

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 15th November 2016 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)
Mike Wilson
Cllr. Eveleigh Moore-Dutton

16.11.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

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

16.11.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 18th October 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Sellers

Seconded: Cllr. O'Shea

16.11.03 Public Speaking Time

Mike Wilson attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on areas he is still assisting the village with. These will be addressed throughout the minutes.

16.10.04 Matters Arising

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

None

Red Lion Pub

No further update

Draft Oil and Gas Exploration, Production and Distribution, Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation.

- The SPD will provide more detail to the Local Plan.
- Exploration, for gas and oil includes determining how much gas and oil is available and how easy it can be extracted.
- The right to carry out Exploration does not necessarily mean planning permission will be applied for or granted.
- Receiving planning permission is only one part of the process, other agencies are involved including the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Oil and Gas Authority and the Environment Agency (EA)
- The Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing (Protected Areas) Regs 2016, places protection on Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, National Parks, The Broads, and World Heritage Site. Ground Water Protection Source Area and relevant surface areas within 50m of strata used for the supply of water for domestic or food production are also protected under the Regs.
- Areas of green belt or SSSI are not protected under these Regs, therefore an application could be submitted for an area of greenbelt. Each planning application requires and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), showing that the land will be fully restored after

works are complete, with no detrimental impact on surface waters, air quality or noise levels, wildlife will not be impacted upon and transport and accessibility must show no impact on the surrounding roads.

- If applications come into an area, Parish Councils may be able to appoint an independent consultant paid for with the aid of a grant to assist planning application decisions.
- Consultation response to be sent by 18th November. Rushton Parish Council will be making the following comments:
 - The Need for an EIA needs to be tightened
 - Due to the large volumes of gas that can be extracted daily traffic movements need to be controlled to prevent further congestion on Cheshire's main and village roads. Hours of operation or traffic movements may alleviate some of the pressures on our roads.
 - Live monitoring of emissions and noise would be required with the results being published.
 - The chemicals being used in the unconventional extraction process (fracking) need to be clearly publicised.

Action – comments to be sent to Cheshire West and Chester Council

Clerk

Village Design Statement (VDS)

The team have been working hard to develop a Village Design Statement, and is now nearing completion. Members of the Working Group will roll the VDS out to the Parish Council prior to it being submitted for adoption by Cheshire West and Chester Council in the New Year. The VDS will be used by the Parish Council to implement policies and influence planning decisions.

16.11.05 Planning Matters

a) Applications received since the last meeting:

None

b) Other

Lorry accident, Monday 15th August 2016.

A lorry damaged the sandstone blocks that form the base of the stone cross that stands in the centre of Eaton Village. Police, Highways and the Insurance company were initially informed of the incident. Subsequently, CWaC Planning Dept and Conservation Team have been assisting to determine the level of protection placed on the monument and therefore the process for repair. Archaeology Planning Advisory Service (APAS) have also assisted in giving advice. The monument is Grade II listed.

Grosvenor Construction have been appointed to carry out the work. The Parish Council will Liaise with local residents once a start date is known.

16.11.06 Highways

Highways are asking for up to three areas that may be considered for survey during 2017. The three priority area highlighted by the Parish Council are:

- 1- Lower Lane, from junction at Royal Lane up to and including the triangle at Eaton Primary School. Area needs re-surfacing. A white line on the school side of the road from the junction with the Green to the Winterford Lane junction is causing confusion. There are no markings to indicate whether this is for pedestrians to walk along, and whether parking is prohibited across the line. Parking in this area has caused obstructions on the road and prevented traffic flow. The white lines need clarification or removal.

- 2- Beech Lane, from Beech Lane Cottage towards the picnic area, large pothole on bend and all along the road.
- 3- Oxhays Lane- requires re-surfacing.

Action- Details to be passed to Highways team of Priority areas for survey

Clerk

Telephone box and Village Green

John Freeman has recently placed more information in the telephone box.

16.11.07 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
BT	Oct 16	Community Fibre Partnership	Invite Matt Lloyd to meeting, with Connecting Cheshire and Mr Mitchell an MP
CWac	24/10/16	Priority areas for survey, in Summer 2017	Priorities to be sent to Highways
Cheshire Police	31/10/16	Little Book of Big Scams	Contact Police, ask if PC can place on website and whether hard copies are available
CWac	03/11/16	Questionnaire on Special Expenses, Parks, Christmas lights an PSCO's	ChALK meeting on 30 th November, Venue to be confirmed
Cheshire Fire Authority	02/11/16	Draft Integrated Management 17/18	Supportive
Fields in Trust	Oct 16	Membership renewal	No further action require

16.11.08 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Miss L. Worrall	Q2 Salary (carried from last month)	£483.56		£483.56
RBL Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Wreath	£30.00		£30.00
NMC Print& Design	Printing of October edition of newsletter	131.00		£131.00
Jessie Hughes	Hall hire Sept and Oct	£38.00		£38.00
Mrs C Cowap	Contribution towards Simon Bonser's leaving Gift MSV	£52.50		£52.50

16.11.09 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

Alex has been developing a new website for the Parish Council, along with a Facebook page.

