

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 8:45pm

Present: Cllrs. Neil Thompson, Graham Sime, Eddie Shaw, Amy Markham

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Paul Healey

19.05.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies from Cllrs. Wilson and Leslie be received and accepted.

19.05.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 19th March 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Sime

Seconded: Cllr. Shaw

19.05.03 Public Speaking Time

Many years ago a questionnaire was produced that asked what activities would members of the Parish like to participate in, this resulted in many of the annual activities that the village now enjoy. It would be good to rerun this questionnaire.

19.05.04 Matters Arising

Vehicle Activated Sign

Cllrs. Sime has inspected the Vehicle Activated Sign and measured the solar panel dimensions. A new panel can be purchased for £140 including VAT and delivery, a plate will be needed to ensure it fits properly. If access via the fields are secured this cheaper option would be the best route.

If access through the fields is not possible, the repair to the VAS using TWM to undertake the work will cost an additional £200.

Proposal – purchase new solar panel through independent route if access through fields if granted, if not; - Purchase new solar panel through TWM at additional cost of £200.

- Proposed – Cllr. Thompson

- Seconded – Cllr. Leslie

19.05.05 Planning Matters

1- To note planning decisions.

18/04781/FUL

Location – The Firs, Brownhills Road, Rushton, CW6 9BQ

Proposal – Replacement of existing outbuilding to provide annexe incidental to the enjoyment of the existing dwelling.

Decision – Approval

2- To consider response to planning applications received

19/001150/FUL

Location – Sapling Cottage, Sapling Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AE

Proposal – Demolition of existing garage and replacement with two storey side extension and single storey projection to the rear. Erection of outbuilding and proposed gabion basket retaining garden wall.

- A discussion was held regarding the application and comments received from all Council Members. A decision was taken not to support this application for the following reasons:
 1. It is believed the size of the extension detailed within the plans supplied will encroach too far onto the driveway. The Resulting length of the drive will mean vehicles will be parked very close to the edge of a narrow carriageway.

2. The windows within the proposed extension appear out of proportion, being too large for the size of the extension and not in symmetry with the property, therefore not in keeping with the original building.
3. The proposed outbuilding appears excessive in size and intrusive, causing a visual impact to neighbouring properties and not in keeping with the area.

- **The Parish Council would like to OBJECT to this Planning application –**
Proposed – Cllr. Sime
Seconded Cllr. Markham

19/001150/FUL

Location – 24 Winterford Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AP

Proposal – Two storey front and side extension and new covered porch.

The Parish Council **Supports** the above planning Application

Proposed – Cllr. Thompson

Seconded – Cllr. Markham

19.05.06 Highways

30mph extension along Eaton Lane

Not all motorists using Eaton Lane remain within the speed limit. The road has numerous concealed entrances and bends which make the road a greater danger.

The current speed limit on Eaton Lane from Cotebrook into the village is 40mph, it would be safer if this was reduced to 30mph. Reducing the speed is very unlikely as the density of houses does not match that required for a 30mph speed area.

Cheshire constabulary have undertaken speed checks on three separate occasions on Eaton Lane, these have shown that there are vehicles going over the speed limit at various time of the day but especially rush hour.

A meeting with the Highways Department during December has led to Highways agreeing to refresh some of the road markings within the village. It was agreed that the parish council would prepare a plan for the village and hold a meeting to look at proposals to enhance the signage at the entrance to the village, including gates or planters, plus all other outstanding Highway issues. A further meeting with Highways will then take place once the Parish Council have finalised the proposals they wish to put forward.

Action- Liaise with Highways including a meeting, Cheshire Constabulary and look at ways to enhance the signage in the village

Cllr. Leslie, Wilson and Clerk

Potholes

Some potholes have been infilled along Royal Lane and Eaton Lane, these are poor quality repairs rather than permanent repairs.

