

# RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall at 7:30pm

## A G E N D A

Public Speaking time will be restricted to fifteen minutes.

Members of the public are more than welcome to stay for the Parish Council Meeting but are not permitted to speak during this time.

1. **To receive apologies for absence and reason.  
To receive Disclosures of Pecuniary and personal Interests**
2. **To agree the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026**
3. **Public Speaking Time.**
4. **To review draft budget for the year 2026-2027**
5. **Planning matters**
  - 1- **To note planning decisions.**
  - 2- **To consider response to planning applications received  
Applications received since the last meeting.**
6. **To consider highways matters**  
To Consider Highways matters;  
Including any updates on outstanding issues with Highways eg.

### NOTE

The Highways Report It App will no longer be active from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026, to report Highways faults use the Report It function on the website.

7. **To Receive Updates from Working Groups and agree decisions  
Communication**

**Development/Planning/Environment**

**Picnic Area update /DOE/ wildlife project**

**Youth/Social/Community**

**a- Play Zone Project –**

Annual inspection has taken place and report received, Creative Play have supplied quotes for repairs to small defects and highlighted areas that need monitoring, but overall report is good.  
Repairs to be undertaken by volunteers and local carpenter.

### **Footpath between The Jessie and Edgewell Lane**

During the meeting with the school, options for safe drop-off and pick-up were discussed, several routes were highlighted as potential.

In 2015 the Parish Council and Jessie Committee looked at whether a path could be created in front of Royal Farm Mews.

This and other options to be discussed and whether the PC wants to take this further.

### **Eaton Primary School**

Parking and traffic management around the school grounds during drop-off and pick-up can at times pose risk to other motorists, pedestrians and children. Vehicles are parked on the triangle of grass; this is now very churned up. Questions have been raised whether temporary barriers can be placed here to prevent this activity. Meeting to discuss parking and traffic management arrangements held to review the response. E-mail sent to Highways regarding ownership of parking spaces and small piece of land to left of school entrance, liaison with school ongoing.

### **Jessie Hughes Centenary**

The celebrations for the centenary kicked off with the New Years Party and will continue through 2026 with a weekend of activities in May and a family fun weekend in September and final event in December.

Itinerary of events for the year of celebrations would be useful

To mark the Centenary three new stained-glass windows will be created for the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

**Action** - To Consider whether the Parish Council contributes to the stained glass with a donation.

**Questions** – A -Do the PC want to contribute towards the stain glass windows?

B- If so, how much would the PC like to contribute?

### **Village Green**

Contractor to undertake the work within 6 weeks.

### **Village entrance signs**

Clerk liaising with sign designer and Sign of the Times (SOTT) to get full quote

Cllr. Leslie has liaised with United Utilities regarding funding options for this project and a project of road marking within the village. UU have pledged £5,000 for the entry signs and speed sign replacement where necessary once all works completed on their project.

This has been a very big achievement; a lot of work has been done by Cllr. Leslie to ensure this funding and community works have been undertaken.

Clerk sent designs to SOTT, quote received and circulated, all councillors to agree with quote before Clerk places order.

To begin process of license application with CWaC

### **Community Survey**

Priorities of the Parish residents include road safety and the state of the roads including potholes, ensuring the rural character of the parish is maintained

### **Wildlife Project**

Project to encourage wildlife in the parish, all residents can do small amounts in their gardens

Projects being undertaken at the picnic area, church, village green, Jessie Huges village Hall and also the school. 500 plug plants were planted in the picnic area in October by a small group of volunteers.

Fruit Trees and snowdrops planted

Tarporley High School students to become involved during their DOE award scheme

Wildflower seeds to be planted at village green in April

### **Footpath survey**

Neighbouring Parish Councils are undertaking surveys of footpaths to ensure the accessibility for all. This requires removing some styles and replacing with kissing gates. The aim of the project is to make Parishes accessible and connect neighbouring parishes through footpaths.

Many of the footpaths within Rushton Parish are already Bridle paths and therefore accessible, but some styles still exist.

The footpath Officer has undertaken some walks by herself, letters from CWaC have been received by landowners requesting works to be undertaken within tight timescales, the landowners feel this was a heavy-handed approach.

All footpath actions will first be channeled through the Parish Council to landowners to ensure the good working relationship between landowners and PC remains.

**8. To note correspondence received since the last meeting (summary attached)**

<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
Highways	20/11/24	Eaton Village utility plans	Circulated
UU	20/11/24 onwards	Drainage issues at village green, and road markings needed in village Liaison for funding for projects	On going liaison
MOP and Ward Councillor	17/02/26	Large volumes of sewage being tankered from Eaton STW. Technical issue on site requiring tinkering. MOP contacted	Liaison with UU ongoing Meeting to be organised
UU Rob Allen	25/02/26	Confirmed the technical issues at the Eaton STW, once rectified will arrange meeting	Passed to Chair
Highways	18/02/26 and 10/03/26	Re-instatement of white line from Elm Tree Court down to school. E-mails between several Highways ops	Ongoing Liaison
MOP	18/03/26 to 04/03/26	Lower Lane resurfacing not completed up to all the driveways. Complaint to Highways submitted Colas confirmed works will be rectified but awaiting date for remedial works	Circulated
MOP	27/02/26	Resurfacing of Lower Lane Speed concerns have increased, situation not improved. Resurfacing was a missed opportunity to undertake traffic calming	Chair responded
Cheshire Constabulary	18/03/26	Responding to queries about collision clarification, VAS installation and painting roundels	Circulated
MOP	23/03/26 onwards	Annual Spring Clean e-mail response Concerns about debris of A frame sign on footpath 13/04/26 concerns about new signage in place Clerk requested Highways place signs in alternative locations	e-mail to highways sign now removed
Highways	13/03/26	Patching works on Oulton Mill Lane and Sapling Lane scheduled for 13 <sup>th</sup> April rescheduled for 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Circulated and placed on FB
Eaton Primary School	13/04/26	E-mail to Eaton primary School following up previous correspondence reg. Traffic management. Response received 14/04/26	Circulated
Ward Councillor	13/04/26	Member of public received information that Lower Lane may be due to have works	Clerk contacted Highways for clarification
Highways	13/04/26	Notification fo full rd closure of Eaton Lane 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> April for Top Dress Preparation to be	Circulated and put on FB

		completed in summer 2026.	
Report It	14/04/26	Clerk reported that Give Way sign at Beech Lane damaged	

**9. Approve Accounts and Payments:**

Accounts for payment (below)

Cheque No.	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
1108	Parish Online	Annual subscription	£258		£258
1109	Zurich	Insurance	£11180.53		£11180.53

Income

CWAC Precept £7500 received

**10. External meetings (in person or virtual)**

Anyone wishing to gain a residents pass for Oulton Park must attend before 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2 passport photos, photo ID and a utility bill dated within the last three months are required.

**Eaton Village Police Surgeries 2026**

"Please note times and dates for next police drop-in sessions. These are important opportunities to build relationships with our community police officers and share any issues. Note that while members of Cheshire Constabulary always intend to be present, they will understandably prioritise urgent call outs. Thank you for your understanding"

**2026 Dates at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall**

17 <sup>th</sup> April 7pm	7 Sept 11am
12 <sup>th</sup> May 10am	13 <sup>th</sup> October 5pm
9 <sup>th</sup> June 5pm	25 <sup>th</sup> November 5pm
14 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
11 <sup>th</sup> August 6pm	

**11. Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.30pm at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. This evening will have three meetings, the Annual Parish Meeting, AGM and May Ordinary meeting.**

L. Worrall – Clerk  
14/04/2026