

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 20th September 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Jade Plumbley, Eddie Shaw, Julie O'Shea, Neil Thompson, Arthur Nicholas

In Attendance: Lindsey Worrall (Clerk)
 Paul Healey
 Bert Platt
 Phil Allcock

16.09.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies received from Cllr. Roberts be received and accepted

Cllr. Plumbley declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 16/03551/FUL.

16.09.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16th August 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr. Nicholas

Seconded: Cllr. O'Shea

16.09.03 Public Speaking Time

Bert Platt and Paul Healey, representing The Road Safety Working Group.

20mph zone

The Road Safety Working Group are liaising with Highways. Edgewell Lane, Winterford Lane and lower Lane are all within the 20mph zone.

Work is ongoing and will continue to be assessed.

Sapling Lane

Sapling lane still floods, Highways have advised that this is not a collapsed drain. Mr Bert Platt is happy to meet with the Highways Department during inclement weather when the situation is most apparent.

New entrance to play area and new school pupils

The new entrance to the play area was discussed in detail. Cllr. O'Shea detailed that the headmaster is happy to consider the proposed internal entrance that could be segregated from the school playing field by a hedge, but this can only be considered once the building works have been completed.

Concerns were raised that pupils were being brought by bus from the new Beeston Development and dropped off at the bottom entrance of Eaton Primary School. Cllr. O'Shea explained that Section 106 money from the proposed Wright Marshall development at Beeston enables children to come to the primary school. As the development occurs at Beeston the Section 106 money will slowly be delivered to Eaton Primary School to enable small numbers of children to be educated. No plans are in place yet.

Defibrillator

Having reviewed the implications of electricity requirements, it was felt that the phone box was not a suitable location, Mr Paul Healey said the Jessie Hughes Village Hall may consider the installation of a defibrillator if it was felt necessary to have second one in the village.

Red Lion Development Site

The new owners of the site are looking to make improvements to the development, to ensure the properties enhance the village.

Newsletter

Phil Allcock, Editor of the Newsletter, Joined us to look at options available to cascade information to the residents.

Phil believes the Newsletter is the best way to get information to the majority of the parish.

We then discussed slight alteration to the current formatting of the Newsletter to form three easy to follow sections and may include items such as cartoon characters, photographs etc. In the future.

16.09.04 Matters Arising**Communication with other Parishes within Ward**

None

Red Lion Pub

Update given in public speaking time

Casual Vacancy

Vacancy has been advertised. At the end of the required period if a notice for election has not been called the position can be filled by co-opting a councillor into the position at the council's earliest convenience.

Vice Chair

Cllr. Neil Thompson has been appointed Vice Chair.

Proposed: Cllr. Shaw

Seconded: Cllr. O'Shea

16.09.05 Reports from Working Groups**Communications**Website

Lindsey Worrall (Clerk) recently attended a meeting about the Transparency Code and Website Design. A grant is available to councils to aid the development of websites to ensure they are compliant with the Transparency Code and achieving The Local Council Award Scheme.

Action Look at recently developed Council websites, assess what is required for Rushton Parish Council and Eaton Village. Apply for Grant to assist development.

Speak with Developers of websites, see whether they would attend a council meeting. Speak with Chair of Parish Council with new website, see if they will also visit-

Clerk

Facebook, Alex is developing the facebook page, once up and running Lindsey and Cllr. Plumbley will manage the administration of this.

Newsletter

Update within public speaking time

Superfast Broadband

Cllr. Thompson has submitted a request for Community Fibre assessment. Within 15 days the cost of this potential project will be calculated. The project would be part funded and part paid by the Parish Council. We need to understand whether this project is achievable.

If a member of the parish would like to become actively involved in this project, please contact the parish clerk by e-mail at rushtonclerk@aol.com

ACTION – Cllr. Thompson

Development/Planning/EnvironmentPicnic Area

The hedges have been cut around the Picnic area. Thank you to Cllr. Shaw for arranging this, and continued thanks to Mr Plumbley for kindly cutting the grass.

Cllr. Nicholas and Mr John Sellers met on Saturday 17th September to look at the options for the entrance. Whilst at the picnic area it was discussed that the hedge at the top of the site could be removed and possibly the hedge at the bottom, taking the picnic area back to its original form. The site could be secured with the use of knee rail fencing also known as bird's foot fencing.

Cllrs. Shaw and O'Shea believe there was always a hedge at the bottom of the site.

Actions- For next meeting secure quotes for removal of hedge and installation of bird's foot fencing-
Cllrs. Shaw and Nicholas

On Monday 20th September Cllr. Plumbley and Mr Mike Wilson of the Picnic Area Working Group met with the Clerk at the picnic area to look at the three quotes that had been received for the maintenance work required on the two copse.

