



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

**PRESENT:**

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

**In Attendance:**

PCSO Michelle Minton, CE Cllr Brian Silvester

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr Marjorie Dodd, Cllr Simon Bowkett

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment: Councillor Chris Flaherty was placed twice on the attendance list..

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Dog fouling Bins** – There was a problem still in Bankfield Avenue and at the Spa Shop. Community Wardens were keen to meet with The Chair to carry out a walkabout in the parish to improve the situation in the area.

**Rope Lane Nursery:** This still continued to be a problem area with no decision on the recent application regarding the import/export of soil on the area. The Clerk would provide information to Councillor Brian Silvester so that he could follow up the matter.

**Crash Barriers on Rope Lane(damaged) at Bridge and by Shavington High**

**School(missing):**These had been reported to Highways more than once and the Clerk would now send the information on these reports to Councillor Brian Silvester for follow up.

**Gresty Lane:** Shavington PC had wished to put a weight limit on the Lane and the Clerk would again ascertain what support Rope PC could give this action.

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

**Posters for Shavington Pantomime on railings in the parish:** Clerk would remind the organisers that this was not permitted.

**Community Resilience Plan:** The work on this by Councillors was still ongoing and some clarification was still awaited from CE regarding some items.

**Wistaston War Memorial:** A letter had been received from the Wistaston Parish Clerk asking for comment on a recent proposal in relation to the move of the memorial. The Chair had been considering the proposal and had drafted a letter of response for the Clerk to prepare and send in reply.

**Jubilee Street Parties:** There was guidance on the CE Website for any planned street parties. The Parish Council did not plan to hold an event.

**The Olympic Torch Relay in Crewe:** The Clerk mentioned that the Torch Relay would be in Crewe on 31<sup>st</sup> May and that further details would be released in due course.

**Newsletter:** It was felt that the next issue would not be produced at the present time.

**6. POLICE MATTERS -**

PCSO Michelle Minton gave a report on crime and ASB in the area based on incidents reported from b1/12/11 to 12/1/12. There were seven incidents of crime including an attempted burglary, a burglary, a



break in at Berkeley School, an assault (not in Rope), attempted break in at Rope Farm and a neighbour dispute.

ASB included parking issues, vans related to building work, refuse at a local pub (not in Rope), youths at Springfield drive regarding an empty property and incidents of food being thrown at properties at Hanbury Close.

Burglaries seemed very much opportunist and all residents should be vigilant with regarding to locking doors especially patio ones.

The parking problem at Berkeley school is the same with improvement when the Police were in attendance

## **7 PLANNING MATTERS**

**11/4549N Application to build houses on land on Rope Lane:** Councillors discussed this application and the Council made a resolution to be sent by Clerk to Planning:

**RESOLVED:** Rope Parish Council wished to make an objection to this application as it was contrary to the interim housing planning policy on the release of housing land.

**Arley Homes:** A letter had been received from Arley Homes requesting dialogue with the Council in relation to the building of affordable homes. The Chair had drafted a response which was read out which stated that Rope PC strongly opposed any schemes which built on green gap in the parish and the offer of discussions was declined. The Clerk to prepare letter and send out.

**SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Study:** The Chair informed Council that this had still not been published.

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

None

## **9 CLERKS REPORT:**

### **Correspondence Received:**

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

### **Cheshire East**

None

### **Planning Applications:**

Now sent electronically

### **Cheshire Police Authority:**

None

### **Other:**

Letter from Wistaston PC ref War Memorial at St Mary's Church

Letter from Arley Homes requesting dialogue with council ref affordable housing.

Copy of 'Fieldwork'

Mid Cheshire Footpath Society Walks Programme 2012-06-03 Wistaston PC – Invitation to Annual Civic Service

Letter from Fire Brigades Union ref proposal for sub regional Fire Control Centre

Letter of thanks from Wistaston Memorial hall for donation of £300.

## **10. FINANCE:**

### **A. Requests for Financial Assistance:**

None.

### **B Payments**

### **Section 137 Payments:**

None



**General Payments:**

£310.02 Clerk's Salary  
£61.00 SLCC Membership  
£89.70 CE for Room Hire at Shavington High School

**C. Precept for 2012/13**

Documents had been issued to Councillors relating to projected Expenditure and Income for 2012/13 to facilitate the setting of the Precept for the coming year.

Discussions took place specifically with regard to the grant we had in recent years been providing for the Interactive Sports Sessions as numbers attending were low.

After discussions Rope Parish Council made the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** At this point in time Rope PC wish to suspend the donation to Shavington Sports Centre for Interactive Sessions in the winter months but this would be reviewed in the future.

Rope PA wish to freeze the precept amount and therefore there would be no increase in the precept for 2012/13. The precept amount would be £12,000.