

RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 21st July 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 16th June 2026**
3. **Public Speaking Time.**
4. **Planning matters**
 - 1- **To note planning decisions.**
 - 2- **To consider response to planning applications received**
Applications received since the last meeting.

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Location- 1 Chapel Hill, Eaton Lane, Eaton, Tarporley, CW6 9AG

Proposal – First Floor rear first floor extension with Juliet balcony – variation to condition 3 (Materials)
26/00200/FUL

5. **To consider highways matters**
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Including any updates on outstanding issues with Highways eg.
6. **To Receive Updates from Working Groups and agree decisions**
Communication Newsletter next addition due August, article deadline?

Development/Planning/Environment

Picnic Area update/ wildlife project

Youth/Social/Community

a- Play Zone Project –

Report from the Spring Clean and repairs undertaken on Saturday 27th June 2026

Hedges

Thank you to Jon Birch for cutting the outside and top of the hedges at the Play Zone to enable residents, motorists, pedestrians and children to have a clearer and safer view through the village. This is very much appreciated.

Horsetail at the play zone

Within the raised bed there's a significant amount of Horsetail growing, this is an invasive 'weed' that has long root system up to 2 metres long. It's classed as a living fossil, it's older than the dinosaurs..... Horsetail can spread through spores in spring but mainly through the deep rhizome system, every fragment of root (rhizome) can regenerate and the root system is so strong it can cross boundaries and appear through tarmac.

Several options

- Do nothing, it increases the biodiversity, as it is food for some invertebrates. Place hardy perennials and evergreens in and they will outcompete the Horsetail over time.
- Hand pull the young stems in June and again in late summer. This controls growth and allows the perennials and evergreens to grow.
- If not controlled it will smother other plants and outcompete them from late spring to autumn as it is a vigorous grower.
- Fork out rhizomes regularly to weaken the growth, this will take several years to achieve. It will regenerate from every fragment left in the ground.
- Smother plants with thick cardboard and mulch, this will take several years.
- Shade out with evergreens as the horsetail thrives in open sunny positions.
- Cut regularly.

Best Option. – Cut back or pull growth, plant densely with evergreens and perennials. As Horsetail regrows keep pulling/cutting to weaken growth until eventually shaded out by the evergreens and the Horsetail growth weakens.

Footpath between The Jessie and Edgewell Lane

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

Approach JHVI and homeowners for their input in first instance.

Specification of requirement, report from Terry Ball (information and quote).

Contact Highways, stressing importance of this, safety of pedestrians, especially at night in rain.

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.

Option – PC to pay for speed roundel painted on the road. Costing received from Highways

Further meeting with school required

Liaison with Police, visits, education and possible punishments at busy times when infringements occurring.

Liaison with CWaC parking attendants to ask for visit during busy times.

Village Green

Works undertaken on Wednesday 23th May 2026

Lights not working, Cllr. Hodgson contacted SP Energy, cable too shallow, not installed by SP Energy probably Highways. Contractor for Highways attended and made repairs.

Village entrance signs

Clerk liaising with sign designer and Sign of the Times (SOTT) full quote received.

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.

Letter sent to United Utilities as part of the donation process

To begin process of license application with CWaC

Clerk received alternative quote from competitor, but this is not comparable as not of similar design and would not be suitable for village.

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, and the school.
500 plug plants planted in the picnic area in October are now flowering and pictures have been sent to Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

Fruit Trees and snowdrops planted
Wildflower seeds distributed to residents and a morning of tidying and planting undertaken at village green in April.
The wildlife group had requested that the village green not be cut until the end of June, this was mis-communicated to street scene by the Clerk as ‘June’. The village green was cut on Monday 8th June. The Parish Council request that through liaison with the wildlife group, the decision of timings of cutting grass and other activities on parish council owned assets should be decided within a parish council meeting. This will ensure no miscommunication can occur in the future.
The village green has a large amount of ground elder, regular cutting will help to control this and prevent further spread.

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.
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.

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

Reporter	Date	Description	Action
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. Works to be completed 12/06/26	Circulated
Highways	06/06/26	Roundel on Eaton Lane was missed from the line painting and will be undertaken	Circulated
Highways	07/06/26	Price for Roundels on Lower Lane	Circulated
MOP	11/06/26 ongoing	Only receiving post every two weeks due to Tarporley Sorting Office now closed. Bills received	Contacted Ward Councillor. Correspondence

		late and being charged late payment fees	with MP received MP raised issue with CEO
Councillors	28/06/26	Update from working session at play zone	circulated
SBA	09/07/26	Confirmation of Exempt status	Filed.

8. Approve Accounts and Payments:

Accounts for payment (below)

Cheque No.	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
1117	Mr M Ravenscroft	Internal Audit Fee 2025-26	£42.50		£42.50
1118	JHVI	Hall Hire May- June 2026	£60.00		£60.00
1119	Mr P Hodgson	Pipe for village green			
1120	Olga Vertija	Previous expenses for Play Zone plus new storage box			

9. External meetings (in person or virtual)

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

14 th July 11am	13 th October 5pm
11 August 6pm	25 th November 5pm
7 Sept 11am	9 th December 2pm

10. Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 15th September 2026 at 7.30pm at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

L. Worrall – Clerk
17/07/2026

Meetings of Rushton parish Council will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, below is the following schedule of ordinary meetings for 2026/2027

Tuesdays at 7.30pm at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

19 th May 2026	16 th June 2026	21 st July 2026
15 th September 2026	20 th October 2026	17 th November 2026
19 th January 2027	16 th February 2026	16 th March 2027
20 th April 2027	18 th May 2027	