



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
19TH MAY 2014 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Robert Dodd - Vice Chair
Councillor Andy Pennance
Cllr Chris Flaherty
Councillor Stefan Pyra
Sue Togay– Clerk

In Attendance:

CEC Cllr Brian Silvester, PCSO Vicky Moulton

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Maurice Simon, Cllr Margaret Simon.

22. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

23. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th March 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24. MATTERS ARISING:

Rope Lane Nursery – On a request from members, Cllr Brian Silvester gave an update on present position from a CEC standpoint. The Planning Enforcement officer had met with the agent for the Nursery and following on from this a planning application would be required as activities were now outside original permissions. The poor quality of the reinstatement of the verge was also noted. It was felt that vehicles would now be parked on the opposite verge causing similar problems. It was requested that Network Rail be further contacted re the high racks of materials near to the track. Cllr Silvester to continue to monitor the problem.

Oakhurst Drive Cllr Pennance noted that some strips were placed on Oakhurst Drive. The clerk had enquired if the Police knew anything about this action and was informed that they were usually placed there by Highways when there when considering road improvements as it gave an indication of vehicle numbers, directions, speed and times. The Clerk to contact Highways for further information.

25. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Ward Walk with Community Wardens – The Chair had carried out a successful ward walk with the Community Wardens. Need to monitor its removal of blown down tree on Evergreen Walk..

26. POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Vicky Moulton reported on any crime and anti social behaviour (asb) issues in the parish. Crime Issues: There had been incidents of shoplifting in the shops in the neighbouring parishes but the offenders had been caught, one incident of drugs possession had resulted in a charge and there had also been a theft from a vehicle. Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) included an ongoing neighbourhood dispute, problems with youths.

Importantly the Police were working with Berkeley School in operating a 'Walking Bus'. This had been running for a week and 20/30 children had taken part.

PC Daniel Sambrook was working on Crewe Road Traffic issues. There had also been some enforcement on Rope Lane with 5 speeding tickets issued.



27. PLANNING MATTERS:

The Chair had been monitoring the planning applications within the parish in addition to the notifications sent to the parish via the Clerk. There were some applications relating to extensions but nothing of any major concerns.

28. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Town & Parish Council Conference. – The Chair had attended and gave an overview of topics included.

29 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:

- Invitation to attend Police & Crime Commissioner Meeting with Parishes – 8/4/14.
- CEC Highways Traffic Management LAP Reports.
- CEC Information to indicate that future planning information is to be advised by email notification.
- Notice OF Town & Parish Council Conference 1/5/14.
- Planning Application: 13/3688N Land to north of Moorfields, Wistaston.
- Invitation from Adrian Heald to Transport Consultation Feedback Meeting.
- CEC Partnership Newsletter March/April
- Planning Application 14/1534N – Land off Rope Lane
- Police and Crime Commissioner Update Issue 5 April.
- Lorraine Davison, Senior Planner at Barton Wilmore ref Appeal AP/R0s660?A/14?22111721 – Land to north of Moorfields Willaston ref 13/3688N
- Planning App 14/1507N23 – Fuller Drive, Wistaston – Single storey rear extension.
- Details of Crime Prevention Fund – Clerk to see if there was any closing date for application with regard to a permanent speed indicator.
- Email from parishioner ref free trees from Woodlands Trust – Clerk to pass on information to schools in parish for consideration.
- Request from Wistaston Sport & Leisure Association ref letter of support for their proposed extension to pavilion facilities

30. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

Cheshire Academy OF Integrated port and Arts – request for assistance ref Mrs Jane Whetnall attending the World Special Olympics. Unfortunately this form of donation to an individual is not within the remit of the Parish Council. Clerk to respond.

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

Noted that Rope PC wished to discontinue its membership of Mid Cheshire Footpath Society.

C Audit Procedure

The Clerk Presented Annual Return 13/14 plus supporting documents for consideration and approval by the Council: **RESOLUTION:** That the Annual Return be approved and signed by The Chair on behalf of Rope PC.