Lower Lane is scheduled to be re-surfaced. Scottish Power also plan to undertake works on Lower Lane to place the overhead cable underground, the Clerk has contacted Scottish Power for an update as to when works will begin. Once a timescale of SP Energies works the Clerk will liaise with Highways.

The clerk has met with the contactors who will be undertaking the works, they were unable to give timescales and suggested SP would be best to advise. A representative of Scottish Power has made contact but no details given so far.

Action- Liaise with SP and Highways

Clerk

20mph zone

The 20mph zone has now been extended to include parts of Royal Lane, Lightfoot Lane and Sapling Lane, the whole of The Green and Lower Lane. Signs are in place and the 20mph speed limit is in place. Driving through the village towards Cotebrook, the speed changes from 20mph to 30mph at the village green, some residents are now experiencing vehicles accelerating out of the village centre past their properties. This will be taken up with Highways.

Action – liaise with Highways

Cllr. Leslie, Wilson and Clerk

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. Following the meeting with Highways it was decided that that the poles need to be moved to prevent this occurring again.

The movement of poles will require advertising to comply with legislation. It is hoped that this will be completed by the end of the financial year. A meeting with members of the Highways Dept. was held on Wednesday 24th April, the pole will be fixed in its current position, this will take a standard 60 days to enable this repair.

During the meeting with Highways we discussed the options of moving the 30mph sign post further from the village and repositioning the 20mph sign in the current location of the 30mph sign. Due to the excessive cost associated with this the Parish Council will not action this request at the moment whilst we consider other options.

Action – liaison with Highways

Clerk

Cross

The Road Safety Team prepared a series of options including signs, road markings and vehicle activated signs. Following the meeting with Highways in December it has been decided that the Parish Council will re-address the proposals and determine the proposal we wish to put forward. Representatives of the Highways Dept. have recommended that the road marking should be re-painted, no dates have been given for this.

Action – liaison with Highways

Clerk

Oulton Mill Lane

Flooding occurs from the ditch on Oulton Mill Lane during the wetter months, the clerk is liaising with Highways, the landowner has cleared the drains and confirmed that there is a sandstone drain under the carriage way, there is no headwall to this drainage system.

The Clerk has contacted the Highways team about this again.

Action – Liaise with landowner and Highways

Clerk

Other issues that need liaison with the Highways Dept.

- The fingerpost sign From Hickhurst Lane to Dogmore Lane has been Knocked around so the sign now to Wettshall now points down Kings Lane.
- On Dogmore Lane at the bend opposite Parkgate Cottage drive, the road is giving way, it has been built up three times by the Highways Dept. and now the water runs the wrong way. There is approximately 35% lying water on the road, half a foot deep. To rectify this a drain needs to be placed down the roadside or new road surface.
- On Eaton Lane, after the Lodge there have been three accidents since September with cars going into the field hedge. The last one was very close to a tree.
- Oulton Mill Lane, a section of hedge approximately 80 metres in length has been removed from a field up to the road. Two accidents have occurred with cars going off the road as they were unable to see the bend in the snow. A marker or signage is required to make the road safe.
- On Winterford Lane a short distance down from the village, there appears to be a blocked drain, the road is a least half covered in water.
- Eaton Lane by the Red Lion development site, drain is blocked under the road and flooding the road.
- Sapling Lane, drain appears to be blocked causing water to run across the road.

19.06.07 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Superfast Broadband

Connecting Cheshire Broadband

Most of the village now has access to Superfast Broadband with speeds up to 100mb, there are a few properties that are not yet possible to connect, and works will continue to provide more secure broadband to these premises.

Works have been completed at Oxheys Lane.. There are a few residents who are struggling to get connections.

To determine whether you can access superfast broadband go to openreach.co.uk

Once broadband is available at your property, the customer can contact the service provider to arrange connection.

Development/Planning/Environment

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

School Project: is well underway. £524.01 of the £1,000 (Tesco Grant) has been spent leaving £475.99.

The long tree trunk: has been made into seating for the school project, thank you to Martin Boardman for undertaking this.

