

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7:30pm**

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

**In Attendance:** Lindsey Worrall (Clerk), Mike Wilson, Paul Healey, Julie O'Shea

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

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

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

**18.09.02      Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Markham

**Seconded:** Cllr. Leslie

**18.09.03      Public Speaking Time**

A local history project has been suggested, due to the difficulty in gathering information about the local people, places, businesses and the local history of the village. To gather such information, it may be useful to attend tea and chat, contact Tarporley News and seek advice from Phil Allcock our local professional writer, who may be able to advise on how to gather and collate the information.

**18.09.04      Matters Arising**

The Village Green

Noticeboard and Bench need to be sanded down and re-varnished before they deteriorate. A quote has been received, an attempt to gain comparison quotes has proved difficult. The councillors have therefore decided to put together a group of volunteers who will sand and re-varnish the street furniture. Anyone wishing to be part of this please contact the parish Clerk Lindsey Worrall at [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

The trees on the green,

The village lies within a conservation area, to undertake the required maintenance work, permission from Cheshire West and Chester Council is required, once approval is received the maintenance work required on the trees work will begin.

**Action- Chase tree surgeon**

**Clerk**

Shuttle Bus timetable reschedule.

No further updates have been received.

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.

The Highways Dept. have confirmed that speed limits are never introduced to reduce speeding, its very unlikely that Eaton lane would meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit because it doesn't have the required density of properties.

Community Speed Management was recommended with the use of a Speed Indicator Device SID, this has been previously used on Eaton lane.

A sample of the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) data has been analysed, this shows that there is a steady rise in number of vehicles using Eaton Lane (4-5% rise in 12 months), with approximately 40% of these vehicles traveling over the 40mph speed limit.

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.

**Action- Liaise with Highways, Cheshire Constabulary and look at ways to enhance the signage in the village**

**Cllr. Leslie and Clerk**

**Councillor Vacancy**

There is currently an opportunity for an enthusiastic member of the parish to join Rushton Parish Council. Anyone who wishes to find out more or wishes to apply for the position, please contact the clerk, Lindsey Worrall at [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

**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 confirmed that this vehicle will not be parked in the village for too much longer and is 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. Guidance will be needed from CHaLC.

**Action- Speak with CHaLC regarding process to be followed**

**Clerk**

**Village Fun Day**

The village fun day was very well attended, with good weather and plenty of activities to entertain everyone. A Big Thank you to everyone who helped, the joint committee between the Jessie Hughes Village Committee and Parish Council worked well and the event could not have been possible without the efforts of the committee and the 50 volunteers who helped make the day the success it was.

**18.09.05 Planning Matters**

**1- To note planning decisions.**

17/03903/FUL – Spinney Cottage  
Location – Lower Lane, Eaton, CW6 9AN  
Proposal – Two Storey side extension and single storey front extension

**Decision Approval**

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

18/03216/PIP – Land adjacent to Poolhead  
Location – Oulton Mill Lane, Cotebrook, CW6 9DX  
Proposal – Erection of two detached houses

PIP stands for Permission in Principle

This location is on the boundary of Rushton and Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council, the Clerk has notified the neighbouring Parish Council of this PIP for their interest.

The following comments were sent to the planning Dept. on 12<sup>th</sup> September

I write to inform you that Rushton Parish Council feel there are insufficient details supplied with this application for Permission in Principle (PIP)

It is assumed that the existing outbuilding will be removed.

It is presumed that the properties will be no higher than two story

The development must be in-keeping with the surrounding area and properties.

**18.09.06 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**

**Beech Lane Junction with Brownhills Rd**

Re-painting of the junction has now been undertaken. Thanks to Highways Dept. for undertaking these works.

**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**

**18.09.07 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.

**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 be asked to arrange for the hedges to be cut.

A risk assessment will be required to ensure it is safe for children to go onto the picnic area to help the Parish Council.

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

Annual Inspection (circa £350 paid out of Play Zone funds) completed. The MUGA netting may need 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 juniors and 10 seniors attending.

The Youth Group requires volunteers to help run the now very successful and popular social event for the younger members of the community. If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail the Parish Clerk Lindsey Worrall at [rushtonclerk@aol.com](mailto:rushtonclerk@aol.com)

### **18.09.09 External Meetings**

Cllrs. Thompson and Sine met with architects representing a potential future development for the village.

### **18.09.10 Correspondence**

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

<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
Member of Public	09/08/18 and 10/09/18	Concerns about speed of vehicles travelling along Eaton Lane	Circulated and responded to
Highways Dept.	10/08/18	Drainage issues on Oulton Mill Lane, correspondence between Highways and Clerk	Circulate and respond
Owner of vehicle	02/09/18	Correspondence with lorry owner	Circulate and respond to
Highways		Traffic Regulation Order – 20mph extension	Circulate and Place on Noticeboard
Coffee shop owner	06/09/18	Correspondence about the placing of signs on the village green to advertise new coffee shop	Circulate and respond
Member of public	07/09/18	Concerns about the name of the new housing development at the Red Lion Housing Development, and whether it could be confused with the village green, which is also called Eaton Green by some people. Corresponded with both the developer and member of public	Corresponded with both developer and member of the public.
Member of the Public		Defibrillator training for the agricultural sector during the winter months	Suggestion to be put to PC
Architects on behalf of applicant	07/08/18	Possible development within Eaton	Passed to Chair, meeting with Architect held

### **18.09.11 Finance Matters**

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

#### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NET (£)</b>	<b>VAT (£)</b>	<b>TOTAL (£)</b>
CWaC	Youth Group Rent	£270.00		£270.00
NMC Design and Print	August Newsletter printing Costs	£131.00		£131.00
L. Worrall	Q 2 expenses	£24.55	£3.92	£28.47

Mr and Mrs Wilson	Fun day expenses on behalf of PC	£25.00	£25.00
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**18.09.12      Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7:30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

**18.09.13      Any Other Business**

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

A Village Green leaf pickup will occur again this year once the leaves have fallen from the trees.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:07pm.**

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

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

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