

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs. Arthur Nicholas, Neil Thompson, Graham Sine, Eddie Shaw, Mike Wilson

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Paul Healey, Eveleigh Moore-Dutton.

18.11.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

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

18.11.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 16th October 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Sine

Seconded: Cllr. Nicholas

18.11.03 Public Speaking Time

None

18.11.04 Matters Arising

Shuttle Bus timetable reschedule.

A survey has now been undertaken by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC), once the data is available it will be shared with councillors and members of the public.

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.

Community Speed Management has been recommended with the use of a Speed Indicator Device SID, this has been previously used on Eaton lane.

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.

Cheshire Constabulary will be invited to attend the village on both Eaton Lane and Lower Lane to undertake speed checks with the used of their vans or bikes.

The Highways Department will be contacted to look at refreshing the road markings throughout the village. Through discussion it was decided that the Parish Council would also look at proposals to enhance the signage at the entrance to the village, including gates or planters at the village entrance.

A meeting with the Highways Department will be arranged to discuss all options available to make the roads and village safer.

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

Lorry Parking in the Village centre

Over the summer months, the Parish Council have met with the owner of a large vehicle that regularly parks within the village centre, the aim was to try and find a more suitable location for the vehicle to park being mindful that the vehicle is used for a business. The owner has now confirmed that they have found new business premises for the vehicle, but this is not available until 01/01/19, although the lorry may be able to park there earlier. They are very grateful for everyone's patience whilst a long-term solution has been sorted out.

Local History Project

A Project is proposed to gather information about the people, the places and the local businesses within the parish. Through Tea and Chat, adverts in the Newsletter and speaking with the residents of the parish the aim is to create a small book. If you would like to be involved in this exciting project looking at our local

history, please contact our Clerk Lindsey Worrall by e-mail at rushtonclerk@aol.com or by telephone on 01829 760653.

The trees on the green,

Permission from Cheshire West and Chester Council has been received to enable this essential maintenance work to be undertaken, the tree surgeon is booking the works in for 26th November, weather permitting.

Action- Liaise with tree surgeon

Clerk

18.11.05 Planning Matters

1- To note planning decisions.

2- To consider response to planning applications received

None

18.11.06 Highways

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.

Action- Liaise with SP and Highways

Clerk

20mph zone

The 20mph zone will be extended to include parts of Royal Lane, Lightfoot Lane and Sapling Lane, the whole of The Green and Lower Lane.

The formal consultation will run until 28th September, implementation will be sometime after the consultation period.

Action – Clerk to ensure residents are kept informed of key dates

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.

Action – liaise with Highways

Clerk

Cross

The Road Safety Team 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.

Representatives of the Highways Dept. have recommended that the road marking should be re-painted, no dates have been given for this.

Action – liaise 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.

Action – Liaise with landowner and Highways

Clerk

There are a lot of parking issues outside the primary school especially in the afternoon, parents picking children up from school and after school clubs need to be mindful that the roads are narrow, but busy and constantly used by numerous rural businesses.

A meeting to be arranged with Highways to go through all the outstanding issues within the Parish.

Action -

Clerk

18.11.07 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Superfast Broadband

Following the presentation from Voneus Limited, a survey is being undertaken to look at the possibility of a community fibre project.

Action – Liaise with Voneus

Cllr. Thompson

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.

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.

Some residents have contacted their service provider and found issues with receiving fibre, issues such as new infrastructure needed and new poles to secure the service. If anyone is having issues, please report these to the Parish Clerk, Lindsey Worrall at rushtonclerk@aol.com

Newsletter

Thank you to all the contributors to the November edition of the newsletter, and especially to the volunteers who delivered this edition along with the Tarporley Transport Survey.

Development/Planning/Environment

Oulton Mill Picnic Area Project.

Finances: Mike Wilson and Clerk Lindsey are confirming the balance figures, but it is in the region of £1,800 from the Awards for all grant left and the full £1,000 from the Tesco grant still to be spent. Mike has drafted out a budget of how the £1,800 could be spent.

