



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH MARCH 2021
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Stefan Pyra – Chair
Councillor Ben Wye - Vice-Chairman
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Rob Hassall

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

16. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Councillor Stefan Pyra in relation to Shavington Academy
Councillor Rob Hassall in relation to Berkeley Academy and Shavington Academy.

17. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th January 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. MATTERS ARISING:

Boundary Signs – Now complete and erected.

New Rope Laptop – This was in the process of being procured. It was resolved that this should be paid for by Councillor Pyra or Councillor Hassall. Amount to be immediately reimbursed, cheque issued, and details confirmed at next meeting.

Dog Fouling – The Clerk had sent email to Community Wardens at Cheshire East requesting advise on Chalk paint use. No response. Appropriate product to be found.

Litter Picking – The Clerk had held back from contacting Cheshire East due to Lockdown. It was decided she would however make contact and gain advice from Alison Jenkins. The Chair advised that he would be happy to receive equipment at his address.

19. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

20 FINANCE:

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

None.

B. PAYMENTS.

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

S Togay, Clerk	£281.90
HMRC	£ 70.47
Zero Signs	£146.05

C. REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY.

This was to be discussed via email lead by The Chair and decision deferred until the next meeting.

21. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Hedges overgrown -1. Fuller Drive/Whirlow Road Junction. 2. Rope Bank Avenue.Laidon Avenue. Report again to Cheshire East.

Again, it was felt that support was needed from the Ward Councillor. It was resolved that a letter be prepared to be sent to Councillor Janet Clowes, Leader of Cheshire East Council.

Oak Tree Walk – someone had ben maintaining this and it had been widened. It was possibly a Rope Resident.

22. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

None.

23. POLICING MATTERS:

The PCSO's had been seen in the Parish and one could see up to date information on the FB Page for Shavington, Willaston & Rope. However, it was difficult to see notification of any online surgeries that were taking place. The Clerk to contact Police and obtain any future dates in order to use on website page.



24. PLANNING MATTERS:

41 Rope Lane – New residents had now moved in and some work had been done to the garden which was looking well maintained. The Chair advised that this should be monitored for any future planning applications.

25. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Councillor Ben Wye had attended a 'Police Cohesion Meeting' This had been poorly attended.

26. CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence - All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors electronically. Please also note the following items:

Governance Review – This had been highlighted as there was a small change to the Rope Boundary. Paperwork and CEC Meeting details had been circulated

Census – posters and information had been provided to Councillor Hassall for inclusion on the Website.

Contact from Mr Bob Anderson, The Paddock, Off Cheerbrook Road, Willaston - he was concerned about increased traffic along Cheerbrook Road and requested that the old Boden Drive/Old Newcastle Road barriers are removed. Mr Anderson was redirected to Cheshire East as the Highways Authority.

Notice Of Vacancy - Due to the resignation of Councillor Simon, the Clerk would advise Cheshire East and proceed with the appropriate notices of vacancy. The Chair had thanked Councillor Simon for all her hard work and her wealth of experience over the years which was very much appreciated.

The Rev Denning, Shavington Methodist Church – she had contacted the Clerk regarding a smashed bus shelter on Rope Lane as she had cleared up the glass fragments. During discussion it was mentioned that she would be happy to include appropriate items from Rope PC on the Showy Rope FB Page. It was felt there were opportunities for mutually beneficial community projects.

Willaston PC – The Chair of Willaston PC had contacted the Clerk regarding Clerk Support due to temporary illness. However, this had been solved via Nantwich TC. The subject of attendance of CEC Councillor Allen Gage was also highlighted.

2020/2021 Audit – Instructions had now been received from both the Internal and External Auditor and the Clerk would begin to prepare the appropriate paperwork.

27. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

28. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 17th May 2021 – to be confirmed. This would also be the AGM.