Action Alex and Lindsey to meet and look at the new website and determine whether this is suitable and fits the needs of the Parish Council.

Clerk

Facebook, Alex is developing the facebook page, once up and running Lindsey and Cllr. Plumbley will manage the administration of this.

Newsletter

Phil Allcock has completed the first edition as editor and given the newsletter a new fresher look, which has been well received.

Superfast Broadband

Connecting Cheshire have indicated dates that the phases of the broadband project will be rolled out:

- Phase 1 – completed
- Phase 2- November 2016
- Phase 3- during 2017
- Phase 4 – currently unfunded and unconfirmed.

If a member of the parish would like to become actively involved in this project, please contact the parish clerk by e-mail at rushtonclerk@aol.com

ACTION – Cllr. Thompson

Development/Planning/Environment

Picnic Area

Martin Boardman has now completed the works on both copse areas. The copse at the top acts as a viewing facility into the picnic area as this has really opened out.

The tree pack has arrived, 105 trees, comprising of Hazel, Blackthorn, Crab Apple, Elder and Dog Rose.

A wild meadow area is to be included, along with orchard and nature trail which will include bird boxes, bat and bug hotels.

The 'hump' at the top of the site needs to be graded out a bit to ensure lawn mowing is easier

There were two options discussed regarding the position of the entrance, either Hill Bottom entrance with a wall and gate or Hill Top entrance, with bird mouth fencing and gate.

Plans and maps were shown of all options along with the locations of benches, orchard, wildflower meadow and notice board.

Quotes to be gathered by December Parish Council Meeting, plan for excavation works to be complete by end of January and tree planting to be done end of January or early February.

Proposal – Is this the type of park the Parish Council would like to develop?

Do we want the entrance to be at the top?

Do we want the quotes for the December meeting?

Unanimous support from all Councillors present.

Road Safety

The 20mph speed limit changes have been advertised to residents in a Speed Assessment Report.

Road Safety Working Group met on Thursday 10th November, the Speed Assessment Report was discussed and agreed that more of the village should be covered by the 20mph zone.

- 1- All areas covered by 30mph to become 20mph
- 2- Lower Lane currently 40mph from Whalley Drive to School, to become 30mph.
- 3- Eaton Lane from Beech Lane and Cotebrook to village, currently 40mph, should be reduced to 30mph.
- 4- Lower Winterford Lane to become 20mph, but should extend to beyond cottages south of Play Zone.

A letter to be sent by 18th November to Community Speed Management, who are compiling all the consultation responses to the 20mph changes.

Action – letter to be sent to Community Speed Management

Clerk

E-mail received regarding accident outside Eaton Primary School, where a parent was fastening children into the back of her car and another car drove into the door, causing her to be pushed into the wheel arch. The incident details were past to the headmaster who contacted the police and Highways.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

The play zone is now one year old.

The children voted for the equipment they wanted at the play area, a new slide is to be ordered. A new bench, sleepers and some fencing is also being ordered

A Barn Dance will be organised for the spring to help raise funds for the continuing maintenance of the play area.

Youth club

Youth club remains very busy.

16.11.10 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.

16.11.11 External Meetings

Lindsey Worrall attending the ChALK meeting and CWaC presentation about the Draft Oil and Gas Exploration, Production and Distribution Supplementary Document Consultation

Future Meetings

Tuesday 29th November Little Budworth are holding the Rural Parishes Liaison meeting

CHaLK are holding a meeting on Special Expenses on 30th November 2016. Venue to be confirmed.

16.11.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

16.11.13 Any Other Business

The Village Green leaf collection is to occur on 3rd December.

The Parish Council initiative to cut roadside hedge's in the village occurred again this year on the 26th October, ensuring hedges are safely cut for both residents and road users. Thank you to all those that asked for their hedge to be cut and to everyone involved on the day to ensure traffic was managed safely.

Villager's Lunch at Oulton Park race circuit. A councillor has been contacted regarding three non-residents who are very active within the village and have on previous occasions attended the Christmas lunch. Simon Bonser of MSV has been contacted and due to the large involvement within the parish he is happy for these three people to attend. Rushton Parish Council are happy for them to attend.

On Friday 11th November Children from Eaton Primary School, walked the remembrance wreath up to the village monument where a minutes silence was held. The children then went into the church, for some this was their first visit. On Remembrance Sunday members of the congregation along with Councillors walked the wreath to the village monument.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:49pm.

Signed:
Date:

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