

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 17th March 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. D.Lilley, A.Nicholas, M.Scott, J. O'Shea, M. Wilson

In Attendance: A. Stubbs – clerk
Mr. S. Roberts
Mr. J. Freeman
Cllr. E. Moore-Dutton – CWAC
Mr. B. Birch

14.03.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Shaw.
There were no declarations of interests.

14.03.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 17th February 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record. All agreed.

14.03.03 Public Speaking Time

Mr. J. Freeman wished to thank the Parish Council for the display of snowdrops on the Village green. It was agreed that Cllr. Wilson should approach the gardening club to request advice/help for more planting for next year.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson

Mr. Freeman also wished to raise the problem of tractors in the narrow lanes, especially Old Hall Lane where the verges have been badly affected. After discussion, it was decided that the newsletter be used to ask for consideration on the part of all road users. Also, that hardcore should be placed in gateways to allow vehicles to pass. This to be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson

Mr. B. Birch wished to outline the changes to the plans for planning application 14/00344/FUL and it was decided to discuss this. It was noted that the conservation officer was happy with the proposals.

Resolved: that the PC had no objections to the proposals. Proposed Cllr. Scott, seconded Cllr. O'Shea and all agreed.

Mr. Birch also gave an update on the electricity sub-station which appears to be stuck between solicitors. It was agreed that Cllr. Wilson would try to push this on through Scottish Power and that Mr Birch would get latest from his solicitor and pass the information on to Cllr. Wilson.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson

14.03.04 Matters Arising

Picnic Area

There had been 8 responses to the article in the newsletter – all requesting that the area is improved. Cllr. Moore-Dutton agreed to contact the ranger re the decision that the Parish Council would only be involved in the management of the area if ownership is transferred, not just leased.

Resolved: that this be discussed at the Annual meeting with a possible site meeting in the summer.

CHALC and CPRE response to Local Plan consultation

Deferred

Layby at Oxheys Lane

Signs have now been put up on both the Oxheys passing point and the Eaton Lane lay-by near to Beech Lane. This can be removed from the agenda.

Litter bin at the school

Has been removed from the Green and a dog/litter bin installed at the school as per current policy. The success of this to be monitored but the item can be removed from the agenda.

Casual Vacancy

Mr. S. Roberts had expressed an interest in the vacancy and was attending the meeting to view how the Parish Council worked.

Provision of Affordable Housing within the Parish

After some discussion regarding the types of housing available within the Parish and the options available to the PC, Cllr. Wilson proposed that the PC should actively investigate the options available.

Resolved: that Rushton Parish Council should investigate affordable housing requirements and opportunities. Proposed Cllr. Wilson, seconded Cllr. O'Shea and agreed with 1 abstention.

It was agreed that the Annual meeting in April should be used to get views from residents and also to start a working group if possible. The "Community Land Trusts" scheme supported by Cheshire Community Action, will be investigated and information made available.

Action: Cllr Wilson

Plaque for trees on Kings Lane/Edgewell Lane

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to find out the reason and years that the trees were planted

Looking out for Elderly People

It was pointed out that much of the efforts of the Parish Council recently had been focused on young people within the Parish and members felt that an objective for the coming year could be concentrated on older residents and their needs.

Resolved: that this should be advertised and discussed at the annual meeting.

Dates for April and May Parish Council meetings

Resolved: that due to Easter Monday, the Annual meeting and April Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 29th April. The May AGM and Parish Council meeting would be held as normal on 19th May.

Speed Enforcement

PC Gigg has advised that he has started to collect data on the speed of vehicles through the village. This will be completed for the April meeting when PC Gigg will attend to discuss.

14.03.05 Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Website

A meeting to discuss the proposal from John Cawrey is to be held on April 2nd at 7pm.

Newsletter

Next due out in May – articles to be in by the 3rd week in April.

Superfast Broadband

No further information.

Development/Planning/Environment

Village Green

It is still hoped that the base of the old bus stop, the steps and bus stop pole will be removed.

ACTION – Cllr. Scott to chase

Hedges at UU site Sapling Lane

The Parish Council would like the hedge to be weeded.

