



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

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

CE Cllr Brian Silvester, PCSO Peter Corbett, John Fox – resident.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Marjorie Dodd

52. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr Bob Squirrell ref application for grant at St Mary's Church.

53. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th September 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment:

Ref overhanging trees from Berkeley School to property of Mrs Gillot, Beechcroft Ave – this matter to be discussed at next Governor's Meeting.

54. MATTERS ARISING:

Rope Lane Nursery: Further discussions took place as to the latest position on this site:

Ref the banners: The Planning officer had supplied a response which stated that he would visit the site but felt that a retrospective application for the banners would be approved.

Ref the unauthorised use of the site, the Cheshire East Officer was still awaiting further information from The Environmental Agency in order to make further informed decisions. Cllr Silvester to chase this matter up.

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

APP/RO6660/A/12/2173294/NWF: This had not yet been decided.

Wybunbury Charity – The Chair informed the meeting that three £50 grants had now been awarded

Evergreen Way Bridge Over brook off Fuller Drive – Clerk to ascertain ownership and request reinstatement.

Oakhurst Trees – 3 out of the 4 will be felled. The Clerk to ascertain if these had been felled as yet.

Dog Fouling – It had deteriorated recently in the Evergreen Way area. Clerk to ask Wardens to revisit.

55. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

School Signage: The 20mph sign was a solar panel and lit for school start and finish. As it is a shared site with The Willows, it was felt that the lighting times may need adjusting. Cllr Silvester to follow up.

Street Lighting – not working on Bramwell Close.

24 Bankfield Ave – vehicle using pavement for access and creating a lot of mud on pavement. PCSO to advise on whether it was a Police Matter

The untidy bungalow on Fuller Drive had now been sold so this property should now improve.

Mr J Fox present highlighted a few issues in the parish:

Hedges overgrown on 5 Bankfield Ave and 19 Bankfield. Cllr Silvester to report.

Lack of noticeboard on Rope Lane – the old wooden noticeboard now removed was continually vandalised as it was not lockable and in a review of the parish noticeboards some years ago, this site was not a priority one due to low footfall. There are 2 on Fuller Drive and 1 at Berkeley School which was felt adequate for the parish.



When was the next Newsletter to be distributed – The Chair explained that Rope PC felt it was not necessary to issue a newsletter unless there was a headline story.

Contact Details of Councillors: These were not on the noticeboard. It was felt that the details of the Clerk was sufficient as all parish business should be via the Clerk. However to improve information on meetings to residents, it was decided that an additional notice of meetings would be provided at the Medical Centre.

56. POLICE MATTERS:

There had been 10 crimes in the area which included 5 crimes relating to Tesco Express. These included shoplifting, purse and phone theft, bogus caller for work not completed where money was handed over, theft from property and assault

Incidents of ASB included vehicles, neighbour disputes, egging of houses at Halloween and drunken incident with noise and fireworks.

Further discussions took place ref parking outside Berkeley School where a continuation of the double yellow lines had been requested from Cheshire East Highways. Police had recently stood back from situation to see what happened and would now attend area again as drivers are compliant when they are present.

The white lines on Bankfield Ave were now faded and vehicles were driving on wrong side of road to avoid potholes. Cllr Silvester to refer to Highways.

PCSO Corbett mentioned the request to Peter Hartwell of Community Safety regarding PCSO's obtaining the power to use speed guns with enforcement powers. Cllr Silvester would chase this issue up.

PCSO presence had been light due to officers being used on an initiative ref cold calling and sickness absence of a main officer. The service would now resume to normal.

57. PLANNING ISSUES:

The Chair was following the strategic processes of Cheshire East and informed Council that the next important document was the Development Strategy 2013.

58. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Town & Parish Conference -The Chair had attended this hoping to glean information on the 3Year Plan. However the conference was more about obtaining feedback for this from the parishes. CE Leader Councillor Michael Jones addressed the conference and stated he was not happy with progress and strove to improve. The Interim Chief Executive also addressed the conference with regard to the forthcoming unprecedented period of austerity and devolvement of services to town and parish councils. This would not affect Rope. The Chair felt that the situation was clarified with regard to having any services forced upon the parish.

Remembrance Service, Crewe - The Chair had attended this large and moving ceremony and as other parishes lay wreaths at this service, would we wish to consider laying one from Rope in the future.

Shavington High School Presentation Evening: Councillor Robert Dodd had attended and the Rope Award had been presented to two students.

Launch Of Shavington Parish Plan: This had shown similar issues as Willaston and Wistaston such as speeding, parking, pot holes and dog fouling. The Chair had obtained a copy for information. He did feel that it was not something that Rope PC should need to do at present and Rope PC is addressing all the mutual issues we have in this larger area.

59 CLERKS REPORT:

New Code Of Conduct – The Clerk asked for the returned forms in order to supply them to Chalc who were co-ordinating them for Cheshire East Monitoring Officer. At the next meeting, it would also be necessary to make a resolution with regard to a General Dispensation in order to set the precept. The



Clerk would supply information in order that this can occur at the next meeting in January.

General Correspondence Received:

Countryside Voice – Winter 2012

Cheshire Community Action Rural Update

CPRE Carol Concert Invite

The Playing Field Autumn 2012

60. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

A request for contribution to St Mary's Graveyard, Wistaston was received.

B Payments

Section 137 Payments:

RESOLVED: That a contribution of £250 be given to St Mary's Church.

General Payments:

£313.06 Clerk's Salary

£3,933.33 Shavington PC for 2nd payment of PCSO