

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Arthur Nicholas, Neil Thompson, Emma Leslie, Graham Sine, Eddie Shaw and Amy Markham

**In Attendance:** Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Mike Wilson, Paul Healey, Eveleigh Moore-Dutton and PC Kenneth Williamson

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

**Resolved:**

Cllr. Markham declared a personal and prejudicial interest a potential development opportunity.

**18.10.02      Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Leslie

**Seconded:** Cllr. Nicholas

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Nicholas

**Seconded:** Cllr. Markham

**18.10.03      Public Speaking Time**

If you live more than three miles or in a dangerous location from the high school your children attend, your children are currently entitled to a free bus or transport. Children living in Little Budworth are being given places in Winsford Academy as this is the closest school, rather than being given a choice of school location.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September a vote will be held in council to enable parents to choose the school for their children and get free transport if they qualify.

In Primary Schools, if you live over two miles from the school your child gets free transport to school, over the age of 8 you are no longer allowed to get the free bus and the cost is £800 a year to travel on the school bus.

**18.10.04      Matters Arising**

Shuttle Bus timetable reschedule.

A survey has now been prepared by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC), copies will be circulated with the newsletter. The survey should be completed and returned to CWaC by 11<sup>th</sup> November.

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.

Community Speed Management was recommended with the use of a Speed Indicator Device SID, this has been previously used on Eaton lane. Work will also be undertaken with Cheshire constabulary to enable speed checks are undertaken.

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. A proposal will be prepared for the next parish Council meeting.

The VAS data and analysis will be sent to the Highways Dept.

Cheshire Constabulary will be invited to undertake speed checks on Eaton Lane at peak times.

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, Cheshire Constabulary and look at ways to enhance the signage in the village**

**Cllr. Leslie 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.

**Dray's Coffee shop signage**

The Dray's would like to place signage on the village green at advertise/ signpost the way to the coffee shop. After taking advice from CHaLC, and a lengthy discussion it was felt more appropriate that brown signs on the A49 would be suitable. Leaflets could be placed in the telephone box information centre and there is a local book for cyclists that could be a useful place to advertise in or place an article in,

**The Village Green Noticeboard and Bench**

The Noticeboard and Bench have now been sanded down and re-varished, with thanks to Mike and Mary Wilson and Brian Oldham for their hard Works to make these improvements possible.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> November, weather permitting.

**Action- Liaise with tree surgeon**

**Clerk**

**Councillor Vacancy**

After the recent publication of a vacancy in Rushton parish Council, we are pleased to announce that Mike Wilson has returned to the Council after two years off. During the last two years Mike has been actively involved with Parish Council matters, village life and especially the management of the Play Zone, Youth Group and Picnic Area and helping to organise this year's successful Village Fun Day.

**Vice Chair**

We are pleased to announce that Cllr. Emma Leslie has taken up the position of Vice Chair.

**18.10.05 Planning Matters**

**1- To note planning decisions.**

**2- To consider response to planning applications received**

**18/03798/FUL – The Cottage,  
Location -Winterford Lane, Rushton, CW6 9AP  
Proposal – Erection of detached garage**

The Parish Council Supports the above planning Application  
Proposed – Cllr. Shaw  
Seconded – Cllr. Markham

**18/03782/FUL – Land behind Knowl Cottage,  
Location -Eaton Lane, Eaton, CW6 9DP  
Proposal – Construction of a Manage**

The Parish Council has No Objections for the above planning Application  
Proposed – Cllr. Thompson  
Seconded – Cllr. Sine

The following comments were sent to the planning Department with this planning application. Rushton Parish Council assumes that there will be no flood lighting of the Menage as this is not detailed within the application. Use of flood lights could cause a nuisance to neighbours and would need to have times of use within any permission granted.

### **18.10.06      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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 and the landowner to ensure the drains are clear before the wet season begins.

**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.

### **18.10.07      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 over 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](http://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 need 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](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

## 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 will draft 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. Mike Wilson reported that he has sent a revised timetable for the project to take place between Autumn 2018 and Spring 2019. He is drafting out how the £1,000 (Tesco Grant) would be spent in case Tesco require this.

Actions from site meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> 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 by Cllr. Nicholas

Cllr. Shaw to arrange for the hedge to be cut in November.

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 an 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](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

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

### **Youth/Social/Community Play Zone Project**

Annual Inspection (circa £350 paid out of Play Zone funds) completed. The MUGA netting needs some repairs.

The equipment modification has been delayed until the PZ funds are adequate to pay for this. A request to the Jessie Hughes Committee is being raised by Mike Wilson for another a special Mamma Mia 2 film night to be run by the PZ committee with profits going to the PZ. This was done with Mamma Mia 1 in 2017 and circa £800 was raised.

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](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

The youth Group committee and main team of volunteers require 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.

**18.10.09 External Meetings**

The Oulton Park liaison Group meet on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, this year has seen very good meetings of both the British Touring Car Championship and British Super Bikes.

The repairs to the wall on Kings Lane is looking really good, the intension is to repair all walls to this standard, which will require traffic signals in some areas.

The last meeting of the year is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and will be followed by a bonfire and firework display. The Bonfire and fireworks will begin at 6:45pm, resident pass holders will get in to the event free.

The Best Kept Village Awards night is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**18.10.10 Correspondence**

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action
CWaC	01/10/18	Various e-mails outlining the Transport survey, available electronically and paper	Circulated electronically, discuss circulation of paper survey with newsletter

**18.10.11 Finance Matters**

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

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
L. Worrall	Q2 Expenses	£24.55	£3.92	£29.47
L. Worrall	Q2 Salary	£803.40		£803.40
JHVI	Hall Hire – July 2018	£19.00		£19.00
Mike Wilson	Noticeboard and Bench Refurb expenses	£48.93	£7.80	£56.73

**18.10.12 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

**18.10.13 Any Other Business**

Mike Wilson and Cllr. Shaw to organise Hedge cutting of resident's hedges again this year.

The styles across many of the fields are not deteriorating, who within CWaC replaces styles

**Action – Contact CWaC for footpath officer's details**

**Clerk**

The Parish Council had a footpath officer who would walk the footpaths within the Parish annually and report any issues. This post should be advertised in the newsletter.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:35pm.**

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

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