

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 17th November 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Eddie Shaw (Chairman), Jade Plumbley, Julie O'Shea, Simon Roberts, Arthur Nicholas

In Attendance: Alex Stubbs (clerk)
 Paul Healey
 Tina Peel
 Bert Platt

15.11.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies received from Cllrs. Wilson, Thompson and Moore-Dutton (CWAC) be accepted.

There were no disclosures of interests.

15.11.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 20th October 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Thanks were given to Cllr. Plumbley for producing the October minutes.

15.11.03 Public Speaking Time

Tina Peel reported that there had been a lot of tractors coming through the village on Monday. Cllr. Shaw confirmed that the maize harvest had been taking place. She described an incident that had taken place between a motorist and a tractor driver in the centre of the Village where an argument had culminated in an assault on the motorist. Parish Councillors advised that this was a police matter and that the motorist should contact the police if they wished to take the matter further. However, if Mrs. Peel could provide a number plate and description of the tractor and also get permission from the motorist, Cllr. Shaw would make the farmer aware of the problem although it was pointed out that the driver would be a contractor. Cllr. Shaw also promised to report the matter at the next road safety working group meeting.

Bert Platt reported that parking was still a problem on Edgewell Lane and that this had been exacerbated by the play area entrance which he felt was in a dangerous position. Parish Councillors pointed out that there was signage on Winterford Lane and further signage is to be provided on Edgewell Lane when all the Scottish Power work is done. The Clerk confirmed that it was hoped that the local Police Officers would be attending the December meeting.

15.11.04 Matters Arising

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

A meeting has been set up for December 2nd at Tarporley Community Centre. Cllrs. Thompson and Wilson are to represent Rushton.

ACTION – Cllrs. Thompson and Wilson.

Hedge Trimming

All the work has now been done and Cllr. Shaw was thanked.

Road Surface on Hall Lane

The meeting regarding the road surface of Hall Lane between Highways, Mark Proctor and Councillors had not yet taken place.

ACTION – Clerk to arrange meeting.

Red Lion Pub

The developer has not yet tidied up the site as promised. The Clerk has been chasing but is yet to receive a response.

Resolved: Clerk to continue chasing.

15.11.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

Still awaiting a progress report. An article was put into the November Newsletter for input / photos from others in the Parish.

ACTION – with Cllr. Wilson, Cllr. Thompson & Clerk to progress

Newsletter

This has now been issued and thanks were given to Mike and Mary Wilson and Ron Chisnall.

Superfast Broadband

Councillor Thompson still progressing this and has again contacted “Connecting Cheshire”. No further information yet received from our local MP for assistance. Head Teacher Paul Mitchell is looking into “satellite reception” for the school and has asked if the Parish Council would like to have input on this.

ACTION – Cllr. Thompson.

Development/Planning/Environment

Kerb on Village Green

To be done in the new year.

Picnic Area

Hibberts have been paid £450 to start legal proceedings which are taking place slowly. Cllr. Roberts wants to ensure during the transfer process, that the picnic area will be protected for the future.

ACTION – with Cllr. Roberts.

At this point the meeting was closed to allow Paul Healey to update the Parish Council on the new ranger, Steph Halloran, who has been appointed to look after Little Budworth Common. She is also worth talking to for sources of funding.

The meeting was then re-opened.

Road Safety

RS Working Group Progress

Cllr. Wilson is arranging to borrow the SID and is also arranging a meeting with the new Highways area manager.

ACTION – with Cllr. Wilson.

Cllr. Shaw provided the details of the BT pole for the Clerk to pass to the MP.

ACTION - Clerk

Path to the Village Hall

The proposed armadillos have been found to be unsuitable. A textured white line and cats eyes are now being investigated.

ACTION – with Cllr. Wilson.

Services

Electricity sub-station

There have been meetings with Scottish Power and Highways to discuss the streetlights in the village as many of these are attached to poles which are being removed. Both Scottish Power and

Duttons, their contractors, have been helpful and it is hoped that more rural lampposts will be used. Mike Scott has been consulted regarding a new streetlight outside the church. It was noted that project completion may now be extended to February as more cables are going underground. It was agreed that Highways should be approached when the project is finished to request the complete re-surfacing of Lower Lane.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

This is going well with just a few reported problems with the MUGA fixings. The working group are looking at netting to cover the MUGA to prevent balls going over and the '52 team' has started their daily visits. The school has also started to use the MUGA in school time.

15.11.06 Planning Matters

a) Applications received since the last meeting:

None

b) Decisions made:

None

c) Other

It was reported that the appeal for the proposed caravan site at Eaton Fisheries has now been dismissed as the inspector felt it would have too great an impact on the countryside.

15.11.07 Highways

It was agreed that the salt bins should be put back.

Action: Cllr. Shaw to replace them except the Sapling Lane one. Cllr. Wilson to approach the resident in Sapling Lane.

Residents had complained about the mud on Sapling Lane. Cllr. Shaw had spoken to the farmer concerned and also agreed to raise with the road safety group and put in the newsletter.

ACTION – Cllr. Shaw.

15.11.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
CPRE		Newsletter	Noted
Cheshire Community Action		Notice of AGM to be held on 18 th November 2015	Noted

15.11.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	30.00		30.00
Hibberts LIP	Search fees for picnic area transfer	450.00		450.00
Jessie Hughes Village Hall	Hall Hire	38.00		38.00
TP Construction	Final payment for play area groundworks	445.00	89.00	534.00

15.11.10 Local Council Award Scheme

The Clerk distributed copies of the updated Standing Orders for Councillors to read. It is hoped that these will be formally adopted in the January meeting.

ACTION - All

15.11.11 External Meetings

None

15.11.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th December at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

15.11.13 Any Other Business

It was noted that Cllr. Wilson had agreed to join the School Travel Plan working group on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____