

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 20th October 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. D. Lilley, J. O'Shea, S. Roberts, E. Shaw, M. Wilson (Chair)

In Attendance: A. Stubbs (clerk)
Cllr. E. Moore-Dutton (CWAC)

14.10.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. M. Scott and A. Nicholas.

14.10.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15th September 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Shaw, seconded Cllr. Lilley.

14.10.03 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

14.10.04 Matters Arising

Picnic Area

Still waiting for confirmation from CWAC as to the legal requirements. Cllr. Roberts is chasing and also considering the possibility of grant funding. It was agreed that it would be nice if the School could be involved with the design work. Cllr. Roberts has asked the ranger to trim back the hedges.

ACTION – Cllr. Roberts to progress

Plaque for trees on Kings Lane/Edgewell Lane

ACTION – With Cllr. Scott to progress

Grit Bins

It was agreed that these would be replaced on 1st November and remain until 1st April in the same locations as last year.

ACTION – Clerk to inform resident on Sapling Lane

Contact from Portal regarding Community Engagement

There is £60 outstanding for the Village fun day which was promised by Portal. An invoice has been sent.

Path to the Village Hall

Highways are working on this.

ACTION – Cllr Wilson to progress

Little Budworth Common

Negotiations regarding the future lease are taking place between CWAC and Oulton Estates. It was agreed that the Parish Council do not want to see the common closed down.

ACTION – Clerk to email Cllr. Moore-Dutton with the concerns of the Parish Council

Provision of affordable housing

There was a discussion on how the Parish Council felt the parish should develop in the future, both in terms of housing and local businesses. It was generally felt that Eaton village required a vision of options so that it would be kept vibrant in the years to come.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to put together an article for the newsletter and to get comments from parishioners.

Winterford Lane Hedge

Weaver Vale Housing has now trimmed this back and has apparently added it to their maintenance schedule. To be monitored in the future.

Red Lion Pub

The Parish Council has heard that the developers plan to demolish the pub shortly which should tidy the site up.

Succession Plan for current projects

Cllr. Wilson stated that he would not be standing for the Parish Council next April and outlined the timescale for handing over his various duties which will take place over the next 12 months or so.

CWAC – Development sites and facilities surveys

These 2 surveys had been received for completion.

Resolved: that the Parish Council would put forward no possible development sites and the clerk to complete and return the facilities survey.

14.10.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

Offline Upgrade in progress by Barney Stubbs and Rowan O'Shea who will be invited to attend the next meeting. Also a request to be put in the newsletter requesting any old photographs which could be added to the website.

Newsletter

Next issue to be out in November.

Superfast Broadband

Still no information about implementation in the Parish.

ACTION – Clerk to continue chasing 'Connecting Cheshire' especially with regards to the Little Budworth exchange.

Development/Planning/Environment

Village Green

Planned to be done in November.

ACTION – Cllr. Scott to progress

Hedges at UU site Sapling Lane

United Utilities have done a good job in doing extra work here and more is planned.

ACTION – Cllr. Scott

Finials

Have now been received. Cllr. Scott is painting prior to installation.

ACTION – Clerk to contact Darnhall PC to arrange the handover of their finial

Road Safety

Purchase of "Vehicle Activated Signs"

PC Gigg has promised to provide a report shortly and will also contact the Police Commissioner regarding traffic problems. Cllr. Wilson also contacting Police Commissioner who will hopefully provide a grant when the need is proved. Cllr. Moore-Dutton also promised to look at her budgets to see if some money could be forthcoming for the signs.

Traffic and Public Safety/Speed Enforcement

Following the very well attending 'traffic meeting', it was hoped to start a Working Group with representatives from the Parish Council and the various factions within the Parish. A request for volunteers to go out in the newsletter.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson

It was also agreed that the Headteacher should be approached to see if further car sharing to the school could be organised.

ACTION - Cllrs. Shaw and Lilley

It was noted that the Beech Lane/Brownhills signpost had been knocked over. Cllr. Roberts has contacted highways about this and also about the hedge which blocks visibility at this junction.

Services

Electricity sub-station

Legal documentation has now been signed by both parties and it is hoped that the new sub-station could be in place by the start of next year.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to progress

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

Cllr. Wilson putting together a further grant application to Wren for £39,000. It was also hoped to find some local sponsorship to top up the funding.

14.10.06 Planning Matters

a) **Applications since the last meeting:**

14/01999/FUL – material change of use and stables at land adjacent to Lion Cottages

Although Cllr. Scott spoke against this application at the Planning Committee, the Committee voted for its approval.

ACTION – Clerk to write to the planning officer asking for an explanation re. the interpretation of planning policy as applied to this case.

14/03755/FUL – camping and caravan site at Oxheys Fishing Lakes

It was noted that Alpraham Parish Council have also put in an objection to this application.

Resolved: that Cllr. Moore-Dutton should be requested to bring this application before the Planning Committee.

14/03815/PMB – prior notification to convert Owlscoote to residential

Resolved: that Cllr. Moore-Dutton be requested to query the validity of this application with the planning department

b) **Decisions made:**

14/03285/FUL – extensions at Stone Cottage, Sapling Lane - Permitted

c) **Other**

Oak Tree Farm, Hickhurst Lane

Resolved: that this should be removed from the agenda

14.10.07 Highways

Winterford Lane Footpath

Weaver Vale Housing have agreed that the works can be done but will provide no monetary assistance and want the Parish Council to take responsibility for the steps going forward.

ACTION – Cllr Wilson to reply that the Parish Council have no responsibility for the steps or area which is owned by Weaver Vale.

Flooding on Sapling Lane

Although some improvement has been made there is still work to do here.

ACTION - Cllr Scott

14.10.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
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Acorus Property Services	09/09/14	Notification of change of use application for Owlscoote, Winterford Lane	Discussed earlier
CPFA		Agenda for annual general meeting to be held of Thursday 23 rd October	Noted
CPRE		Invitation to Christmas event at High Legh to be held on 11 th December	Noted
CWAC	02/10/14	Grants for Wild Spaces	Passed to Cllr. Roberts

14.10.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Jessie Hughes VH	Hall Hire July/August	36.00		36.00
Alex Stubbs	2 nd quarter expenses	15.42	3.08	18.50
Signpost restoration Ltd	Finnials	744.37	148.87	893.24
RBL	Poppy Wreath	30.00		30.00

14.10.10 Quality Parish Scheme

On hold.

14.10.11 External Meetings

Cllrs. Wilson and Lilley had attended the Community Pride presentation but unfortunately the Parish had not been successful this year.

Cllrs. Shaw and Lilley had attended the Oulton Park Liaison meeting where the arrangements for 2015 Carfest (to be held on 1st weekend in August 2015) were discussed. A bonfire and firework display will take place on 8th November, entry is free if a pass is held or £10. On 15th and 16th November, Art in the Park (sponsored by High Sheriff, Sue Sellers) will take place between 10am and 4pm and the pensioners lunch will be held on 15th December.

The motions to be put to the CHALC AGM were discussed and agreed.

14.10.12 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 17th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

14.10.13 Any Other Business

Cllr. Lilley reported from the Village Design Statement working group. Information from returned questionnaires is being collated before being presented to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Shaw proposed that the Parish Council help residents get hedges trimmed by co-ordinating the hire of a tractor and trimmer. This to be put in the newsletter.

It was noted that a leaf collection will take place on the village green on November 29th. Again this to be advertised in the newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.35pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____