

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Mike Wilson (took Chair), Jade Plumbley, Julie O'Shea, Simon Roberts, Arthur Nicholas, Neil Thompson,

**In Attendance:** Cllr. E. Moore-Dutton – CWAC  
 Paul Healey  
 Daisy Plumbley

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

Apologies: Eddie Shaw, Clerk Alex Stubbs  
 Disclosure: Neil Thompson re Cotebrook Pre School.

**15.10.02 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Nicholas, seconded Cllr. Roberts and all agreed.

**15.10.03 Public Speaking Time**

**Paul Healey** asked for an update on the Red Lion (see below for response). Paul also raised the question as to who's responsibility was it to cut round road signs when the hedges had been cut. Councillor Wilson to contact highways for their advice.

**Daisy Plumbley** spoke to the councillors about her new role as Junior Safety Officer at Eaton Primary School and what her objectives and goals would be for the next year. Cllr Wilson thanked her for an interesting report.

**15.10.04 Matters Arising**

Red Lion Pub

The developer has not yet tidied up the site as promised.

**Resolved:** Clerk to chase up

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

Councillor Thompson advised that the communication with the other parish councils is still ongoing and he is hoping to set up a meeting to take place in November

**ACTION – Cllr. Thompson.**

Hedge Trimming

Four private landowners have shown interest in this new initiative and Cllr Wilson will now arrange with Cllr Shaw for this work to be done.

**ACTION – Cllr. Wilson**

Road Surface on Hall Lane

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

**ACTION – Cllr. Shaw to progress.**

**15.10.05 Reports from Working Groups**

**Communications**

Website

A request to be made to Rowan O'Shea and Barney Stubbs for an update on where they are with the new website. An article to be put into the November Newsletter for input / photos from others in the Parish.

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

Newsletter

Next issue due out 1<sup>st</sup> week in November. All councillors requested to send in any articles they wish to be included.

**ACTION: Cllr Wilson**

Superfast Broadband

Councillor Thompson still ongoing with 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**Picnic Area

**Resolved** to go ahead with the purchase, Councillor Roberts proposed, Councillor Plumbley seconded. Councillor Roberts to contact Hibberts Solicitors to move them on. It was thought the total costing for the legal aspects of this would be in the region of £2000.00.

**ACTION – Cllr. Roberts, to arrange payment / contract with Hibberts.**

**Road Safety**RS Working Group Progress

Councillor Wilson advised that the Working Group had met on the 6<sup>th</sup> October – minutes of this meeting to be circulated.

The Vehicle Activated sign installed in August appears to be effective in slowing vehicles entering the village from the North. Data from this sign is now accurate and Paul Healey is analysing this for the working group.

More information was gained about the idea of adding "armadillos" to the curb to protect pedestrians walking to the village hall. Unfortunately the suppliers do not think that this would be appropriate and possibly dangerous. Better white lines and possibly reflective "cats eye" type pads may be the only solution.

No progress yet on the MP's involvement to persuade Openreach to move the pole at Red Beech Farm to allow large lorries to exit without coming through the village.

**ACTION – Cllr. Wilson & Cllr. Shaw to progress these items**

**Services**Electricity sub-station

The laying of cable ducts in the road is progressing well with Winterford Lane complete and Edgewell Lane being now worked on. The good news is that after inspection of all overhead cables in the village, SP Energy have complied with the Parish Council pressure to take many cables down and put them underground. The financing of this has been agreed and the only downside is that there will be more disruption to complete the now extended project.

**Youth/Social/Community**Play Zone

The Play Zone Project was official opened on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October with a good turn out of villagers who were treated with hotdogs, drinks etc. The many children present appeared to enjoy the type of equipment installed. Representatives from WREN & Cheshire West Council were present. Councillor Wilson reported a few snagging issues that will be resolved during the next few weeks.

A "52 Team" (reporting to the Play Zone Management Committee) has been created with 52+ volunteers covering all weeks of the year with simple duties to ensure that the area is properly managed.

**15.10.06 Planning Matters**

- a) **Applications received since the last meeting:**  
None

**b) Decisions made:**

None

**c) Other**

No result yet regarding the appeal for the proposed Caravan site at Eaton Fisheries.

**15.10.07 Highways**

Tree branch hanging on Rushton Lane to be attended to.

Street lights not working on Lower Lane to be progressed.

Drains smelling outside the Church to be investigated.

**Action: The above issues to be progressed : Cllr. Wilson & Clerk****15.10.08 Correspondence****Resolved:** that correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed:

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Cotebrook Pre-School	23/09/15	Request for donation to raise money for a new shed	As we do not have a Pre-school in the Parish , a proposal by Cllr Wilson was agreed to support this venture. A request to be made as to type / size/use of shed and if appropriate a donation of up to £150 to be made.
Fields In Trust	24/09/15	Membership information including application form (£50 for a Parish Council)	Proposed by Cllrs Plumbley & Nicholas that we join F.I.T, previously called The Playing Field Association.

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Mike Wilson	Refund for funday	145.30		145.30
Alex Stubbs	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter expenses	50.86	7.58	58.44
Creative Play	Balance for Play area and MUGA	29811.83	5962.37	35774.20
Grant funding skills	Grant applications for Play Zone	800.00	160.00	960.00
Mike Wilson	Play zone opening expenses	225.98		225.98
Mike Wilson	Play zone general expenses	56.48		56.48
Hilary Healey	Play zone landscaping expenses	110.65		110.65
Mike Wilson	Bins, bike racks and signs for play zone	731.96	146.39	878.35

that the second quarter financial statement be received and accepted.

**15.10.10 Local Council Award Scheme****Resolved:** that the Council should continue working towards Foundation level.**ACTION - Clerk****15.10.11 External Meetings****The Community Pride Awards** meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> October in Ellesmere Port.

Cllrs. Wilson and Mrs Jan Freeman attended. (Jan did the organisation and hosting of the Community Spirit process).

In the Community Spirit competition, out of 53 parishes in Cheshire West & East, **Rushton Parish**

**came runner** up to Audlem. This is a great achievement.

In the Best Kept Village Competition for populations of 401 – 600, Rushton Parish again came runner up to winner Crowton. Another good result.

**Oulton Park:** Councillors Roberts & Shaw attended the recent Oulton Park Liaison meeting – The main news was that Carfest is to move to Bolesworth next year.

David Lilley has offered to again organise the pensioners Christmas Lunch at Oulton Park which this year will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. All councillors gratefully accepted this offer.

**15.10.12    Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

**15.10.13    Any Other Business**

Local Police Officer: It was agreed that we will invite the new Police Officer covering our Parish, to the December Parish Council Meeting.

Eaton School Expansion: Cllr O'Shea advised that the consultation regarding the School Expansion is now in place and will run from the 19<sup>th</sup> October until the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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

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