



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER 2013 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

CEC Cllr Brian Silvester, PCSO Peter Corbett, , Mark Hinkley (Rope Lane Nursery), Mr Stefan Pyra, Ms Sarah Pochin

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

42. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Robert Dodd ref any details of the planning application on Rope Lane - . 11/4549N or any planning application relating to potential land in Rope that may be in his ownership.

43. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th July 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of The Special Meeting held on 20th August were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Rope PC would like to thank CEC Cllr Margaret Simon for arranging The Leader of CEC, Cllr Michael Jones's attendance at this meeting and also thanks to CEC Cllr Brian Silvester for assisting with distribution of the newsletter which flagged up this special meeting.

44. MATTERS ARISING:

HMRC Payments - Councillor Simon asked for clarification on the payments made to HMRC. The Clerk explained that previous to financial year 13/14 that the Clerk's salary had been declared to The Tax Office and any tax payments were taken via an adjustment to code on her main Tax at Source PAYE at Cheshire East. However under new ruling, this was no longer allowed and Rope now was set up as an Employer with its own PAYE System. Under this process the amount of tax was calculated on salary and paid direct to HMRC. Salary payment and tax added up to the same amount gross as previously.

Councillor Vacancy – In line with the correct procedure advised by CEC, a notice had been placed on the Noticeboards in relation to co-option of a Councillor. Letters of application had been received from CEC Brian Silvester and Mr Stefan Pyra. After discussion by Council the following resolution was made:

RESOLVED: That Rope PC agree to the co-option of Mr Stefan Pyra.

Speed Signs At Berkeley School – these were now working.

45. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

An overgrown hedgerow on Evergreen Way leading to Acorn Bank . The Clerk to report to Streetscape.

A litter bin requested at Wellcroft Close/Ledbury Drive. Clerk to ascertain if this is possible.

The hedge at Berkeley School was obscuring the street lights and road signs. The Clerk to report.

The Clerk to ascertain who is responsible for the hedge at The Medical Centre.



Cllr Flaherty mentioned the fact that there were weeds in the road. These were sprayed but were not then cleared.

The Boundary signs and noticeboards needed wiping down and any weeds clearing back. The Clerk would arrange this.

The chalk based paint that had been procured but the community Wardens had not yet picked up. The Clerk to chase up.

46. POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Peter Corbett reported on any crime issues in the parish pointing out specifically ASB issues including 2 incidents of rowdy behaviour at Tesco Express, cars driving around and shouting abuse in Laidon Ave and Crewe Road. There were 8 reported crimes of shed and garage break ins, 2 incidents of damage to property, drinking by brook at Fuller Drive and parking outside Berkeley School.

Cllr Simon asked if the Police had any presence in the Berkeley School area in the morning. PCSO Corbett stressed that once Police presence was not there, then complacency set in. However they would attend again.

Mark Hinckley of Rope Lane Nursery pointed out that there had been 3 further break ins. There had now been 32 incidents in 10 years. The Chair asked why these were not showing on the crime reports. PCSO would look into this and arrange a crime prevention officer to visit the nursery.

Mention was also made of motorbikes on the grassed area near the New Life Church.

47. PLANNING MATTERS:

The Chair mentioned two new planning applications that had been received in the Willaston area which were both in the Green Gap. It was suggested that Rope PC object to both. Only notification of Rope planning applications were supplied to the Clerk but the Chair was extremely vigilant in monitoring any applications in neighbouring areas via the CEC website. The Chair to supply objections for the Clerk to supply to CEC. It was also agreed that all applications in the green gap should be rejected to and pointed out that Councillors could also object as individuals too.

The Core Strategy was now due and also The All Change for Crewe Strategy was now in the public domain. Cllr SB hoped that these 2 documents linked in

48. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Berkeley School Governors Special Meeting. Councillor Pennance had attended. Cllr Pennance enquired if we still had representation on Shavington High School Governing Body. The Clerk to contact the school and ask if they would like representation.

Hands of Wistaston – the Chair had attended and found the meeting very interesting.

Wistaston Memorial Hall Committee– the Vice-chair had attended and the curtains were now fitted and in use.

49 CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence Received: None. All contact this period has been electronically. This is forwarded to the Chair who will then pass on any relevant information to all Councillors.

50. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

None.



B Payments

Section 137 Payments:

None.

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£3,933.34	Cheshire Crime Commissioner for PCSO. Reissue as Cheque 815 issued was issued to Cheshire Constabulary in order to pre-empt the receipt of invoice and was incorrect.
£98.00	Cowdalls Printers for August Newsletter
£50.00	Royal British Legion for Remembrance Wreaths for Crewe and Wistaston
£253.07	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£63.20	HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary
£43.00	Room Hire – New Life Church 20 th August.
£120.00	BDO for External Audit Services
£200.00	Shared fee to Shavington PC for consultant.

C. Annual Audit:

A clean report had been received from External Auditors BDO for the Financial Year 12/13.