



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2018 AT SHAVINGTON ACADEMY

PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Chris Flaherty

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk, CEC Councillor Sarah Pochin

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Stefan Pyra -Vice Chairman, Councillor Margaret Simon, Councillor Maurice Simon, Councillor Brian Silvester, PCSO Peter Corbett

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th November 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Wood Burners – there would seem to be no powers under Environmental Health or Planning Enforcement therefore Councillor Pochin had been to see the complainant to confirm nothing could be done and they accept that Councillor Pochin had tried her best.

War Memorial at St Mary's, Wistaston – The Church Warden had updated The Chair on the latest position which was that they were awaiting response from the church architects. Further updates will be provided

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Berkeley School New Fencing – Councillor Flaherty reported that there was a lot of rubbish on the site relating to the new fencing and wondered if there was going to be a final site clear up once work was completed.

6. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Sarah Pochin gave feedback on the following:

- **Eastern Road** – an email had been received from a resident in relation to speeding and the 60 mph speed limit on the road. After discussions, CEC Councillor Sarah Pochin advised that she would refer this matter back to Highways and also request any speeding data on the road.
- **Berkeley Academy Extension** – There was now a planning application for an extension to The Willows and a toilet block. A local resident is canvassing other residents to object strongly to this in relation to further traffic congestion. The resident was meeting with The Chair of Governors in relation to concerns. There had also been a complaint with reference to the period of objection on this application as it was over the Xmas break so this had been extended from 4th January to 19th January in order for the public to make comment. Councillor Pochin will report back on any further issues.
- **Fire Service Provision in Crewe & Nantwich Area** – there was a proposal to reduce the number of full time fully manned engines in this area from 2 to 1 plus a standby engine. This was felt unacceptable as it would be the only full time engine in Cheshire East and this area also pays the largest precept in relation to the Fire Service. Councillor Pochin will update Council at future **meetings**
- **Trees in Rope and potential TPO's** – It had been decided that CEC Councillor Pochin and Rope Councillors would carry out a ward walk to identify any trees for TPO's. Councillor Pochin to liaise.
- **Cheshire East Council Tax** – Councillor Pochin confirmed that this would increase.
- **Shavington Academy** – The Head of the school has requested a portacabin within the school grounds under 106 Planning rules. Councillor Pochin is to have a meeting with her sometime in January.
- **Defibrillators** – The Vice Chair was going to speak to Berkeley School in relation to installing on their boundary fence but one of the main problems besides suitable site was the provision of a power source. Councillor Pochin would enquire whether it was possible to install on a street column or bus stop.



7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Rope Lane Nursery – The Chair had requested that the Clerk contact Rope Lane Nursery for an update on the Car Park Provision. Unfortunately, the response stated that there was no progress due to road closures and the bad drainage in the area of the bridge. It had already been identified that Gresty Lane was flooding in that area and near the houses in Shavington Parish Council area. Councillor Pochin to chase up.

The Sign On Rope Lane Bridge – this had still not been remedied but it would appear that there are problems with the property owners. They had been written to by CEC.

8. POLICING MATTERS

PCSO Peter Corbett had sent his apologies but a Beat Manager's report had been provided. Main priorities were:

- Speed Watch Sessions carried out in Rope Lane but no complaints had been received.
- Night time patrols had been carried out in the grounds of both Berkeley and Shavington Academies.
- Checks had taken place in relation to complaints about inconsiderate parking at Pinewood Court.
- Local Farmer had been spoken to in relation to control of livestock.
- No complaints of ASB had been received.
- Shavington PC had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner as the PCSO that had gone on maternity leave was not being replaced. It was felt that a rebate should be received and that Rope should also consider this action.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

Local Parish Plans - Wistaston and Willaston Parish Council's had completed their Referendum in the process of developing a Parish Plan and they had now been accepted.

Planning Application Chestnut Avenue - an application had been received about 44 houses off Chestnut Avenue – No objection by the Parish Council.

10. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Shavington Academy Award Evening. – This had been attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair and had been a very successful evening. A thank you letter had been received informing us of the two joint recipients. –

11. CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence - All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors electronically.

- An invitation to Wistaston PC's Annual Civic Service had been received for Sunday 11th February and was passed on to the Chair.
- The Chair and the Clerk had been working on uploading the necessary information onto the parish website in order that Rope PC was compliant with the Transparency Code.
- A thank you letter had been received in relation to the £500 donation given to St Mary's for the upkeep of the graveyard.
- A thank you email had been received in relation to the £200 donation given to the 35th South West Cheshire (Wistaston) Scout Group.

12. FINANCE

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

1. A request had been received from Wistaston Bowling Club for a donation to installation of an access path.

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

1. Resolved: That a donation of £200 be made to Wistaston Bowling Club in relation to the installation of an access path.

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£268.17	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£67.04	HMRC
£72.00	Annual Membership of Society Of Local Council Clerks