During the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21st September these quotes were looked at by all councillors and a vote was taken to award the work to Mr Martin Boardman, Man Coed VM Ltd.

Proposed: Cllr. Thompson

Seconded: Cllr. Nicholas

Action Write to All Contractors informing them of the decisions made by the council. **Clerk**

Another meeting to be held at the Picnic Area in late September or early October, with the attendance of all Councillors.

Action Arrange Meeting at Picnic Area

Cllr. Plumbley

Road Safety

Updated during public speaking time.

Youth/Social/CommunityPlay Zone

Some maintenance work required. Bolts have come out of the MUGGA, these have been replaced but a more robust repair is required.

The slide may be replaced with a climbing frame.

Youth club

Youth club remains very busy, with 30-34 per session in attendance last week. The club are looking to buy some new equipment.

Litter Pickers

Co-ordinator Mary Wilson reports that two new rings to hold bags have been requested for litter pickers. These cost around £10 each. Parish Council to pay for these. Mary Wilson has been asked to order these and pass the invoice to the Parish Clerk.

ACTION: Mary Wilson and Parish Clerk to Liaise.

Grit Bin

Three quotes have been received for a new grit bin. All councillors viewed these and voted to award the contract to Broxap.

16.09.06 Planning Matters**a) Applications received since the last meeting:**

During the discussion of the first Planning Application Cllr. Plumbley Left the room and Cllr. Thompson took over as chair

16/03551/FUL Land at Park Side, Kings Lane
Bedroom and En-suite shower pod.

The Parish Council is Supportive of this planning application.

Proposed : Cllr Nicholas
Seconded: Cllr Shaw

16/03762/FUL Cotebrook House, Eaton Lane, Eaton CW6 9DP
Conversion of barn/stable to holiday let.

The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

Proposed : Cllr Thompson
Seconded: Cllr O'Shea

16/03995/FUL Beech Lane Cottage, Beech Lane, Rushton CW6 9AQ
Extension to existing domestic garage to create store, residential annexe, home office and additional garaging

The Parish Council Objects to this planning application, on the grounds that it is a large development in open countryside.

Proposed : Cllr Thompson
Seconded: Cllr Shaw

Lorry accident, Monday 15th August 2016.

A lorry damaged the sandstone blocks that form the base of the stone cross that stands in the centre of Eaton Village. Police, Highways and the Insurance company were initially informed of

the incident. Subsequently, CWaC Planning Dept and Conservation Team have been assisting to determine the level of protection placed on the monument and therefore the process for repair. Archaeology Planning Advisory Service (APAS) have also assisted in giving advice.

The monument is Grade II listed, a member of CWaC Conservation Team has been to look at the damage and the Clerk has supplied photographs. The Conservation team will advise of the consents required and supply a list of contractors who suitable qualifications to carry out these repairs.

Action-

Clerk to liaise with Conservation team

16.09.07 Highways

Flooding on Sapling Lane

Update given during public speaking.

Telephone box and Village Green

Update given during public speaking

16.09.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	RECOMMENDED ACTION
CWaC	Aug 2016	CWaC Local Plan (Part Two) Land Allocations and Detailed Policies Preferred Approach	E-mailed to Councillors No comments to CWaC

Eaton has been designated R2 Local Service Centre in the CWaC Local Plan (Part Two) Land Allocations and Detailed Policies Preferred Approach. CWaC are consulting councils on this approach until 5pm on Friday 23rd September 2016.

16.09.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
BDO	Review of Accounts	£400	£80	£480
JHVH	Hall Rent July/August	£38		£38
L.Worrall	Q2 Expenses	£63.56	£9.85	£73.41
CWaC	Invoice No. 73001733, speed limit changes and sign improvements, Eaton Lane and Beech Lane, improvements undertaken Sept. 2013	1162.04	£232.41	£1394.45

CWaC Invoice 73001733, for £1,394.45. Contribution towards speed limit changes and signage improvements on Eaton Lane and Beech Lane, works complete September 2013. This appeared in finance matters as a cheque raised last month, it has been authorised for payment at the September meeting, a new cheque was raised for this due to change in signatories.

Proposed: Cllr. Thompson

Seconded: Cllr. Nicholas

16.09.10 Local Council Award Scheme

The Parish Council is continuing to work on this. The Clerk is reviewing the information that needs to be added to the website. This is interlinked with the website, as the website is developed the information available to the public will grow and therefore the LCAS will become an achievable step.

16.09.11 External Meetings

Cllr. Plumbley and Lindsey Worrall attended a Chairmanship training course held by Cheshire Association of Local Council's at Cotebrook Village Hall

16.09.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

16.09.13 Any Other Business

The agenda is to be re-arranged and include additional information for each agenda item. Agenda items should be timed, so to ensure the meeting does not run over, and ideally remain about 2 hours.

During the October meeting, an up to date Budget and all available financial information will be supplied.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____