

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 at 7.30pm

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

**In Attendance:** A. Stubbs – clerk  
Eveleigh Moore-Dutton – CWAC  
6 members of the public

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

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

**14.07.02 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**14.07.03 Public Speaking Time**

A resident attended to raise concerns at the speed and number of potato wagons going through village and also to complain that the car of a visitor had been damaged. Unfortunately there was no evidence of the vehicle that had damaged the car. The Police had been informed but were not helpful. The Parish Council felt that the following were issues to follow up:

- The speed of vehicles going through the village – the police have been requested to do some speed monitoring and 2 officers are to follow this up.
- HGV vehicles using the village as a 'rat run' contrary to the weight limit – an article to go in the newsletter to request information/registration numbers from residents if they felt that a vehicle fell into this category.
- Potato Wagons going through the village. Cllr. Shaw was requested to draw up a list of companies and the clerk to draft a letter asking for consideration towards residents when wagons go through the village.

Several residents had attended to hear what was proposed regarding the path to the Village Hall and concerns were raised about any effects on the houses backing onto the path. Cllr. Wilson outlined a meeting that had taken place with Highways and the proposition that some kerbing should be added to provide protection to pedestrians but no further hard landscaping would be done. Residents were assured that any proposed changes would be discussed with all affected before any action was taken. The question of additional lighting was also raised and will be investigated.

A resident attended to update the Parish council on events at Little Budworth Common where a major grant is being sought to take out some of the trees. It was felt that an update from Little Budworth Parish Council would be useful and the clerk is to contact them.

Barnaby Stubbs and Rowan O'Shea attended to inform the Parish Council of their review of the website. They felt that a new site should be easier to navigate around and also look more modern. It was also felt that more people should be inputting information and there should be links to social media. Barney and Rowan offered to set up 'parallel' test site to develop their ideas and the Parish Council thanked them and agreed.

**14.07.04 Matters Arising**

**Picnic Area**

CWAC has offered the picnic area to Rushton Parish Council for the sum of £1, subject to certain covenants.

**Resolved:** that the Parish Council agreed in principal for legal documents to be drawn up for further consideration. Carried unanimously.

**Provision of Affordable Housing within the Parish**

**Resolved:** that this to be postponed until the September agenda.

Plaque for trees on Kings Lane/Edgewell Lane

Cllr. Scott is awaiting prices.

**ACTION – with Cllr. Scott**

Looking out for Elderly People

Cllr. Wilson proposed a new idea to add extra events for elderly people on a 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 10am-12am. Although not a Parish Council initiative the idea was welcomed and it was agreed that an article would go in the newsletter.

Speed Enforcement

It is hoped that the Police will do this shortly. Cllr. Wilson is still pursuing some grant money to allow the purchase of a vehicle activated sign.

Grit Bins

Sapling Lane bin now removed

**ACTION – Cllrs. Shaw and Nicholas to move the Edgewell Lane bin this week.**

Contact from Portal regarding Community Engagement

It is still hoped that Portal will help out with the catering for Village fun day.

**ACTION – Clerk to chase.**

Path to the Village Hall

Discussed earlier.

**14.07.05 Reports from Working Groups****Communications**Website

Discussed earlier.

Newsletter

Due out on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Superfast Broadband

Superfast Broadband is now available in Tarporley but it is not known how far towards Eaton it goes.

**ACTION – Clerk to find out from Connecting Cheshire**

**Development/Planning/Environment**Village Green

Cllr. Moore-Dutton offered £400 from her member's budget to remove the redundant steps and put in extra top soil and grass seed. The Parish Council thanked her for this contribution.

Hedges at UU site Sapling Lane

United Utilities have tidied up the verge but not removed weeds and nettles. Cllr. Scott to ask for the hedges to be cut and also the entrance maintained and litter removed.

**ACTION – Cllr. Scott**

Village Design Statement

It is hoped that 'drop in' sessions will start in October.

Finial

The existing finial has now been dropped off so that a new one can be cast.

**Road Safety**Road Safety Proposal

Cllr. Wilson chasing the Police Commissioner to see if any funding help is available for this.

**ACTION – Cllr. Wilson**

**Services**

Electricity sub-station

A long term lease has now been agreed and we are awaiting confirmation of a programme of works.

**ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to let James Penn know about the proposed extension to the school in case this affects the power requirements.**

**Youth/Social/Community**Play Zone

Outcome of the planning application still pending. Confirmation has been received regarding 2 of the grant applications although we are still waiting to hear from Wren.

The heads of terms of the two leases have been received from CWAC.

**Resolved: that** the Heads of Terms (Issue 3 dated 21/07/14) should be forwarded to our Solicitors, Hibberts, for any comments.

Annual Village Fun Day

In progress for 7<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 2pm.

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

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

**Resolved: that** the Council to object to this application and the draft objection agreed.

14/02531/FUL – replacement outbuilding at Yew Tree Farm, Eaton

**Resolved: that** the clerk to find out the opinion of the conservation officer regarding this application.

**b) Decisions made:**

14/02219/FUL – extension to Jessie Hughes Village Hall– permitted

14/02287/FUL – extension to cow cubicle building (retrospective) - Oxheys Farm – permitted

14/02296/FUL – extension to cow cubicle building – Oxheys Farm - permitted

**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)**

**14.07.07 Highways**Winterford Lane Footpath

A more detailed drawing has been produced and sent to Liza Woodray at CWAC Planning department for comment on whether a planning application is required. No reply as yet.

**ACTION – Clerk to contact planning for confirmation that planning is not required (copy to Cllr. Moore-Dutton)**

Flooding on Sapling Lane

This is now being monitored to see if the work has improved the situation in wet weather.

**14.07.08 Correspondence**

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
CWAC	07/07/14	Publication of draft recommendations for Little Budworth Parish – for consultation	Noted but no comments
Resident	14/07/14	Email regarding damage caused to vehicle and also large vehicles passing through Eaton Village	Discussed in public speaking time

**14.07.09 Finance Matters**

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

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Jessie Hughes Village Hall	Hall hire March/April	36.00		36.00
Alex Stubbs	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter expenses	58.83	10.50	69.33

that quote from the Insurance Company of a premium of an extra £30 per year to increase the cover on the Village Cross to £10,000 be accepted.

that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial statement be received and accepted

that the approved audit for 2013/2014 be received and accepted

**14.07.10 Quality Parish Scheme**

On hold.

**14.07.11 External Meetings**

Cllr. Shaw reported back from the Oulton Park Liaison Committee.

Cllr. O'Shea and Cllr. Wilson reported on the public meeting which had taken place to discuss proposed plans for the expansion of the school.

**14.07.12 Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

**14.07.13 Any Other Business**

Cllr. Nicholas requested that the clerk write to the developers regarding the state of the Red Lion site.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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

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