

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the JESSIE HUGHES VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 26th January 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. A. Nicholas, S. Roberts, E. Shaw, M. Wilson (Chair)

In Attendance: A. Stubbs (clerk) Cllr. E. Moore-Dutton (CWAC)
 Mr. & Mrs Shaw Mr S. Perry
 Ms. S. Baxter Mrs. H Thompson

15.01.01 Apologies for Absence and Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Resolved: that the apologies be received and accepted from Cllrs. O'Shea, Scott and Lilley.

There were no additional apologies and no disclosures of interests.

15.01.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15th December 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr. Roberts, seconded Cllr. Shaw and all agreed.

15.01.03 Public Speaking Time

Ms. S. Baxter and Mrs. H. Thompson attended to raise the topic of affordable housing in the Parish. They pointed out that the house prices in Eaton are out of the reach of young people trying to move into the area but that the community needs new people to keep it viable. The site at the Red Lion was pointed out as a lost opportunity to provide smaller, more affordable homes and the Parish Council was asked if it could influence developers in the future. Cllr. Moore-Dutton also reiterated her interest in this area and offered to communicate details of new initiatives currently under discussion should they come to fruition.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw wished to discuss a complaint that the PC had raised regarding the pointing on their barn. A retrospective planning application is to be submitted to regularise the situation. The PC was sympathetic but pointed out that one of the roles of the Parish Council is to look after the environment within the Parish.

Mr. S Perry was at the meeting to represent the Village Design Statement group. He updated the Council on the progress of the VDS and requested £1,200 be budgeted for the printing of the VDS with another £500 for expenses incurred.

Cllr. Moore-Dutton thanked the VDS group for all their hard work on this project.

The Parish Council queried whether so many printed copies of the VDS would be required as it could be provided electronically.

15.01.04 Matters Arising

Picnic Area

We are still waiting for CWAC to make progress with legal matters as there is an issue with ownership.

ACTION – Cllr. Roberts will inform of progress made by the council as there are clearly obstacles to overcome for PC to gain ownership.

Plaque for trees on Kings Lane/Edgewell Lane

Awaiting delivery.

ACTION – With Cllr. Scott to progress

Path to the Village Hall

The Village Hall committee has agreed to contribute toward the cost of a solution. Cllr. Wilson to meet with residents and put the options to them to agree. He will then push Highways for a cost. The Parish Council will set aside some money in the budget for this project.

ACTION – With Cllr. Wilson

Provision of affordable housing

Further to the discussion in public speaking time, it was agreed that the PC is open to any suggestions from CWAC.

Resolved: that local landowners should be approached to see if they would be willing to supply land for development.

ACTION – Clerk to draft up letter

Red Lion Pub

Cllr. Wilson had been in touch with the developer who confirmed that the site is now fenced and demolition will take place soon and new build will start later in 2015.

Resolved: that the developer should be invited to meet representatives of the parish council on his next visit to the area as he inferred in his recent email.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to contact developer.

Succession Plan for current projects

Cllr. Wilson confirmed that he will stand for election in April and is prepared to do another year (not as Chair) and will seek out those in the community that may stand in April as replacements for the 2/3 vacancies. An article to go in the February newsletter to attract new candidates.

Hedge Trimming

5 residents have now expressed an interest in this and this will be discussed further in February.

Lay-by in Oxheys Lane

A meeting has taken place with Councillors, and nearby residents when various options were discussed. The summary of these discussions have been communicated to Highways. The main results were:

- The lay-by is not to be closed off
- Any activity to be reported to the police by dialling 101 – this to be re-iterated in February newsletter
- Highways to investigate the use of posts to stop cars parking side by side
- Consider asking CWAC to provide a simple CCTV camera

It was suggested that the sweeping bend on The Hall Lane, where a similar problem exists, should be passed into the ownership of the neighbouring farmer.

ACTION – Clerk to draft email to Highways with Google ‘snapshot’.

Royal Lodge

An email has been received from CWAC confirming that Royal Lodge has been moved in Tarporley Parish due to the Community Governance Review.

Resolved: that a complaint regarding this should be made to CWAC (copy the Chief Executive and Cllr Moore-Dutton) as the PC were not consulted and feel that the decision is unreasonable and illogical.

ACTION – Clerk

15.01.05 Reports from Working Groups **Communications**

Website

Website now available. Work has begun on populating the new website.

Newsletter

Work on the February issue is progressing.

Superfast Broadband

It is hoped that somebody from Connecting Cheshire will attend a future meeting.

Development/Planning/EnvironmentVillage Green

Cllr. Moore-Dutton agreed for remainder of grant to be put towards other projects. This now to be removed from agenda.

Approval of letter to Highways

Cllr. Scott had drafted a letter requesting that Highways adopt the various new items on the village green for future maintenance.

Resolved: that this be sent.

ACTION - Clerk

Hedges at UU site Sapling Lane

To be removed from agenda.

Road SafetyRS Working Group Progress

Cllr. Wilson has obtained a quotation for a vehicle activated sign similar to the one on the A49 at Tiverton and this is to be put to the working group. A sum of money has been added to the budget to cover the cost of this together with the grant provided by Cllr. Moore-Dutton.

ServicesElectricity sub-station

We are awaiting confirmation of dates for the project.

ACTION – Cllr. Wilson to progress

Youth/Social/CommunityPlay Zone

Grants of £37,995 have been confirmed and a further application has been made to WREN. £4,500 need to be raised locally and a February Barn Dance together with approaches to organisations and businesses are in hand. The production of leases is progressing but at a very slow rate.

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

14/05254/LDC – land usage at Sunnyside, Moss Hall Lane

Resolved: that no objections

b) Decisions made:

None

c) Other

Cllr. Moore-Dutton confirmed that the application for the caravan site at Eaton fisheries has now been called before the planning committee.

Oak Tree Farm discussed earlier in Public Speaking Time.

Resolved: that following the offer of Nial Casselden to attend a PC meeting, he should be invited to the March meeting.

15.01.07 HighwaysWinterford Lane Footpath

Cllr. Wilson has confirmed costs to Weaver Vale together with a request that this is included in their budget for next year.

15.01.08 Correspondence

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

SENDER	DATED	DETAILS	ACTION
Cheshire Community Action	22/12/14	'Meet the Developer' event – 12 th March 2015	To discuss in February meeting
Police Commissioner	06/01/15	Notification of Parish Council meeting – 27 th January	Noted
Cheshire Community Action	Jan 15	Entry for 2015 Community Pride Competition	Discuss in February meeting

15.01.09 Finance Matters

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
Amelia McCourty	Telephone box cleaning	25.00		25.00
Alex Stubbs	3 rd quarter expenses	12.72		12.72
Jessie Hughes Village Hall	Hall Hire Nov/Dec	36.00		36.00

that the 3rd quarter financial statement be received and accepted.

that the 2015/2016 budget be received and accepted and the precept raised from £3,756 to £4,132 to cover the various capital projects the Council have for next year.

15.01.10 Quality Parish Scheme

On hold.

15.01.11 External Meetings

None

15.01.12 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 16th February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

15.01.13 Any Other Business

None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____