

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 16 June 2014 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: A. Stubbs – clerk
 Hayley Bennett-Wilson – Portal Hotel and Golf Club
 Roccio – Portal Hotel Golf Club

14.06.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Wilson.

Cllr. O'Shea declared a non-pecuniary interest in the correspondence from Eaton Primary School.

14.06.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Annual General and Ordinary meetings held on 19th May 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

14.06.03 Public Speaking Time

Hayley and Roccio from Portal had attended to discuss how community engagement with Portal can be promoted. Ideas included:

- A visit for the Youth Club to the 9 hole golf course
- Involvement in the Village Fun day, either with catering or helping with the games
- Vouchers for raffles

The state of the boundary fence was mentioned and Roccio said that she would bring this to the attention of the ground staff.

It was also agreed that an article would be placed in the August newsletter and that further communication would take place via the Clerk.

14.06.04 Matters Arising

Picnic Area

ACTION – Cllrs. Nicholas and Roberts to formulate a proposal for the Council to discuss.

Provision of Affordable Housing within the Parish

Resolved: that this is outside the remit and capability of the Parish Council although it will be left on the agenda for the time being.

Plaque for trees on Kings Lane/Edgewell Lane

Cllr. Scott is awaiting prices.

ACTION – with Cllr. Scott

Looking out for Elderly People

Confirmation has been received that there is a contract for the Shuttle bus until the end of the year and it is expected to continue for at least a further year.

Speed Enforcement

No information received from PC Gigg. Deferred.

Grit Bins

The Kings Lane bin has now been moved.

ACTION – Cllrs. Shaw and Nicholas to move the other Parish Council grit bins.

Cllr. Roberts requested a new Grit Bin on Brownhills Road.

Contact from Portal regarding Community Engagement

Discussed earlier.

Path to the Village Hall

Karl Farrow from Highways has replied that they are not prepared to take any action on the path.

Resolved: that the Parish Council should push Highways for a site visit.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson

14.06.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

Barney Stubbs and Rowan O'Shea are still investigating the options for a new website and are to prepare proposals which they hope to present at the next Parish Council meeting.

Newsletter

Planned for next publication in August.

Superfast Broadband

The latest information is that Superfast Broadband will be available in Tarporley at the end of June.

Development/Planning/Environment

Village Green

We are awaiting the budget process at CWAC to take place before it is decided if they will remove the base of the old bus stop, the steps and bus stop pole. The budget has now been announced but we are awaiting further details.

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

There is a target of the Autumn for first presentation to the public.

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

Still stuck between solicitors and no further information forthcoming. Cllr. Lilley to chase.

ACTION – Cllr. Lilley

Youth/Social/Community

Play Zone

Outcome of the planning application still pending. We are awaiting CWAC's input on the leases. Grant applications have been made with decisions due in around July. A final supplier has been asked to quote.

Youth club is on-going with Parents helping out in Mike and Mary's absence.

Annual Village Fun Day

Awaiting return of Cllr. Wilson.

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

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

Resolved: that as the Council had concerns about this and would like to view the site and consult with neighbours, an extension of time for a fortnight would be requested.

14/02219/FUL – extension for storage at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

Resolved: that no objections and supported by the Council

14/02287/FUL – retrospective application for extension to cow cubicles at Oxheys Farm

Resolved: that no comment

14/02296/FUL – extension to cow cubicles at Oxheys Farm

Resolved: that no objections and supported by the Council

b) Decisions made:

14/01013/FUL – extension and stables at Hunters Lodge, Kings Lane – permitted

14/01413/COU – change of use to wellness studio at Portal Business Park - 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. Cllr. Moore-Dutton said that she would look into the history of this.

14.06.07 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 – Cllr. Wilson

Flooding on Sapling Lane

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

14.06.08 Correspondence

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

| SENDER | DATED | DETAILS | ACTION |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--|-------------|
| Ged Gigg | 19/05/14 | May monthly update | Noted |
| CHALC | 02/06/14 | Local Council Charter consultation – comments by 30 th June | No comments |
| Paul Mitchell – head of Eaton School | 03/06/14 | Letter regarding possible growth at school | Discussed |
| Ged Gigg | 06/06/14 | June monthly update | Noted |

14.06.09 Finance Matters

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

| PAYEE | DESCRIPTION | NET | VAT | TOTAL |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--------|-----|--------|
| Alex Stubbs | 1 st quarter salary | 417.68 | | 417.68 |
| HMRC | 1 st quarter PAYE | 104.40 | | 104.40 |

14.06.10 Quality Parish Scheme

On hold.

14.06.11 External Meetings

Cllrs. Lilley and Shaw to attend the OPLG meeting next week.

14.06.12 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 21st July 2014 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

14.06.13 Any Other Business

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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