



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman  
Councillor Robert Dodd - Vice Chair  
Councillor Andy Pennance  
Councillor Stefan Pyra  
Councillor Maurice Simon  
Councillor Margaret Simon  
Sue Togay– Clerk

**In Attendance:**

CEC Cllr Brian Silvester, PCSO Vicky Moulton

**11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor Chris Flaherty

**12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Robert Dodd in relation to any Planning Applications related to his land ownership.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman except for the following amendment:

Ref Item 18 - Meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner, Middlewich. This should have stated that Special Constables were to be allocated to each village.

**14. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Grit Box** – The Clerk had sent an email to Mark Swindells at CEC Highways with no response and would send a second request which hopefully would be addressed for next winter.

**Tree Stump on Bankfield Ave** – This had now been removed

**Trees In The Parish** The Clerk had been on to CEC to ascertain if the original list of trees to be considered for protection were still in the queue. The response from CEC was that there was not enough staff resources to attend to potential TPO requests such as this but that any trees related to planning applications were monitored and if there were any that the Parish Council could see were in immediate danger then Anne Donkin or Gary Newsame should be advised in Planning..

**Oak Tree Walk** – Ref tree debris and tractor marks. This had been reported to Streetscape. Clerk to re-inspect. The issue of fly tipping of garden waste and any other materials to be included in next newsletter. In addition Cllr Margaret Simon would also ascertain if there was any covenant in relation to the estate being 'open plan' as some residents were adopting areas that would could be considered common land rather than in their ownership.

**House Security Lights** – The Clerk had spoken to Environmental Health with regard to strong nuisance security lights. She had been advised that only extremely strong lights that were shining straight into a room such as a living room would be considered a nuisance. If there was a definite problem then they would be happy to advise further.

**Rope Lane Nursery** – There had been a string of emails from the Nursery owner and CEC to the Parish Council. As all issues were under the responsibility of Cheshire East Council, the parish had been informed that a meeting with Planning and Highways had been arranged with the Nursery owner on 21st March. Full feedback is expected. In addition the Clerk to contact Network Rail in relation to the racks that were close to the rail line.

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

The wooden bridge near Wistaston Manor was in bad repair. This however would be in Wistaston Parish



#### **16. POLICE MATTERS:**

PCSO Vicky Moulton introduced herself as one of the PCSO's covering Rope Parish. She reported on any crime and anti social behaviour (asb) issues in the parish. There were 28 incidents of crime and asb reported from 20/1 to 15/2 and 25 from 16/2 to 16/3. There had been no youth asb issues. There had been some speed enforcement by the Police as well as volunteer sessions with fines issued. There had been some indication of a trend of 'theft from vehicles' as there had been incidents in both Jan/Feb and Feb/March periods.

The Chair pointed out that there had been incidents in Wistaston of aggressive selling of supposed 'ex offenders' in Wistaston PCSO Moulton indicated that the Police were aware of this activity and there is no evidence of any such prison or probation scheme in the area. If anyone experiences such visits then please call the Police on 101.

It was mentioned that there had been no Police presence at school drop off and pick up times. The school had contacted the Police due to residents' complaints and now that a full complement of PCSO's was now in place would be in attendance.

The next meeting of The Police and Crime Commissioner was to be held in Macclesfield. The email would be distributed.

#### **17. PLANNING MATTERS:**

**Gresty Oaks Planning Application** – The Chair gave a report on the latest situation with regard to this application. The Strategic Planning Committee had now considered the application which had gone straight to Appeal and will contest it. This was not dependent on the housing supply and some of the other strong planning objections would be effective.

13/2649N – Outline Planning App for up to 300 dwellings, Church Lane, Wistaston - There was now an Appeal with regard to the proposed 300 dwellings on this site. Rope PC had been invited to make comment. The Chair would provide a suitable comment for submission.

The Local Plan Strategy – The submission version was approved on 28/2. There would now be a six week period when representations could be made from 14/3 to 25/4.

#### **18. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

The Chair had attended the Wistaston Civic Service and found it an invaluable opportunity to network.

**Berkeley School Governors** – Councillor Pennance had been part of the appointment process for the new Head Teacher and Mrs Caroline Brown who had been the Deputy Head was now appointed. A new Deputy Head would now be appointed. The school is improving in many areas and has a new website.

#### **19 CLERK'S REPORT:**

##### **General Correspondence Received.**

The Clerk ran through the hard copy and email correspondence received since the last meeting:

##### **Cheshire East Council**

Information on Diversion Order to Footpath No 4.

Planning App 13/2649N – Outline P App for residential developments up to 300 dwellings – land NW of Church Lane, Wistaston. This had now gone to Appeal to Sec of State. Comment invited from rope PC  
Invitation to receive Copy Of Electoral Register

##### **Electronically:**

CHALC -Information on training courses.

P App 14/166N – Broughton Farm.



Planning enforcement, CEC – notification of a site visit to Rope Lane Nursery.  
Emails from Rope Lane Nursery

**20. FINANCE:**

**A. Requests for Financial Assistance:**

None

**B Payments**

**Section 137 Payments:**

None

**General Payments:**

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

£253.07	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£63.20	HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary
£187.00	Clerk's Annual Expenses
£179.40	Room Hire Shavington High School

**Clerk's Salary Review:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk's Salary be increased to £1909.98 pa for |Financial year 14/15

**C. Audit Process**

The Clerk Informed Council that the Audit Process was to begin in order to prepare the Annual Statement for 2013/2014.