

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 20th January 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Nicholas, J. O'Shea, E. Shaw, M. Wilson

In Attendance: A. Stubbs – clerk
PC Ged Gigg – Cheshire Police

14.01.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Scott and Lilley.

There were no declarations of interests.

14.01.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 16th December 2013 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Shaw, seconded Cllr. O'Shea and all agreed.

14.01.03 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public attended.

14.01.04 Matters Arising

Salt Bins

Highways have now replaced the bins with green bins and moved the bin on Sapling Lane into its correct position. The job was done well with new pavers positioned under the Edgewell Lane bin. This item can be removed from the agenda.

Picnic Area

Charles Baillie, the ranger, has agreed to maintain the picnic area and the hedges were trimmed this morning with a good job being done. It was felt that further support is needed from the community if the picnic area is to be taken on and this will be advertised in the newsletter.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to add article in the February Newsletter. Clerk to thank the ranger for the hedge trimming.

Rural Communities Board

A member of the rural communities team is to attend the February meeting.

CHALC and CPRE response to Local Plan consultation

Responses had been received from both organisations and circulated. It was agreed to defer this for a fuller council at the next meeting.

Layby at Oxheys Lane

It was noted that the litter had been cleared away. Highways are happy to remove the layby as long as it is not used to allow large vehicles to pass and that the problem will not be transferred further up the lane.

Resolved: that the clerk to write to residents for their views.

Litter bin at the school

It was agreed at the last meeting that this is to be moved.

ACTION – Cllrs. Wilson and O'Shea to check the new position for the bin. Clerk to inform Streetscene.

Casual Vacancy

No election has been called so the Council is free to co-opt a new member to the council.

Resolved: that the vacancy to be advertised in the newsletter and also on the noticeboard.

Future Police beat meetings

PC Gigg confirmed that these are still being organised and we will be informed of the dates.

Consider purchase of 'Local Councils explained' manual - £49.99

Resolved: that this will not be purchased.

14.01.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

A proposal has now been received from John Cawrey.

ACTION – Cllrs. Wilson and O’Shea to look at the proposal and call a meeting of interested parties.

It was noted that the clerk has set up a parish Council twitter account and this will be advertised in the newsletter.

Newsletter

Due out the first week in February.

Superfast Broadband

There is a drop in day held by Connecting Cheshire to give information about Superfast Broadband on 21st January, 2 – 4 pm at Tarporley Community Centre.

Development/Planning/Environment

Village Green

We are awaiting a quotation for the kerbing along the East edge of the Green.

ACTION - Cllr Wilson to progress

Hedges at UU site Sapling Lane

The Parish Council would like the hedge to be weeded.

ACTION – clerk to chase.

Village Design Statement

No members of the village design statement working group were present.

Finial

We are still awaiting payment from CWAC for the finial.

ACTION – clerk to chase.

Road Safety

Road Safety Proposal

The solar powered speed indicator device is to be deferred until April.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to provide information on the various options available.

New Village Sign

Waiting for a quotation for installation from Highways. This should be with us this week.

Services

Electricity sub-station

It was reported that the required land sale had yet to go through, though the cause of the delay was not known.

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

The “Start Up Team” have held 2 meetings in Dec/Jan resolving one residents concerns and continuing the planning of the project. On Sunday 26th January between 2 and 4pm, all the

proposed schemes will be on show at the village hall where we are holding an equipment Workshop so that residents can view and make comments. Flyers and emails have been sent to “families with youngsters”. The first Grant Application is being submitted by the end of the month.

14.01.06 Planning Matters

a) Applications since the last meeting:

13/05521/FUL – static caravan for agricultural worker at Oxheys Farm

Resolved: that no objections

b) Decisions made:

13/04892/LDC – lawful development certificate at Towns Green Farm – permitted

13/05071/HED – removal of hedgerow at Boot House Farm - permitted

c) Other

Visit of Cllr. Moore-Dutton to sites where pp has been given – deferred to next meeting

Concerns regarding Owlscote – none.

14.01.07 Highways

Winterford Lane Footpath

Highways have agreed with the idea of a central set of steps. More details required.

Resolved: that a detailed drawing be submitted to Highways and to Weaver Vale who should be asked to fund the new steps.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson.

Blocked drains – Hall Lane

These have now been jetted and are clear with a good job done by Highways. It is hoped that Lightfoot Lane will also be jetted this week.

At this point in the meeting, PC Ged Gigg called in to update the parish council on police matters. He reported that there has been some drug related activity on Oxheys Lane with action being taken and the area still being monitored.

The Parish Council requested some police monitoring of the new speed limits through the Eaton village with speed enforcement if necessary. PC Gigg hoped to get confirmation of this back to the council by the March meeting. A recent letter from a resident was read out and this suggests that there is still a problem of speed around the Green and Cross area. As stated above, PC Gigg also confirmed that the dates of the next beat meetings should be with us in February.

14.01.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
CWAC	19/12/13	Consultation on Governance Review of Little Budworth	No comments
CWAC	08/01/14	Consultation on area of Tarporley Neighbourhood plan	No comments
PC Ged Gigg	08/01/14	Police monthly update	Noted
CPRE	09/01/14	Renewal letter	Deferred to next meeting

14.01.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
Alex Stubbs	3 rd quarter expenses	34.77	5.92	40.69

that the 3rd quarter financial statement be received and accepted.

that the 2014/2015 budget be approved and the precept left at £3,900.
Proposed Cllr. Shaw, seconded Cllr. Wilson and all agreed.

14.01.10 Quality Parish Scheme

On hold.

14.01.11 External Meetings

None.

14.01.12 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 17th February, 2014 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

14.01.13 Any Other Business

It was noted that a notice had been received about the closure of Winterford Lane from 27th January for approximately 12 days to allow works by Scottish Power. There will be a diversion via Oxheys and The Hall Lanes.

A resident on Lower Lane had raised concerns about parking outside their property as it prevented access though their gate. Cllr. O'Shea agreed to discuss the problem with the resident.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____