



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
19TH MARCH 2012 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

PCSO Michelle Minton, CE Cllr Brian Silvester

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Marjorie Dodd

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

13. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th January 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment: the date on the heading be amended to 16th January.

14. MATTERS ARISING:

Dog fouling Bins – The Chair was arranging a walkabout with the Community Wardens and asked Councillors to suggest any problem areas. It is planned that the Wardens will demonstrate the use of the stencil and spray deterrent kit.

Rope Lane Nursery: The Planning Department were not able to process further until information was received from Highways.

Crash Barriers on Rope Lane(damaged) at Bridge and by Shavington High School(missing):The barrier on the bridge was now repaired but there was no sign of the missing barrier by the high school

Gresty Lane: Shavington PC had wished to put a weight limit on the Lane. Shavington Parish Clerk had advised that they would contact Rope PC if there were any further support the Council could provide

Grant: Cheshire East had notified the Parish that a non specific grant would be awarded to parishes in the light of funds allocated to the unparished areas of Crewe and Nantwich. Councillors discussed whether they should indeed donate an amount to Shavington Leisure Centre for the Interactive sessions.

RESOLVED: That Rope PC would not donate an amount to the interactive sessions due to lack of attendance but may consider again in the future.

Community Resilience: The Chair gave a general overview of the project that had been worked upon by himself and Councillors Flaherty and Bowkett as he wished to obtain feedback from Councillors. The main concern was a point in relation to the identification of an evacuation point as Shavington High School had stated concern about cost responsibilities if used. Advice from Cheshire East had been that in the event of an emergency, if all reasonable attempts to contact them by Rope PC had been made and CE were unable to assist in a reasonable time period, the CE would be willing to meet any reasonable costs incurred. Cllr Bowkett did point out that Rope PC would be unlikely to be the first to attend.

RESOLVED: That The Chair to supply an agreed response.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Polluted Brook: This matter was now resolved and had been due to tree roots in the sewer causing a backflow. Some plastic barriers remained in the area. The Clerk to contact Environmental Agency to have removed.



Bankfield Avenue – Dropped Kerbs: Councillor Silvester had had a request from a wheelchair user in the parish and had contacted Highways to programme in.

16. POLICE MATTERS -

PCSO Michelle Minton gave a report on crime and ASB in the area based on incidents reported. The following points were highlighted:

- The Smiley SID had not been used in the area for a while.
- As there had only been 16 people attending the recent Police Neighbourhood Action Meeting despite 1,500 leaflets being distributed, there was now a proposal to only hold annually.
- Berkeley School Parking Problems: There had been one objection to the remarking of the school area by Highways. The Police continued to attend and CE Traffic Wardens were happy to carry out a joint operation as agencies held differing enforcement powers.
- Other incidents included theft from the High School, ASB on Fuller Drive involving planters, 1 doorstep crime related to gutter cleaning, 1 shed break in, 1 burglary, 1 attempted burglary and 5 domestic disputes, 1 fight in relation to High School pupils – Head Teacher now involved.

17 PLANNING MATTERS

11/4549N Application to build houses on land on Rope Lane: This application would be considered in the next few days.

SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Study: The Chair informed Council that this had still not been published and consultation had now been requested for next year.

18. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Councillor Andy Pennance reported back on Berkeley School Governor's meetings.

19 CLERKS REPORT:

Correspondence Received:

A list of correspondence received was circulated and the communications made available. It was noted that there was now a vast reduction in hard copy correspondence and an increase in information via email which the Clerk forwarded to the Chair for consideration:

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership – copy of 'Engage' Newlsette
CPRE Cheshire/Chalc – Info on Supporting Communities in Planning
Cheshire East – Notification of Non Specific Grant to parishes and towns
Cheshire Community Action Newsletter – March 2012

20. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

None.

B Payments

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

£310.02 Clerk's Salary
£190.00 Clerk's Expenses

C. Review Of The Clerk's Salary

Councillors reviewed the Clerk's Salary and made the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Annual Salary of the Clerk be increased by 1% to an annual amount of £1878.84.