



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
15th SEPTEMBER 2014 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Robert Dodd - Vice Chair
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Stefan Pyra
Councillor Maurice Simon
Councillor Margaret Simon
Sue Togay– Clerk

In Attendance:

CEC Cllr Brian Silvester

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

42. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Robert Dodd relating to any planning issues related to his land ownership.

43. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st July were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44. MATTERS ARISING:

Hedge Opposite Berkeley School – A notice had now been issued. This was rented accommodation and there was a new tenant.

Hedge 24 Oakhurst Drive – this had also been cut back.

Berkeley School Fence - the boundary hedge had been tidied and CEC had carried out a safety check. However the light and notice was still obscured. Cllr Pennance would mention this to the Head Teacher at the next Governor's Meeting.

Rope Lane Nursery –The Planning Officer had apologised for the slow response. Cllr Silvester had suggested if a planning application was not forthcoming that enforcement was requested. He would continue to monitor the situation.

Bankfield Avenue – This had now been resurfaced and Thornton Drive had some patching.

Farndale Close Blocked Gullies – Cllr Margaret Simon gave an update as the gullies were blocked and there had been problems due to sudden heavy rain. Charlie Griffies and Phil Grocott had been informed.

45. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Cllr Maurice Simon had noticed increased litter outside Berkeley School and would monitor the situation.

46. POLICE MATTERS:

PC Daniel Sambrook gave a report on ASB and Crime in the area:

Crime to include 2 thefts from sheds, 4 thefts from vehicles, 1 theft other and a theft from motor vehicle.
ASB to include 2 neighbour disputes, an incident of road rage, youths on the Berkeley School field and a cold calling incident.

There was to be a Police Surgery at Tesco Express and also the Medical Centre. It was requested that the surgeries are held within the Parish of Rope and Shavington as both these parishes fund the PCSO's in the area. In addition it was imperative that the PCSO's showed good presence in the parish as they were funded directly and consideration as to value for money needed to be a factor when setting the Precept for the next year. Some methods of improved working had been put in place to improve continuity of work in the parish. Every ASB call now receives a call back and communication has improved between officer duties.

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CEC Councillor Silvester requested notification of the meetings and it was decided that the Clerk would be the point of contact to cascade this information.

The topic of parking at Berkeley School was again raised. It was suggested that Police presence at the beginning of term at drop off and pick up time would be advantageous especially with reinforcement of the message via School Newsletters.

Cllr Silvester also mentioned the speeding problem on Rope Lane. A counter device did need to be used to give hard evidence and a long term solution secured and this could be done via CEC Highways. The resurrection of a Speedwatch scheme would be advantageous. Cllr Silvester requested information under Freedom of Information and PC Sambrook advised him of the correct procedure.

47. PLANNING MATTERS:

Gresty Oaks – The results of the Planning Enquiry were being awaited.

The Local Plan Enquiry commences 16th September to 31st October. There is still a question as to whether CEC does have a 5 year housing supply as so far Appeals have not been able to demonstrate this.

Planning Application 14/3912N Slurry Lagoon, Eastern Road. Considerable discussion took place in relation to this application and concerns were expressed with regard to vehicles along the road, toxic fumes, health and safety in relation to the unprotected area in the vicinity of the High School, leakage into the water course. It was also not possible to monitor any conditions which may be requested if approval were to be granted. **RESOLUTION:** Rope PC to make objection to the application and The Chair to provide a draft comment for submission to CEC.

Planning Advice – The Clerk to obtain clarification from ChalC with regard to delegated powers for the Clerk to make comment on applications when the 2 monthly meetings meant that final comment dates were missed.

48. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

None

49 CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence Received: Any electronic correspondence had been passed on to the Chair who then cascaded the appropriate items to all members:

- P App 14/3267N Land East Of Rope Lane – Construction of up to 53 Dwellings including details of access.
- CEC Highways Traffic Management LAP Report
- CEC Local Plan Strategy – Independent Examination
- CEC Partnership Newsletter
- CEC Road Closure Notifications
- P App 14/3912N Creation Of Slurry Lagoon, Rope Hall Lane
- Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- P App 143754N 25 Glaisdale Close, Wistaston. Proposed alteration and 2 storey side extension
- Invitation to Community resilience and flood response Table Top workshop
- P App 14/3848N 24 Oakhurst Drive Wistaston
- Information on Community Road Safety Event, Winsford Police Headquarters
- CEC Information on HS2 Briefing Sessions
- Update from Cllr Silvester on Rope Lane Nursery
- PCC Consultation Meeting



- Information on SIDS
- CEC Community Partnership Workshops Notification

50. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

None.

B Payments

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£253.07	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£63.20	HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary
£5.00	CEC Licence for Berkeley School Noticeboard
£121.68	JDH Internal Auditors Fee
£3933.34	The Police & Crime Commissioner – PCSO Payment.

C Audit Procedure

Ongoing. Further information on receipt of final report from External Auditors BDO.

Date of next Meeting 17th November 2014