School Project: This was delayed due to other priorities of the council and the decision not to clear the end copses where the project was to be centred. The project will take place between Autumn 2018 and Spring 2019. A balance of how the £1,000 (Tesco Grant) would be spent has been prepared in case Tesco require this.

Actions from site meeting held 25th June 2018:

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 taken down by Mike Wilson who will amend it to read Rushton Parish Council.

The Wild Meadow Area for the school project and mini apple orchard has been marked out by Mike Wilson and is in an arc to make it mower friendly.

The grass has been mown all year by Cllr. Nicholas
Cllr. Shaw has cut the hedge

A risk assessment will be required to ensure it is safe for children to go onto the picnic area to help the Parish Council. A Duty of Care document will need to be signed by both the school and the Parish Council.

Dogs are being walked on the picnic area and a fouling box is needed to enable owners to be responsible. Mike Wilson to source a fouling box.

The Safety of the Copse needs to be assessed – clerk to contact Martin Boardman

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

The first meeting of the School council is on 4th December

If Mike cannot get free Bins after speaking with CWaC, permission has been given for him to purchase two bins one for general waste and one for dog waste with a cost of £740

Proposed – Cllr Sine

Seconded – Cllr. Wilson

The proposed picnic area plan will be reviewed and signed off next month.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone Project

Annual Inspection has been completed. The MUGA netting needs some repairs.

The equipment modification has been delayed until the PZ funds are adequate to pay for this. The Mamma Mia 2 film night being run by the PZ committee with profits going to the PZ will enable the equipment modifications to go ahead.

MUGA is being well used, the committee is aware that the floor will only have 6-8-year, lifespan and may need maintenance during that time. The 52 Team is working well.

Youth Club

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

Due to the youth clubs popularity more volunteers are needed to help run the club, a rota similar to 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

The youth Group committee and main team of volunteers are having essential training. This will cost £330. Youth Group do not have these funds. It was unanimously agreed by all councillors that £200 from the Oulton park Villagers Day Donation should be used towards this training.

Leaf Collection

On a Lovely November morning, 25 volunteers spent an hour and a half gathering leaves into 32 tonne bags from the village green and surrounding roads. This is the eighth year that leaves have been collected from the green and by doing so makes it cleaner, prettier and safer during the winter months.

The volunteers enjoyed the hospitality of Ian and Barbara Burgon who gave refreshments of mince pies, coffee and mulled wine.

Street Scene collected

18.11.09 External Meetings

The Best Kept Village Awards night is on Thursday 1st November.

Rushton Parish Council Won;

- A Little Gem Award for the Telephone Box Information centre
- Second Place in the Best Kept Village Competition for 401-600 Residents

18.11.10 Correspondence

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action
Member of public		Secondary School pupil refused access to bus one morning as the bus was full, left to get to school by herself. This is due to the increase in pupils with bus passes, more busses or larger vehicles needed. Complaint passed to school and to CWaC.	Circulate to councillors and ward councillor for information
Open Reach		List of Property postcodes that have recently been connected and should be able to receive fibre broadband	Circulate for information

18.11.11 Finance Matters

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

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
JHVI	Hall Hire – Sept and Oct 2018	£38.00		£38.00
NMC Design and Print	Printing costs for November Newsletter	£131.00		£131.00
Tarporley Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Wreath Tarporley Royal British Legion	£35.00		£35.00
Mike Wilson	Sundries for Play zone	£36.40	£7.28	£51.63
Mike Wilson	Sundries for Youth Group	£44.17	£3.80	47.97
Jigsaw Medical Services	First aid training for one person	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00
Jigsaw Medical Services	First aid training for seven people	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00

18.11.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

18.11.13 Any Other Business

Oulton Park Senior Lunch is on 10th December, if you wish to attend please contact David Lilley

The telegraph pole at Red Beech Farm has been marked for moving and will hopefully be moved next week.

Rushton Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed:

Date:

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