



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman  
Councillor Robert Dodd – Vice Chairman  
Councillor Andy Pennance  
Councillor Stefan Pyra  
Councillor Margaret Simon  
Councillor Maurice Simon

**In Attendance:**

CEC Ward Councillor Brian Silvester, Sarah Pochin, Sue Togay - Clerk

**11. APOLOGIES FOR**

Councillor Chris Flaherty, PCSO Peter Corbett

**12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Bob Squirrell ref the donation request from St Mary's Church.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments:

Ref Item 4: 'mind' not 'mine'.

Ref Item 10b: It had been resolved that £200 be donated to Wistaston Memorial Hall however the cheque had not been issued awaiting receipt of a formal letter and would be issued at this meeting.

**14. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Trees in Glaisdale and Farndale Avenue** – The work had now been completed and the Clerk to re-contact Cheshire East regarding TPO's on the trees as no response had been received since January.

**Rope Donation to Shavington School Prize** – A formal request had now been received. Councillor Dodd to ascertain price of new shield and this item to be discussed along with appropriate book token amount at next meeting.

**Pot Holes at Rope Bank Ave/Laidon Avenue Junction** – these had now been marked.

**Joint Letter with Shavington PC To Secretary Of State**- this had now been sent.

**Rope Lane Nursery** – the planning application for this site is to be presented to Strategic Planning on 15<sup>th</sup> April. There had been further flooding in this area.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

**Gresty Lane/Rope Lane Junction** – there were pot holes in this area. The Clerk to report to Highways.

**Crossings near Shavington High School** - Cllr Silvester reported to Council that a meeting with the Head and pupils at Shavington High School indicated an appetite to instigate a project to have pelican crossings installed in Rope Lane at the junction with Bankfield Ave and also near the Vine whereby the pupils and community raised funds towards the costs. Rope PC were asked to consider supporting this initiative and an enquiry to use the Rope PC Bank account to process the funds raised. This was an item that was included on the Highways list as high priority at a cost of £90k which had however never materialised over some considerable time. . . CEC Councillor Margaret Simon reported that she had fed the problem of school children road safety into the relevant department in order to have 20mph signs at school times. The Council commended the enthusiasm of the pupils and supported them in their project but could not however consider using the Parish Account for this purpose. However it would endeavour to assist in some appropriate way.

**Gresty Road/Crewe Road Closure** – this would be for a period of 8 weeks and would cause chaos. It was felt that this should have been programmed within the school holiday period.

**Spilt White Paint at bottom Of Acorn Bank** – there was some spilt paint which vehicles had then driven in. This had been reported to Streetscape and was being followed up by PCSO Corbett.



## **6. POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Pete Corbett had sent his apologies but had provided a report.

**ASB:** There had been 1 incident of fly tipping from a van which had been reported to Cheshire East. Crime: There had been 10 incidents including possession of a controlled drug where warnings had been issued, one possible case of sexual grooming involving sexual conversation with a male on Blackberry Messenger, one attempted burglary, pupils sending obscene images via the internet.

Dates had been organised for talks/presentation at Berkeley School ref bullying/computer safety and road safety.

Dates were being arranged for a ward walk with the wardens.

Please note there is a new Sergeant covering the Rope and Shavington area: Sergeant Daryn Wilcox Collar Number 3566.

PCSO Corbett and Moulton had been travelling on the school bus talking to pupils about 'acceptable behaviour'.

There was still a lot of traffic problems at Berkeley School. This was only solved when there was the presence of a Police Officer or Warden.

## **7. PLANNING MATTERS:**

**Local Plan**- this was still being worked on and feedback was that it was still on track but that there was still no 5 year supply of housing.

**Berkeley School** – the planning application had been submitted but was as yet not registered. There was an email from Ken Mitchell, Chair of governors. The Chair would request feedback from all Members once the planning application was available and the Clerk would then make comment on the Council's behalf. The Clerk to request a TPO on the tree at the school.

**Gresty Oaks Appeal** – this had been dismissed. It was hope that the green gap policy now had some substance once again.

## **8. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**Shavington Governors Meeting** – Councillor Pyra was attending meetings including Governor Training.

## **9 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:**

Notification of temporary weight restrictions on Weston Lane, Manor Way, Main Rd Weston, Rope Lane, Gresty Lane

Notification of road closures

Notification of Neighbourhood Planning event at Macclesfield Town Hall

Cheshire East Highways – LAP Traffic Management Reports

P App 15/0972 Land to rear of 11 Eastern Road – reserved matter. Outline permission in place.

Comment only invited on plans.

Cheshire East Council Winter Service Reports

Press Release, Will Harris Media Officer, Cheshire Constabulary ref Police Service standards and delivery.

Relevant information on forthcoming elections.

Partnership Newsletter, CEC



Email response from ANSA ref dog bin on Evergreen Way via Cllr Simon  
P App 5/0535N – Berkeley New Classrooms and Studio  
Request for information relating to CEC Town and Parish Council Grant Schemes

**May Elections**

The Clerk had attended a briefing session held by Cheshire East in relation to the May Elections. Nomination Papers and relevant guidance notes were distributed with deadlines. The relevant notes from the CEC Briefing Session would be distributed electronically in due course. Nomination papers would be collated and handed in to CEC by the appropriate deadline.

**10. FINANCE:**

**A. Requests for Financial Assistance:**

A request had been received from St Mary's Church towards the upkeep of the graveyard.

**B Payments**

**Section 137 Payments:**

**RESOLUTION:** 1. That a grant of £250 be given to St Mary's Church

2. The amount requested at the meeting by Wistaston Memorial Hall of £200 and resolved for payment now be issued as the request letter had been received – Minute Ref 10b.

**General Payments:**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be made:

£253.07	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£63.66	HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary
£177.00	Annual clerk's expenses
£179.42	Shavington High School – room hire.

**C. Review of Clerk's Salary**

**RESOLUTION:** That the Clerk's Salary be increased to £1971.42 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

**D. Audit Procedure**

The Clerk had received the Annual Return Forms for 2013/2014 and would commence the preparation of paperwork for Internal Audit.