



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
11<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

**PRESENT:**

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

**In Attendance:**

PCSO Michelle Minton

**31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors Robert and Marjorie Dodd, Cheshire East Councillor Brian Silvester

**32. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None

**33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**34. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Dog Litter Bins** – The new dog litter bins had been provided on the walkway area. Councillors requested that they are secured down more substantially. The Clerk to contact Streetscape.

**Acorn Bank/Evergreen Way** – there was still some litter in the brook area. Clerk to contact streetscape.

**Hedges** – the Clerk had ascertained that there was a CE Policy on the problem of overgrown hedges that encroached on pavements and would seek out more information. Councillors to inform the Clerk of any specific sites to be reported to Highways.

The Chair had received a complaint from 21 Beechcroft regarding overgrown hedges from the school. The Clerk to ascertain which CE team carried out the cutback and when the cutting schedule was programmed in.

**Street Name Plates and crumpled crash barrier** on Rope Lane Bridge – still not installed even though they had been reported to Highways in May. Clerk to chase up

**35. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Paperwork had been received from Cheshire East BC regarding 'The Community Resilience Programme' The Chair proposed that Councillors form a small working group to complete a first draft and present to a future Council meeting.

**Manhole Cover by 84 Rope Lane** – this was in bad repair. The Clerk to inspect and report to relevant agency.

**Weeds on the bridge areas** – Councillor Silvester had spoken to Phil Sherratt who had confirmed they would be removed.

**36. POLICE MATTERS -**

PCSO Michelle Minton gave a report on any ASB or crime that had occurred in the parish.

**Speedwatch** - There had been a lack of volunteers for Speedwatch sessions in the parish and complaints were being received regarding am and pm schooltimes. .

**Dog Fouling** – the Community Wardens were now based at the Police Station and could distribute leaflets in appropriate areas near Fuller Drive. The Chair offered to assist if necessary.

**Sports Centre Interactive Session** – these were still being well attended. The local Youth Club now also had 2 sessions based on two age groups.

There had been an incident at Rope Green Farm which had been caught on the Leisure Centre Camera but, one of the young offenders was now out of the area and 2 had been nominated for ASB



contracts. These actions had the full support of the parents. It was confirmed that the Police still had a presence in the school via education sessions and attendance with the support of the Head.

**Berkeley School** – there was still some problems with children on the school fields. It was confirmed that if they were caught that they were issued with a yellow card and the High School informed

### **37. PLANNING MATTERS**

1. WFS Telecom – proposed mobile phone mast at Tesco Express. – Not permitted but an amended application to be submitted for a smaller mast.
2. Rope Green Farm – planning application for replacement of cattle shed for further nursery buildings.
3. Canopy at Berkeley School over the Reception Area Playground.

### **38. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**Shavington High School** – The Chair had attended a meeting with regard to the school converting to a Foundation School and acquiring charitable trust status. A decision on this would be made at the next Governors Meeting.

**Willaston Gap Meeting** – this group had been formed from the Parish Plan initiative and very community based. However this parish has a very different scenario to Rope as it is surrounded by Green Gap. The Group is very concerned about the LDF Process and keen to take action.

**Place Shaping Briefing** – The Chair had attended the Meeting with regard to the consultation exercise which would inform the CE Local Development Framework. Snapshot Reports were supplied and questionnaire's were available for feedback by the public into the process. Concern was being shown with regard to the policy on Green Gaps which is a Borough Council decision.

There had been some concern due to a misinterpretation of a housing land availability study by a Shavington Resident which had caused much comment at the event in Crewe. There are no plans to build in Rope but potentially 3 sites in Gresty which are all not in Green Gaps. Future workshops and consultation events were planned for September in the area. The Chair would like to make comment as a Council.

Discussions took place with regard to the Crewe Vision which had mentioned the proposed increase in population for the Crewe area and also the half built houses on Dunwoody Way.

### **39. CLERKS REPORT:**

#### **Correspondence Received:**

The Annual Financial Audit had now been completed which was the major task for this period of the year and the Clerk was awaiting the final approval by The Audit Commission.

A list of correspondence received was circulated and the communications made available:

#### **Cheshire East**

Info ref CE Community Resilience Programme

Information Ref Queens Park Opening Event

Planning App – 11/0902N Demolition of Timber Cattle Buildings into new build Nursery, Rope Green Farm

Planning App – 11/0699N – Canopy to Playground at Berkeley School

#### **Other:**

Shavington High School Invitation to Arts Eve plus Newsletter

Cheshire I Wirral Partnership Newsletter

Lexington Communications – letter ref 40 home build on Crewe Road

Mid Cheshire Footpath Soc Walking Programme

### **40. Review Of Rope PC Risk Assessment**

Copies of the current Parish Risk Assessment had been circulated prior to the meeting for the perusal by Councillors and they were now asked to amend or accept the Rope PC Risk Assessment

**RESOLVED: That the Risk Assessment is still up to date and relevant and should be adopted by Rope PC.**



41. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

None

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

£310.02	Clerk's Salary
£3933.33	Shavington PC for PCSO
£102.00	JDH Business Services
£5.00	Cheshire East Rental for Noticeboard