

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7:30pm**

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

**In Attendance:** Mike Wilson  
 Eveleigh Moore-Dutton  
 Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)  
 Paul Healey  
 Julie O'Shea  
 Brian Oldham

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

**Resolved:** that there were no disclosures of interest.

**17.10.02 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 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 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Nicholas

**Seconded:** Cllr. Corradine

**17.10.03 Public Speaking Time**

Items from working groups to be discussed during the meeting

**17.10.04 Matters Arising**

**Defibrillator for the Parish**

The British Heart Foundation funding to support the installation of a defibrillator has been granted. The defibrillator will be positioned outside the Jessie Hughes Village Hall (JHVH) in a secure box which maintains a constant temperature. The remainder of the cost of the device will be shared by Rushton Parish Council and The Jessie Hughes Institute Committee. The defibrillator will be insured by the Parish Council once it has been installed.

A cabinet is required to house the defibrillator.

An awareness session will be undertaken during Tea and Chat along with a two-hour drop in session of Defibrillator and CPR training that will be conducted by Jigsaw. Dates to be circulated.

**Action – Cllr. Thompson to investigate costings of the cabinet and liaise with Jigsaw to find mutually convenient dates for training. Cllr. Thompson**

**Parking of vehicles outside Eaton Primary School**

A meeting has been arranged between the School and the Highways Department to determine whether the land outside the primary school is an adopted highway.

Edgewell Lane

Increasingly vehicles are speeding along Edgewell Lane, this is especially prevalent on a Sunday. Parked vehicles are blocking drives on regular occasions, these issues will be raised with Highways.

Councillor Vacancy

Cllr. John Sellers has stood down from the Parish Council after a year. Cllr Sellers was an enthusiastic and influential member of the council and his input will be missed.

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:

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Parish Council Noticeboard</b>       | <b>Clerk</b>                    |
| <b>CHALC</b>                            | <b>Members as available</b>     |
| <b>Oulton Park Liaison</b>              | <b>Cllrs. Shaw/Vacancy</b>      |
| <b>Litter Pickers</b>                   | <b>Mary Wilson Co-ordinates</b> |
| <b>Dog Warden/Footpaths</b>             | <b>Cllr. Nicholas</b>           |
| <b>Communications</b>                   | <b>Cllr. Thompson</b>           |
| <b>Development/Planning/Environment</b> | <b>Cllr. Plumbley/vacancy</b>   |
| <b>Services</b>                         | <b>Cllr. Thompson/Clerk</b>     |
| <b>Youth/Social/Community</b>           | <b>working groups headed</b>    |
|   | <b>up by Mike Wilson</b>        |
| - Road Safety                           | <b>Cllrs. Shaw and Plumbley</b> |
| - Picnic Area                           | <b>Cllrs. Plumbley and</b>      |
|   | <b>Nicholas</b>                 |
| - Play Zone                             | <b>Cllr. Plumbley/ vacancy</b>  |
| <b>Youth Club</b>                       | <b>Vacancy/ Julie O'Shea,</b>   |
|   | <b>Sec Mike Wilson, Sec</b>     |
|   | <b>Mary Wilson</b>              |

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

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

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Location -Owlescote, Winterford Lane, Eaton, Tarporley, CW6 9AG

Proposed – Change of use of existing equestrian building to manufacture of horse riding simulators.

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 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017.

**b) Other****17.10.06 Highways****Flooding at Royal Lane**

Flooding in the dip of Royal Lane is frequently occurring, a vehicle recently drove through the hedge. Highways have been to inspect and have confirmed that a new drain will be installed to prevent further flooding. No timescales given.

Drainage issues on Sapling Lane

There is currently a fault in the drain, to resolve this a new drain will be installed, verbal confirmation has been received by Highways.

**Action – Liaise with Highways to ensure new drain installed  
Clerk**

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

Connecting Cheshire and BT are working together on the Superfast Broadband phases. The next phase of upgrades for select postcodes has been delayed till later this year, but there has been no clarification of what the work will entail, who will benefit or when work will commence. 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.

**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: Mike Wilson**
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.
6. **Hedge Cutting**, the hedges will be cut again in October/ November by Cllr. Shaw.

7. During the **Management meeting** on the 24<sup>th</sup> September a damaged tree was observed, the high winds of the 16<sup>th</sup> October has further damaged the tree. Mr Martin Boardman has now made the tree safe. Thank you.

### **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.

#### 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 during September, 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 repaint the lines to improve the visibility.

### **Youth/Social/Community**

#### Play Zone

A quote has been received for the equipment change to replace one of the slides, the equipment is more expensive than anticipated. Fund raising will be used to purchase this.

Management Meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017, two clean-up days will be organised, and a new notice board is to be bought that will advertise village activities.

**Proposal – Rushton Parish Council will donate £600 towards the purchase of a new notice board for the Play Zone.**

**Proposed – Cllr. Shaw**

**Seconded – Cllr. Corradine**

#### Youth club

The Youth club remains very busy, a management meeting occurred on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

More than 40 juniors regularly attend, which means there may be a restriction on new members.,

An increase in the number of regular helpers are required due to the increasing attendance.

Insurance and 2/3rds of rent is paid for by the Parish Council which enables the youth club to buy new equipment when needed.

Adult training to be reviewed along with DRB.

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

None confirmed

#### **17.10.10 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>  |
|--|-------------------|--------------|---|
|  | Mr Jason McMorine | 27/09/17     | Cars parking on Edgewell Lane car park whilst going to school and play zone, issues with speeding vehicles on Edgewell Lane |
|  | Mrs Liz Gale      | 28/09/17     | Vehicles parking outside school   |
|  | GroundWork UK     | 02/10/17     | Tesco Bags of Help- conformation of £1000 grant for picnic area   |
|  | Highways          | 10/10/17     | Confirmation that lasn outside Eaton Primary School forms part of the adopted highway.                                      |

#### **17.10.11 Finance Matters**

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

| <b>PAYEE</b>             | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>          | <b>NET (£)</b> | <b>VAT (£)</b> | <b>TOTAL (£)</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| JHVI                     | Hall Fees – July and August | £38.00         |                | £38.00           |
| L Worrall                | Q2 Salary                   | £505.96        |                | £505.96          |
| British Heart Foundation | Defibrillator Contribution  | £600.00        |                | £600.00          |

#### **17.10.12 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</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 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

#### **17.10.13 Any Other Business**

Hedge Cutting residents hedges with tractor and hedge cutter will occur again in October 2017. Anyone wishing to take up this service please contact Mike Wilson.

If a tree in within a hedge and subsequently becomes damaged causing the tree to fall across the carriageway, the owner of the field is responsible for clearing up the tree.

Oulton Park- last race and fire work display occurring on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Resident pass holders can enter for free.

The Oulton Park Lunch will occur on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:25pm.**

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