

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Arthur Nicholas, Eddie Shaw, Neil Thompson and Simon Corradine

**In Attendance:** Mike Wilson  
 Eveleigh Moore-Dutton  
 Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)  
 Paul Healey

**17.11.01      Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

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

Cllr. Shaw declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 17/04927/FUL.

**17.11.02      Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Nicholas

**Seconded:** Cllr. Corradine

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Nicholas

**Seconded:** Cllr. Corradine

**17.11.03      Public Speaking Time**

Mike Wilson has decided after many years to stand down from many of the working groups he has actively been involved with.

The Road Safety Working Group was created in 2008, during which time a lot has been achieved, equally within the two years that the Picnic

Area working Group has been formed the transformation into a traditional picnic area has been realised.

Mike's enthusiastic input will be greatly missed, he is welcome at all meetings.

**17.11.04      Matters Arising**

To ensure compliance with the Standing Orders and Transparency Code, reports from Working Groups that are to be discussed during future meetings should be passed to the Clerk a week prior to the meeting, these reports will then be circulated to all councillors with the agenda, placed on the notice board and website.

**Defibrillator for the Parish**

Both the defibrillator and the cabinet have arrived. The Parish Council and Jessie Hughes Village hall committee are working together to install the device.

Signs will be placed on the wall to identify the location of defibrillator.

A two-hour drop in session of Defibrillator and CPR training that will be conducted by Jigsaw on the 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Action – co-ordinate training****Cllr. Thompson and Clerk**

The Parish Council would like to thank Jigsaw for all their input into the training of residents and advice given regarding the purchase and installation of the defibrillator.

Members Budget application update

It has been confirmed that the members budget that the Parish Council obtained can be used for Road Safety issues but does not specifically need to be used for the renewal of the village green kerb.

**Proposal**

A Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) may be suitable on or around Lower Lane.

For the December meeting of Rushton Parish Council

**Cllr. Plumbley** to Liaise with councillors of Alraham Parish Council who are also actively researching VAS suitability.

**Cllr Thompson** to assess information as to whether suitable for area.

**Clerk** Liaise with Highways, to assess possible locations for VAS.

Parking of vehicles outside Eaton Primary School

Land outside the primary school is an adopted highway, the Highways Dept will continue to manage it. Any queries regarding the parking of vehicles on this land should be handled by the primary school.

Edgewell Lane

Increasingly vehicles are speeding along Edgewell Lane, this is especially prevalent on a Sunday. Parked vehicles are blocking drives regularly.

**Action-** Clarify ownership of the car park

**Clerk**Councillor Vacancy

Miss Amy Markham was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**Resolved:** that Miss Amy Markham is now a Councillor for Rushton Parish Council.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Corradine

**Seconded:** Cllr. Thompson

Councillors Responsibilities**Appointment of Committees and Allocation of Member's Responsibilities 2017/2018**

- a) Road Safety – Cllr Plumbley, Cllr Shaw + Working group headed up by Mike Wilson
- b) Members' individual responsibilities be allocated, as follows:

**Parish Council Noticeboard****CHALC****Oulton Park Liaison****Litter Pickers****Dog Warden/Footpaths****Communications****Development/Planning/Environment****Services****Clerk****Members as available****Cllrs. Shaw/Vacancy****Mary Wilson Co-ordinates****Cllr. Nicholas****Cllr. Thompson****Cllr. Plumbley/vacancy****Cllr. Thompson/Clerk**

**Youth/Social/Community**

- Road Safety
- Picnic Area
- Play Zone

**Youth Club**

working groups headed up by Mike Wilson  
Cllrs. Shaw and Plumbley  
Cllrs. Plumbley and Nicholas  
Cllr. Plumbley/ vacancy

Vacancy/ Julie O'Shea,  
Sec Mike Wilson, Sec  
Mary Wilson

Councillor responsibilities will now be reviewed to include are newest members.

Local Council Award Scheme and Cilca For Clerk

The Local Council Award Scheme and Cilca course for Clerks enables the council to become a quality council. The time required to achieve these awards is currently prohibitive and will be reviewed again in 12 months time.

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

17/04927/FUL

Location –Red Beech Farm, Dogmore Lane, Rushton Tarporley, CW6 9BD

Proposed – Steel portal framed Agricultural Potato Storage Building

This application was received after the publication of the agenda, the planning application will therefore be discussed an extra ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**17.11.06 Highways**Potholes

Complaints have been received regarding the potholes outside the Jessie Hughes Village Hall (on the bend by Edgewell Lane) and also coming up the dip on Royal Lane towards the Jessie.

**Action** - Report to Highways

**Clerk**

**16.11.07 Reports from Working Groups****Communications**Superfast Broadband

Connecting Cheshire and BT are working together on the Superfast Broadband phases. BT have delayed the completion of the Little Budworth Phase till the end of 2017. The next phase of upgrades for select postcodes for Eaton and Rushton has also been delayed until 2018. The following phase will be summer 2018.

