

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 15th September 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. D. Lilley, A. Nicholas, J. O'Shea, S. Roberts, E. Shaw, M. Wilson

In Attendance: 2 members of the public

14.09.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. M Scott and E. Moore-Dutton

14.09.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 18th August 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. O'Shea, seconded Cllr. Lilley. The clerk thanked Cllr. Wilson for producing the August minutes.

14.09.03 Public Speaking Time

A resident attended to query why the minutes of the August minutes had not gone up on the noticeboard. It was agreed to aim for the draft minutes to go up on the noticeboard within one week of the meeting.

The provision of affordable housing was discussed and it was agreed to add this to the agenda for the October meeting.

The speed of traffic through the village was mentioned and it was confirmed that it was hoped PC Ged Gigg would attend later in the meeting to discuss further.

Finally, it was noted that CWAC are asking English Nature for a grant for Little Budworth Common and that a meeting would be held on Thursday to discuss. A resident agreed to attend and report back to the Parish Council.

14.09.04 Matters Arising

Picnic Area

Cllr. Roberts is chasing Ranger Charles Baillie for the legal documents. It was agreed that a landscaping plan should be drawn up and also that a second price obtained for legal expenses when the Parish Council know what is involved. It is possible that grants are available for a site like this.

ACTION – Cllr. Roberts to progress

Plaque for trees on Kings Lane/Edgewell Lane

ACTION – With Cllr. Scott to progress

Looking out for Elderly People

The first event has now been successfully held and further sessions in October and November are planned.

Grit Bins

It was agreed that the Edgewell Lane bin can remain in place now and in future years the Parish Council bins will be removed at the end of the Spring and replaced in October.

Speed Enforcement Plan

Discussed later under Road Safety.

Contact from Portal regarding Community Engagement

Unfortunately both of the ladies who met with the Parish Council have now left Portal and a new General Manager has arrived. Cllr. Wilson is trying to make contact.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to chase

Path to the Village Hall

Negotiations for this are continuing with Highways.

ACTION – Cllr Wilson to progress

Little Budworth Common

Discussed in Public Speaking Time.

14.09.05 Reports from Working Groups**Communications**Website

Offline Upgrade in progress by Barney Stubbs and Rowan O'Shea.

Newsletter

Completed in August and distributed.

Superfast Broadband

Still no information about implementation in the Parish.

ACTION – Clerk to continue chasing 'Connecting Cheshire'

Development/Planning/EnvironmentVillage Green

Will now be progressed in October.

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

In progress.

Road Safety

PC Ged Gigg joined the meeting to discuss this issue.

Purchase of "Vehicle Activated Signs"

PC Gigg is now completing a report to send to the Police Commissioner who will hopefully provide a grant for this when the need is proved.

Traffic and Public Safety/Speed Enforcement

It had been hoped that Cllr. Moore-Dutton would organise a meeting in August but unfortunately this had not proved to be possible. The aim was now to have the meeting end September/early October.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to circulate dates when the hall is available to Cllr. Moore-Dutton, PC Gigg and members of the Parish Council so that a date can be agreed.

Police Vehicles are to patrol the area to act as a deterrent and also the PCSO has been using the Police's Speed Indicator Device to collect data in the area. From this it can be seen that vehicles are exceeding the speed limit. PC Gigg promised to provide a full report to the PC by the 2nd week in October.

Residents have raised concerns about vehicle activity on Oxheys Lane. PC Gegg advised that if possible registration numbers should be noted and reported by phoning 101.

ServicesElectricity sub-station

Scottish Power have been informed of the possible expansion of the school so that this can be included in their plans. The lease for the sub-station is in legals at the moment.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to progress

Youth/Social/CommunityPlay Zone

Cllr. Wilson reported that a further application to Wren would be submitted in October but also that it might be necessary to raise money locally.

Village Fun Day Feedback

This had been very successful with a good attendance by residents.

Resolved: that the Parish Council contribute £103.18 towards to the costs of the day.

The Parish Council thanked Mike and Mary Wilson for their hard work in organising the event.

14.09.06 Planning Matters**a) Applications since the last meeting:**

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

We are still awaiting notification of the committee date for this. A Parish Councillor will attend to speak against the application

14/03286/FUL – single storey extension at Stone Cottage, Sapling Lane

Resolved: that there are no objections but the Parish Council would like to see the use of sympathetic materials to match the existing.

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

Resolved: that the Parish Council have serious concerns about this application with regards to access, traffic through the village, light pollution and sewage disposal.

ACTION – Clerk to circulate suggested comments for approval

b) Decisions made:

None

c) Other

Concerns had been raised regarding the colour of the mortar used on the barn conversion at Oak Tree Farm, Hickhurst Lane which is next to a listed building.

ACTION – Cllr. Scott to write to Conservation Officer (copy to Cllr. Moore-Dutton)

14.09.07 HighwaysWinterford Lane Footpath

Cllr. Wilson is pressing Weaver Vale Housing regarding this.

ACTION – Cllr Wilson to progress

Flooding on Sapling Lane

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

ACTION - Cllr Scott

14.09.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
CHALC	20/08/14	Consultation on reforms to planning system	No comments
CHALC	20/08/14	ICO Workshops on Data Protection	Noted
CWAC	29/08/14	Final consultation on proposed changes to Little Budworth and Utkinton Parishes	Noted
Village Design Statement	01/09/14	Invitation to VDS open day	Noted

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14.09.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
HMRC	2 nd quarter PAYE	104.40		104.40
Alex Stubbs	2 nd quarter salary	417.68		417.68
CWAC	Youth club rent	162.00		162.00
St Helens Church	Newsletter Copying	43.20		43.20
Mike Wilson	Newsletter expenses	4.17	0.83	5.00
Jan Freeman	Refund for frames	12.00		12.00
Mike Wilson	Village Funday expenses	103.18		103.18

14.09.10 Quality Parish Scheme

On hold.

14.09.11 External Meetings

A Police Commissioners meeting is to take place Thursday, 25th September. Cllr. Wilson to attend.

Minutes of the Oulton Park Liaison Committee were circulated.

14.09.12 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20th October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

14.09.13 Any Other Business

Cllr. O'Shea raised the issue of the hedge on Winterford Lane which has now been claimed by Weaver Vale Housing. It was also noted that the school warning sign is obscured.

ACTION – Clerk to ask Weaver Vale for a regular maintenance plan.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____