



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

**PRESENT:**

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

**In Attendance:**

CE Cllr Brian Silvester, PCSO's David Jinks and Steve Metcalfe, Doreen Swift – resident.

**41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr Marjorie Dodd, Cllr Chris Flaherty, Cllr Simon Bowkett

**42. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Robert Dodd and Cllr Maurice Simon ref the appeal relating to planning application on Rope Lane.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment:

Some discussion had taken place with regard to the New Code Of Conduct and Pecunary Interests which would be adopted by Cheshire East Council on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 post Rope PC's July Meeting. Once a final draft of this code was received, then Rope PC would also adopt this code at its next meeting.

**44. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Rope Lane Nursery:** Further discussions took place as to the latest position on this site. The Clerk had received information from Maria Cotton stating that she would provide more feedback when all information is collated and informed decisions have been made as to what actions may be taken. The Clerk would chase up again prior to the next meeting and also chase up Craig Wilshaw regarding unauthorised advertisement on boundary railings and provide a copy of the CE 'Clear Way Forward' Guidance..

**Land on Rope Lane - Planning Application 11/4549N plus Appeal**

**APP/RO6660/A/12/2173294/NWF:** The Appeal will commence on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Community Resilience Plan:** One response had been received from the Fire Service.

**Beechcroft Avenue Signage –** Mr Overall had now been advised to deal with this matter direct with CE Highways as the Highways Authority.

**Wybunbury Charity –** The Chair informed the meeting that posters had now been put in the parish noticeboards in order for residents of Rope to apply.

**Complaint Mrs Gillot ref overhanging trees from Berkely School at Beechcroft Ave**

Cllr Pennance advised that the Head had now been contacted and maintenance had agreed to that tree pruning needed to take place. As yet this had not been completed.

**Oakhurst Trees –** 3 out of the 4 will be felled. A resident had contacted the Chair but unfortunately nothing could be done but advised that comment could still be made.

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

**Evergreen Way –** There was a railway sleeper over the brook acting as a bridge which was now looking dangerous. Clerk to ascertain who was responsible.

**Dog Fouling -** A ward walk had taken place with the Chair and the CE Community Wardens with a photocall. Hopefully this will deter offenders in the parish.

**Hedge at Berkely School –** the section in the dip past the school was not of good standard. The Clerk ascertain if there was a specific GM Team for schools and flag up.

**46. POLICE MATTERS:**

There had been 8 crimes in the area including shoplifting from Tesco Express, theft from motor and assault relating to loud music.



Incidents of ASB included 3 domestic related, 1 intimidating aggressive dog and an aggressive male on a bus.

Other incidents not reported was an off road motorcycle which had been seized due to lack of insurance, alcohol related incidents with underage drinkers who had now been reported to the ASB Co-Ordinator and therefore a test purchase exercise would be carried out in the future at the shop involved.

Speeding was continuing on Rope Lane. The following actions had taken place to address this issue:

- PCSO Pete Corbett was looking into some additional signage indicating a speedwatch area if this was acceptable.
- PC Daniel Sambrook and PCSO Peter Corbett had been out in the parish and several people were now attending speed awareness courses.
- In order to improve on the situation PCSO Steve Metcalfe had asked if it were possible for PCSO's to gain authority to use the enforceable camera. The Council offered support if needed on this if Steve wished to request.

Cannabis was again found at Shavington High School but parents had been advised and the matter was being dealt with.

Doreen Swift, a resident from Laidon Ave was in attendance at the meeting in order to mention to the Council problems with parking near her home. There were no issues when the PCSO was in the area. After some discussion it was felt that the school did its best to inform parents in newsletters of the continued problems. PCSO would pop in to the school to flag up with Head Teacher.

#### **47. PLANNING ISSUES:**

**Crewe Town Plan** – This was now out for consultation. However the Chair found the questionnaire confusing and thought it appropriate that Rope PC comment by letter. The Chair had formulated a response which he read out and which the Council approved to be sent to the ldf consultation email address.

#### **48. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

None

#### **49 CLERKS REPORT:**

The Clerk outlined further the New Code Of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. This had now been adopted by Cheshire East and in line with discussions at the September meeting now that we had received appropriate information, would also be adopted by Rope PC. In order to complete this process, The Clerk would provide relevant information and a new Registration Of Interest Form electronically (manually to Cllrs Dodd) to be completed and returned to her at the next meeting in November. She would also provide the old R of I forms to assist the process.

**RESOLUTION:** That Rope PC would adopt the New Code Of Conduct and Pecuniary Interests provided by Cheshire East.

#### **Correspondence Received:**

Cheshire & Wirral Partnership – ENGAGE

CPRE – Copy Of Fieldwork

#### **50. FINANCE:**

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

None.

##### **B Payments**

##### **Section 137 Payments:**

None



**General Payments:**

£313.06	Clerk's Salary
£192.00	Audit Commission for External audit
£5.00	CE Rent for Berkely School Noticebaord
£3,933.33	Shavington PC for 1 <sup>st</sup> payment of PCSO

**C Audit Procedure**

The final report from The Audit Commission which was a clean report however they had advised that a PAYE System needs to be set up for payment of the Clerk. Council agreed that this should be done for the new financial year.

In addition an outstanding issue was still not addressed in that the First Stage Auditors had advised that a copy of the Agreement that had been signed by the Chairs of Rope and Shavington PC with Cheshire Constabulary to agree to pay for the PCSO's had not yet been received despite several requests. This was in order to show the audit trail for the issuing of cheques to that amount of £7,866.66.