



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
17TH NOVEMBER 2014 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Stefan Pyra
Councillor Margaret Simon
Sue Togay– Clerk

In Attendance:

CEC Cllr Brian Silvester, PC Daniel Sambrook, Sara Pochin

51. APOLOGIES FOR

Councillor Maurice Simon

52. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

53. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th September were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the inclusion of the following amendment:

The date to be corrected.

54. MATTERS ARISING:

Hedge Opposite Berkeley School – A notice had now been issued. There had been some trimming but a good cut back was required to allow proper access to the path.

Berkeley School Fence – Contractors had done little or nothing during the school holidays. Councillor Pennance to mention the matter at the next Governors Meeting.

Bankfield Avenue – This had now been resurfaced and was of good standard.

Parking at Berkeley School – This continued to be a problem. PCSO Peter Corbett had attended. Cllr Silvester had requested when the double yellow lines would be extended. Cllr Pennance would request that the Head remind parents to be considerate. There was also irresponsible parking on Rope Bank Avenue so that the bus could not get through. Pupils had often to walk on the road rather than the pavement. Cllr Flaherty mentioned the signage at Wistaston School reminding parents to park considerately.

55. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Pollution In the Brook, Evergreen Way there was a paint smell therefore the Clerk was asked to ask the Environmental Agency to investigate further.

Trees in Glaisdale and Fardale Avenue - the trees had been reported and ANSA had agreed that the trees should be reduced by 30% rather than completely removed. The Clerk to request the maple trees should have a TPO placed on them.

Fuller Drive – there was evidence of rats in the area possible due to work by United Utilities. This had been attended to by United Utilities who had found no leakage of the drains. The situation would be continued to be monitored.

Slurry Lagoon, Eastern Road – this application had been withdrawn.

56. POLICE MATTERS:

PC Daniel Sambrook gave a report on ASB and Crime in the area:

ASB This month matters included a scam call, neighbour disputes. Halloween and Bonfire Night had been uneventful. Crime had included 2 shoplifting incidents at the SPAR and 2 thefts from vehicle.



PC Sambrook had paid a second visit to Mr Kemp of Rope Lane in relation to a speeding complaint. Cllr Silvester indicated that CEC Highways would be carrying out a traffic counting control. If data indicated a speeding problem then maybe a chicane could be sited to solve the problem.

PC Sambrook is now transferring to Staffordshire Constabulary and in addition Inspector Chris Watkins was also moving on. Rope PC would like to thank PC Sambrook for his continued support over the years.

57. PLANNING MATTERS:

Rope Garden Nursery, 14/4280W – Councillor Silvester had called in the application and would monitor the application.

Local Plan – this had fallen foul of the Planning Inspector and therefore there would be a further 6 months delay before the Plan could possibly be in place.

58. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

The Chair had attended Remembrance Services in Crewe and at St Mary's, Wistaston on behalf of Rope PC and laid wreaths. Both services had been well attended.

The Chair and Vice-Chair had attended Shavington High School Prize Giving – mention had been made with regard to a donation from the Parish Council. The Clerk to contact the school to ask for a formal request.

59 CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence Received: Any electronic correspondence had been passed on to the Chair who then cascaded the appropriate items to all members:

- Notification from CEC of road closures.
- P App 14/3267N Construction of 53 Dwellings including details of access – land East of Rope Lane
- CEC- Community Partnership Workshop 21st Oct plus cancellation notification.
- P Apps 14/4280 and 14/4279N – Rope Lane Nursery
- Chalc – Fracking Debate Notification 28 Oct, Chester
- CEC Traffic Management LAP Reports
- P App 14/434N – 75 Oakhurst Drive , Ground and 1st floor extension.
- CEC Keith Fenton , Street Naming Suggestion Scheme
- CEC Phil Grocott – update on path in Bankfield Avenue
- CEC Town and Parish Council Conference
- Shavington High school Sept Newsletter
- Partnership Newsletter
- Daniel Sambrook – information regarding complaint ref speeding and notification of new system for using traffic counter
- CEC Cycling Seminar
- Chalc – Charter Document for Comment
- CEC – notification of consideration of extension of Highways contract for Ringway Jacobs and opportunity to comment.
- P App 14/3912N –notification that the application for Slurry Lagoon had been withdrawn
- P App 14/4953N – Broughton Farm, extension to rear of dwelling.
- CEC Draft Park Strategy
- Opportunity to comment on Local Charter between CEC Local Councils and Chalc
- Town and Parish Council – Cheshire Fire Authority Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan
- Notification of Commissioners Consultation Meeting with CEC Parish Councils.



60. 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
£120.00	BDO External Auditor Fee
£3933.34	The Police & Crime Commissioner – PCSO Payment.

C Audit Procedure

The final report had been received and was a clean report. The audit process for 13/14 was now complete.

D. Precept 2015/2016

The Clerk had prepared a financial projection for 2014/2015 and the Chair had prepared a spreadsheet in order for Councillors to make an informed decision. The Clerk had also contacted Lawrence Whittaker of CEC ref advice on the effect of the fluctuating tax base figure on the amount of precept raised per household. The grant payment was also reducing.

A slight increase was considered as the parish council is still spending more money than it receives and allows no leeway for projects to be considered in the coming financial year. A grant towards the Wistaston War Memorial had been previously discussed and monies would be need to fund this if the Council so wished.

RESOLUTION: That Rope Parish Council confirms that a request of £12,000 be made to Chehsire East BC.

Date of next Meeting 19th January 2015