

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 15th September 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Nicholas, J. O'Shea, J. Plumbley, S. Roberts, E. Shaw (Chair), N. Thompson, M. Wilson

In Attendance: A. Stubbs – Clerk
Cllr. E. Moore-Dutton – CWAC
Mr. M. Proctor

15.09.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

No apologies or disclosure of interests were received.

15.09.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 18th August 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Nicholas, seconded Cllr. O'Shea and all agreed.

15.09.03 Public Speaking Time

Mr. Proctor attended the meeting to raise the issue of the condition of The Hall Lane which is beyond further patching and nearly impassible for small vehicles. Also the sides of the lane are in very poor condition.

Cllr. Moore-Dutton requested that Mr. Proctor send some photographs to her so that she can escalate. Cllr. Wilson also promised to raise the matter with Karl Farrow of Highways when they met later in the week.

15.09.04 Matters Arising

Red Lion Pub

The developer has promised to tidy up the site but development is not programmed until 2016.

Communication with other Parishes within Ward

Cllr. Tunney of Utkinton Parish Council is organising a meeting of all Parishes. It was noted that Darnhall Parish Council would also like to be involved.

ACTION – Cllr. Thompson.

Hedge Trimming

Emails have been sent to landowners regarding the scheme to cut hedges. It was agreed that we will wait for responses until the deadline of 25th September.

Responsibilities

These were discussed and the responsibilities spreadsheet is to be updated.

ACTION - Clerk

15.09.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

The new website is currently being populated but new material is required. It was agreed that a quarterly appeal for information should be circulated to all contacts.

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

Newsletter

Next issue due out 1st week in November.

Superfast Broadband

Cllr. Thompson is to investigate the history of this to see if anything can be done to escalate the issue and also the use of different satellite packages. It was noted that the MP is also agitating for better coverage.

ACTION – Cllr. Thompson.

Development/Planning/Environment

Village Green Kerb

It was noted that Mike Scott and Steve Perry have now agreed to carry out the work at the beginning of next year.

ACTION – with Cllr. Wilson

Picnic Area

With the solicitors at present.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson/Cllr. Roberts – estimate of costs required from Solicitor.

Road Safety

RS Working Group Progress

A meeting of the Road Safety Group had taken place on 24th August.

More information and costs are required for the armadillos which have been suggested on the corner by the village Hall.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to chase and report back

Positive responses to the new Vehicle Activated Speed sign have been received and it does appear to be slowing speeds into the village. The data is being analysed.

Concerns were raised that the new proposed traffic lights on the Tarporley by-pass would result in more traffic using the road through Eaton Village. Physical Barriers on Eaton Lane might be required. The Working group is to investigate and come up with some suggestions.

It was noted that the area around the school is still a problem and we are still hoping for a 20mph zone throughout the village.

It was noted that road works for the new sub-station will cause some disruption and also that Highways had been approached for new signage due to the play area.

A new M6 North/M6 South sign has been installed – this will be taken down and stored at the end of the potato season.

The MP has agreed to help push Openreach to move the pole at Red Beech Farm to allow large lorries to exit without coming through the village.

ACTION – Cllr. Shaw to provide details of the pole to the Clerk for forwarding on.

Path to the Village Hall

Discussed earlier.

ACTION – with Cllr. Wilson.

Services

Electricity sub-station

Scottish Power have produced posters and leaflets which are being distributed. A drop-in session is also being held on 16th September at the Village Hall to answer any concerns. Cllr. Wilson has emailed and done a leaflet drop.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

Equipment is currently being installed and the groundwork is complete and has been signed off by Creative Play.

The start up team is now addressing final issues and an insurance quotation to cover the area has been received and is to be paid. It was noted that the project is still on budget.

It is hoped to have an official opening of the play area, probably at the end of September.

Cllr. Wilson reported that between 120 and 130 people had attended the Village Funday and an approximate contribution of £130 would be required from the Parish Council.

15.09.06 Planning Matters

a) Applications received since the last meeting:

None

b) Decisions made:

15/02998/FUL – First floor extension at 3 Whalley Drive – permitted

15/03031/FUL – relocation of car port at Stone Cottage, Sapling Lane – permitted

15/03116/FUL – Rear dormers at 16 Elm Tree Court – permitted

c) Other

It was noted that the Parish Council had forwarded comments to the appeal inspector for the proposed Caravan site at Eaton Fisheries and we now await the result.

15.09.07 Highways

It was noted that the 'Slow' signs had been re-done on Beech Lane.

15.09.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
Cheshire Rural Touring Arts		Autumn 2015 programme	Noted

15.09.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
BDO LLP	Audit 2014/2015	130.00	26.00	156.00
Hibberts LLP	Legal costs for play area	1755.00	342.40	2097.40
Creative Play	MUGA 2	5793.68	1158.74	6952.42
Creative Play	Play area 2	8652.26	1730.45	10382.71
Alex Stubbs	2 nd quarter salary	438.00		438.00
HMRC	2 nd quarter PAYE	109.40		109.40
Jessie Hughes Village Hall	Hall Hire May – August	76.00		76.00
IAE	Play area gate	977.24	195.45	1172.69
Community Lincs	Extra insurance for play area	444.46		444.46
TP Construction	Groundworks – play area	4391.00	878.20	5269.20
TP Construction	Groundworks – play area	8284.00	1656.80	9940.80

It was noted that the Village Hall had agreed to a loan agreement of £1,000 to the Parish Council for the play area. The Parish Council will repay this using the profits from film nights and quiz nights. This arrangement has been put in place as the Village Hall cannot donate directly to the Parish Council due to its constitution.

15.09.10 Local Council Award Scheme

Resolved: that the Council should start working towards Foundation level.

ACTION - Clerk

15.09.11 External Meetings

It was noted that the Community Pride awards meeting is to take place on 29th October in Middlewich. Cllrs. Wilson and Shaw are to attend.

15.09.12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th October at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

15.09.13 Any Other Business

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.47pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____