



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
18TH MARCH 2013 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

CEC Cllr Brian Silvester, PC Daniel Sambrook, Inspector Christian Watkins

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Marjorie Dodd, Cllr Simon Bowkett.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Robert Dodd ref any details of the planning application on Rope Lane - . 11/4549N.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Rope Lane Nursery: The MP Letter with reference to this had now been sent and a holding letter had been received awaiting final response. Cllr Silvester would also escalate to CEC at Director level.

24 Bankfield Avenue – the owner of the offending vehicle which was driving over the pavement to gain access to his land and depositing vast amounts of mud on the pavement had received a letter from Highways informing him that if the practise continued, Highways would remove and bill him direct for costs. It would seem however that he was continuing to do this.

Sleeper forming bridge over brook Evergreen Way – the Environmental Agency had stated that this was not in their ownership. The Clerk had spoken to Streetscape who had referred him to of Open Spaces who she would approach for advice..

Overhanging Trees at Beechcroft Ave (Mr Gillot) – There was no further news on this situation. If further contact was made by Mr Gillot the Parish would advise him to address the matter to CEC via MP.

Dispensation For Setting The Precept - all Members of the Parish Council had, in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, now made written requests in the prescribed form requesting the necessary Dispensation to take part in the debate and vote on the Parish Precept. The exemption would last 4 years from the date of this meeting. The new Register of Interest Forms had been sent to ChalC who would scan them in and collate for CEC.

Winter Resilience Kit – this had now been picked up by the Clerk.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Oak Tree Walk – there has been some activity with chopping of trees in area which was a little selective. The Clerk to ask Streetscape for comments on this.

Street Lighting – there seemed to be no 'turning off' of street lights in the parish. There were several streetlights out in Rimsdale Close and Barnwell Clos (reported by Chair x2) not working Cllr Silvester to follow up..

6. POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO's – New Contract -The Inspector and PC for the area attended and the new contract in relation to PCSO's was presented. The Chair signed it on behalf of Rope PC. Copies would be supplied to the Chair and invoice received direct.

Signage, Berkeley School – this was not yet solved. Cllr Silvester to follow up with Highways.

Parking, Berkeley School – This topic is discussed at every meeting. The only solution is for Highways to extend the double yellow lines or put in H bars on drives. There was improvement but the situation should be monitored.



Smiley SID – this has been going out at set locations where complaints were being received. Laidon Ave, Fuller Drive, Rope Lane.

Crime Figures – 4 incidents of ASB and 3 crimes. There were no concerns at the moment but Police were monitoring the opportunist trying of house doors. Bike thefts which had been prevalent recently had abated as arrests had been made.

Neighbourhood Action Meeting – taking place on 23rd April at 7pm. The PCSO's were delivering leaflets house to house.

7. PLANNING ISSUES:

Shavington Triangle and Wybunbury Developments had now been approved. The CEC Planning Processes to limit developments would not be in place for another year.

8. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Berkeley School Governors' Meeting- Cllr AP had attended but there were no significant issues

9 CLERKS REPORT:

Risk Assessment – the Clerk had provided copies of the present Risk Assessment and Councillors were asked to consider its adoption for a further 12 months as appropriate.

RESOLVED: That the present RA be adopted for a further 12 months with no amendments.

General Correspondence Received:

NHS Newsletter.

10. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

None.

B Payments

Section 137 Payments:

None.

General Payments:

£313.06	Clerk's Salary
£190.00	Clerk's Annual Expenses
££179.40	CEC, Shavington High School for Room Hire

RESOLUTION: Rope PC agreed to the payment of the invoice for the PCSO to be paid on receipt and a cheque was allocated and part prepared (no 2nd signature until received) for this in expectation of its receipt before the next meeting.

C Review Of Clerk's Salary 13/14

After discussion the Council awarded an increase of 1%.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's salary be increase in '13/14 to £1897.62 pa.