The CWAC sign: has been amended to display Rushton Parish Council.

The Wild Meadow Area for the school project and mini apple orchard

On Friday 29th March, a working party of the Wilsons, Richard Potton, Eveleigh Moore-Dutton and Lindsey Worrall rotavated the 'wildflower meadow' area. The Parish Council board was installed, and the grass was mowed.

Saturday 30th March, Working Party including the Corradine family, sowed the meadow grass, Installed bird boxes and built the first stages of the bug hotel.

The seeds have germinated and the trees and in flower.

Entrance Gate has a steep slope which Cllrs. Shaw and Nicholas have partially filled. This will be completed during March.

A general waste bin has been given to Rushton Parish Council for the Picnic Area. The bin was damaged when it was received, very kindly David Bloor of DWB Engineering has fabricated a base onto the bin to ensure it can be safely secured at the picnic area.

Nitrogen Oxide canisters have been found at both the picnic area and the play zone, they cause dizziness and a five-minute-high, using such 'mini highs' could lead to a increase in drug use. If any canisters are found in the parish, please report them to a parish councillor or to the parish clerk at rushtonclerk@aol.com

Youth/Social/Community Play Zone Project

The Annual Inspection of the Play Zone is due this will cost £295 plus VAT.

Proposal – Annual Inspection of the Play Zone at a cost of £420 plus VAT to be paid by the parish Council

Proposed – Cllr. Thompson

Seconded – Cllr. Leslie

Youth Club

Numbers remain good with up to 40-45 juniors and 15-20 seniors attending.

Due to the youth club's popularity more volunteers are needed to help run the club, a rota like the play zone 52 rota has been suggested, if this cannot be arranged, the number of children attending will need to be capped at 30, this is to ensure the adequate number of trained first aiders and helpers are available.

If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail the Parish Clerk Lindsey Worrall at rushtonclerk@aol.com

A first aid kit has been purchased for the youth club.

Transport Survey

The transport survey has been undertaken, and the presentation of the proposed transport service for Tarporley and surrounding villages has been given to several groups including Parish Councils, WI, U3A. A meeting will now be held on the 3rd June at 1pm to understand the findings. Those that most need the services don't know what is available or how best to use the services.

Rose Farm Shop Transport

Currently Rose Farm Shop provide a mini bus service for Tarporley residents once a week to use all the facilities including;

Post Office

Café

Farm Shop (butchery, deli and fresh produce)

Gift shop

Florist

Rose Farm Shop are thinking of extending this service to neighbouring villages eg. Kelsall, Tarvin, **Eaton** and Bunbury.

If you know someone who would benefit from this service, call 01829 732978

19.05.08 External Meetings

ChALC are running Chairmanship training on 5th June at The Canalside Conference Centre, Middlewich

A meeting will be held on the 3rd June to discuss the Tarporley Transport Proposals with CWaC

Oulton Park Villagers Day will be held on Sunday July 7th.

19.05.09 Correspondence

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action
CWaC Planning Dept.	Various	Phone calls and e-mails regarding the planning applications within the village, especially the limited details of footprints and sizes of developments	Circulate information to councillors
TWM	09/05/19	Final decision required needed on the repair of VAS on Eaton Lane	Circulate for decision
Creative Play	09/05/19	Purchase Order for Package 1 created. Date of inspection to be confirmed	circulate

19.05.10 Finance Matters

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

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Mr P Sanders	Internal Audit	£48.00		£48.00
Geosphere Limited	Parish Online subscription March 2019-2020	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00
Zurich Municipal	Parish Council Insurance premium 2019 - 2020	£982.13		£982.13
NMC Design and Print	Printing of the May Edition of the Newsletter	£131.00		£131.00
TWM	Outstanding cost for VAS maintenance on Eaton Lane	£150.00		£150.00
JHVI	Hall Hire – March and April 2019	£38.00		£38.00

19.04.11 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

19.04.12 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:40pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____