Community fibre is an option where the community pay 50% and BT pay 50% of the set-up cost, but this ranges between £50,000 to £100,000. Satellite is also possible; some members of the parish have tried it but found it not very successful.

Next steps for Parish, is to see where this current phase goes then decide whether a community option is required.

Voneus Limited

Voneus Limited are Broadband Specialist company who can offer high speed fibre connections to properties in hard to reach locations, this is achieved by deploying a transmitter from a locations such as a village church or farm silo, the high speed wireless broadband signal is then distributed to customers homes via relay points. To install this type

of broadband approximately 40 customers would be required to ensure the project can go ahead.

**Action – Cllr. Thompson to arrange a presentation for the community by Voneus Limited**  
**Cllr. Thompson**

## Development/Planning/Environment

### Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

1. **Path.** A circular path has been discussed, funds are not available to undertake this work currently, and issues with mowing may arise once installed. A path through the wooded area would be cheaper to install and not interfere with mowing. Quotes required. Quotes required for the labour to undertake this work.
2. **Ancillaries**  
 A 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: Cllr. Nicholas will empty the bin**
3. **Primary School Project.**  
 All ready to go once funding secured. Head Nikki Duffell is enthusiastic and detailed quote from Wildbanks Conservation is in place.
4. **Funding**  
 £1000 has been received from Tesco's Bags of Help, this grant will be used to undertake the school project.
5. **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. Wyevale Garden Centre have very kindly donated spring bulbs to the Picnic area project.
6. **Hedge Cutting**, the hedges have now been cut.
7. A new Chair for the working group is required. During the winter months Cllrs. Plumbley, Shaw and Nicholas will regularly check the picnic area.

### Road Safety

The Road safety working group met on 2<sup>nd</sup> October with Highways, the main aspects that were discussed were; the 20mph zone, Eaton Lane and The Cross Junction.

A Chair for the Road Safety Working Group is required

The priorities of the working group need to be set along with the terms of reference.

Cllr. Moore-Dutton would like to liaise with the working group

### 20mph zone

The Parish Council and Mike Wilson have prepared 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. Highways Department have confirmed that the proposal will be assessed, with any improvements occurring in year three of the 20mph project.

### Cross

The Road Safety Team have prepared a series of options including signs, road markings and vehicle activated signs. The Highways department will assess the proposal and make suggestions in due course.

Eaton Lane

Ideally the speed of vehicles using Eaton Lane needs to be reduced to persuade vehicle owners to use the by-pass. Speed management and traffic calming measures could be used to reduce the speed on Eaton Lane and include Islands or interactive signage. With both, speed calming measures or the speed limit reduction, the Parish Council would need to give a financial input into any project.

Beech Lane Junction with Brownhills Rd

The junction requires signage to improve safety. Highways have assessed the junction and will re-paint the lines to improve the visibility.

**Youth/Social/Community**Play Zone

Cllr. Corradine to join the play zone management group

Youth club

Cllr. Corradine to join the management group

Christmas party with Tarporley Round Table to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, all welcome!!

**17.11.09 External Meetings**

Highways, Eaton Primary School and the Parish Council met to discuss car parking issues as detailed earlier.

**17.11.10 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>REC ACT</b>
	Member of public not resident	01/11/17	Researching Windmills – A field name on the 1838 Tithe map shows ‘The windmill field an Staypole’ – i a winmill ever exist in Eaton?. The word Staypole is of interest as it may have something to do with early mills.	Res
	Member of public, resident	04/11/17	What has happen to the three tonne weight limit that used to apply to the roads through the village? HGV movements are increasingly concerning residents	Liais Cou

The main road (Eaton Road) through Eaton is covered by a “7.5 tonne accept for access” weight limit (signed from A49/Eaton Road & A49 Nantwich Road/Eaton Road junction). The weight limit does not cover agricultural vehicles.

Given the “accept for access” element it is worth noting that many vehicles observed may be using Eaton Road legitimately. Enforcement of this restriction would be a matter for the Roads and Local Policing Units within Cheshire Constabulary.

**17.11.11 Finance Matters**

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
CHaLC	Training Course for Clerk – finance and VAT	£75.00		£75.00
NMC Print and Design	Printing of November Newsletter	£131.00		£131.00
JHVI	Hall Fees – July and August	£38.00		£38.00
Mr Mike Wilson	Play Zone Supplies	£12.66	£2.52	£15.19
CWaC	Youth Group Rent	£126.00		£126.00
Mr Neil Thompson	AED Cabinet	£375.00	£86.25	£461.25

### **17.11.12    Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall to discuss the outstanding planning application. The next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

### **17.11.13    Any Other Business**

Hedge Cutting residents hedges with tractor and hedge cutter will occur on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20pm.**

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