ACTION – Cllr. Scott to chase

Village Design Statement

A progress report will be given after the next meeting.

Finial

The finial has now been ordered. The manufacturer is waiting for an existing finial to be dropped off so that the pattern can be made.

ACTION – Cllr. Scott**Road Safety**Road Safety Proposal

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

Road Safety Final Account

No further information.

New Village Sign

Highways have promised to install this within the next 2 weeks.

ServicesElectricity sub-station

Discussed earlier.

Youth/Social/Community

Resolved: that the Youth club to pay one third of the cost of the rent this year with proceeds from the tuck shop, the remainder to be paid by the Parish Council.

Play Zone

Planning application and grant applications are being submitted. Re-quotes are expected from selected suppliers.

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

14/00344/FUL – single storey extensions at Well House Farm –amended plans

14/00345/LBC – listed building consent for Well House Farm

Discussed earlier

14/00912/LBC – replacement of front Window at ‘The Green’, Sapling Lane

Resolved: that no objections

14/01025/FUL – extension and alterations at The Orchard, Eaton

14/01013/FUL – extension at Hunters Lodge, Eaton Lane

Both of the above applications had come in just before the meeting and the full paper plans had not been received. It was agreed that these should be circulated to all councillors for their comments.

b) Decisions made:

None

c) Other

Visit of Cllr. Moore-Dutton to sites where pp has been given

ACTION – Cllrs. Scott, Moore-Dutton, O’Shea and Lilley to visit sites on Thurs 20th March.

14.03.07 HighwaysWinterford Lane Footpath

The drawing of the proposed steps has been submitted to Weaver who have promised a response in the near future.

Flooding on Sapling Lane

This has now been cleared although further work is due in April. Cllr. Scott to monitor further work.

14.03.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
Cheshire Rural		Programme Spring and Autumn 2014	Circulated

Touring Arts			
Utkinton Parish Council	27/01/14	Copy of Utkinton Parish Plan	Circulated
Resident	25/02/14	Email regarding traffic issues in Eaton Village	Noted for discussion at next meeting
PC Ged Gigg	09/03/14	Monthly update	Noted
Cheshire Com Action		Renewal of subscription	Agreed

14.03.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	VAT	TOTAL
St Helens Church	Newsletter copying	45.00		45.00
Mike Wilson	Newsletter expenses	30.40	6.08	36.48
CWAC	Grit bin provision and initial fill	939.00	187.80	1126.80
Tarporley Hospital	Donation	250.00		250.00
Cheshire Comm Action	Community Pride entry fee	28.00		28.00
Alex Stubbs	4 th quarter salary	403.12		403.12
HMRC	4 th quarter PAYE	100.60		100.60
Cheshire Comm Action	Subs 2014/2015	20.00		20.00
Giles Insurance Brokers	Youth club insurance	88.71		88.71
CWAC	Youth club rent	414.00		414.00
Amelia McCourty	Refund for telephone box cleaning	10.00		10.00

that £100 (£20 of VAT to be reclaimed) be allowed to the clerk towards the purchase of a new computer.

14.03.10 Quality Parish Scheme

On hold.

14.03.11 External Meetings

Cllr. Lilley had attended the Oulton Park Liaison meeting and reported back. It was noted that any vacancies at Oulton Park are now advertised on the MSV website and that racing would take place on 4 Sundays throughout the year as usual. Villages day will be on Sunday 15th June. It was also noted that the Parish can be allocated a stand at Carfest if required.

Cllr. Scott reported back from the CHALC area meeting.

Cllr. Wilson is to attend the Local Councils Assembly on Wednesday 26th March.

14.03.12 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 29th April at 7.00pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. This will consist of the Annual Parish meeting to be following by the ordinary Parish Council meeting. A pre-meeting to take place on Monday 14th April.

14.03.13 Any Other Business

Mr. S. Roberts was asked if he would like to join the Parish Council and agreed.

Resolved: that Mr. S. Roberts be co-opted onto Rushton Parish Council. All agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____