grant for the remaining amount required to complete work.
Clerk

Donation to St Luke's Hospice

Following the hard work of Mr Dave Plumbley ensuring the grass at the Oulton Mill Picnic Area has been kept neat and tidy during 2016, the Parish Council have been asked to give a grant of £500 under Section 137 to St Luke's Hospice in respect for the work Dave has undertaken. This is a very kind and generous offer, the Parish Council are very grateful for Dave's' hard work and support at the Picnic Area.

Proposed –Cllr. Sellers

Seconded- Cllr. Nicholas

Eaton Village Fun Day

This 2017 event has been cancelled due to lack of support.

17.05.05 Planning Matters**a) Applications received since the last meeting**

17/01471/FUL Beech Lane Cottage, Beech Lane, Rushton, Tarporley, Cheshire, CW6 9AQ

Extension to existing domestic garage to create additional garaging, and residential annexe building for elderly and disabled relatives

The Parish Council **objects** to this planning application on the grounds that the application is a large development within open countryside.

Proposed : Cllr. Plumbley

Seconded: Cllr. Thompson

b) Other

17.05.06 Highways

Kings Lane, Rushton, from the corner by Hunters Lodge water is running down the road on right hand side of road, drainage works may be required.

Action -Contact United Utilities

Cllr. Shaw

Oulton Mill Lane, after a thatched property called Brownhills, there is a ditch on the Left hand side of the road which is continually flooded. A meeting with Highways and the landowner to be arranged

Action – e-mail Highways

Clerk

Potholes, a number of potholes are appearing in the Parish, these should be reported for repair as soon as practical.

Action

Clerk

16.05.07 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. **Levelling Work in entrance area.**

Levelling work has now been completed, and the hump has been graded
Cllrs. Nicholas to undertake rolling and seeding of area where the hump was.

Action Cllr. Nicholas

2. **Path.**

Colin Booth of CB Homes has kindly offered to donate the materials for the circular path, quotes required for the labour required to undertake this work.

3. **Tree Planting**

The donated tree whips were planted along the entrance perimeter on 20th April 2017.
An area for the apple tree orchard and wildflower meadow has been cordoned off later in the summer as such planting shouldn't take place now until the colder weather.

4. **Ancillaries**

Notice board is needed and will cost approx £800. However with limited funds, this will be deferred for the time being. A temporary board is in place.

A litter bin is required and CWaC Streetscene will be asked for this F.O.C. This will require a volunteer rota for emptying.

Action: Mike Wilson

5. **Primary School Project.**

All ready to go once funding secured. Acting Head Nikki Duffell enthusiastic and detailed

quote from Wildbanks Conservation in place.

6. **Funding**

The Tesco grant of £4k applied for but nothing yet heard.

7. **Bulb planting**

Wildflowers such as Snowdrops, English Bluebells, Wild Garlic, Snakeshead Fritillary should be planted. Tarvin Woodlands have a large selection of native wildflowers and good contacts to suppliers.

8. **Grass Cutting Quotes**

Once all quotes are received grass mowing will commence.

9. **Moles**, have taken up residence, we are persuading them to leave before grass mowing commences.

Road Safety

Road Signs

Poles for both the 20mph and 30mph signs are loose. Highways are aware.

20mph zone

The Parish Council to prepare 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. Cllr. Moore-Dutton will back this proposal.

Could the 20mph zone begin on Royal Lane by the JHVI where the speed becomes 30mph.

Action: Mike Wilson

Proposed - Cllr. O'Shea

Seconded – Cllr. Thompson

School Entrance

Meeting to be arranged with School; Highways and Parish Council to discuss the additional traffic / parking which will be caused by the current extension.

Cross

The recent accidents and near misses have again raised the risks at this junction. The Road Safety Team are looking at options including signs, road markings and vehicle activated signs.

The Road Safety Team will instruct Highways to re-paint the white lines around this area.

Action: Mike Wilson

Beech Lane/ Brownhill Lane Junction (poor driver visibility).

The landowner is happy for Parish Council to look into the removal of some of the bank to improve visibility with the involvement of Highways. Improved road marking could also help.

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.

There is very little space at the school at the moment, during youth club the MUGA is being locked off (6:30-8pm) to enable enough space for the children to play. This requires agreement from the Parish Council as the MUGA should be open to all children outside school hours. Once the

playing field is available the youth club will return to using that solely. All Parish Councillors agreed with this arrangement.

17.05.08 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.

17.05.09 External Meetings

None

Future Meetings

Oulton Park Liaison Group – 3rd July 2017

Oulton Park Villagers day 9th July 2017

17.05.10 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Tree Musketeers	29 th April	Quotation for grass cutting and hedge cutting at Oulton Mill Picnic Area	Assess against other quotations

17.05.11 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Miss L Worrall	Q4 Salery	£483.54		£483.53
ChALC	Subscription	£132.65		£132.65
Miss L Worrall	Q4 Expenses	£7.91	£1.58	£9.49
Cheshire Playing Fields Ass.	Subscriptions	£18.00		£18.00
Mr M Wilson	Picnic Area sundries	£9.85	£1.97	£11.82
Mr M Wilson	Picnic Area sundries	£4.00		£4.00
NMC Print and Design	May newsletter printing costs	£131.00		£131.00
Mr P Sanders	Internal audit	£48.00		48.00
St Luke's Hospice	Grant	£500.		£500.
JHVI	March and April hall hire	£38.00		£38.00
Community Lincs Insurance Services	Parish Council Insurance 1 st June 2017 to 31 st May 2018	£930.79		£930.79
CWaC	Youth Group Rent 2 nd Jan to 31 st March 2017	£135.00		£135.00

Accounts were given to the Chair and approved.

17.05.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th June 2017 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

17.05.13 Any Other Business

Interviews and recruitment process for Head at Eaton Primary School occurring during week 15th May 2017. The new head will be in position from September 2017.

The school extension has incurred additional build costs with increased time for completion, it is due to complete the building works on 1st September 2017. The entrance at the rear of the school will return to playing field.

Currently have 142 children in the school but will eventually have a capacity of 210.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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