

ROPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2009 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE

PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrel – (Chairman)
Parish & Borough Councillor Robert Dodd (Vice Chair)
Councillor Marjorie Dodd
Councillor Heather Gage
Councillor Maurice Simon
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Cheshire East Borough Councillor Margaret Simon
PCSO's Neil Flanagan/Peter Corbett
Mrs S Togay – Clerk

51 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Chris Flaherty, Councillor Brian Silvester

52. . DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

53. . MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st September, 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman but with the amendment of a typing error in Minute Ref 45 to state ' The funding from'.

54. . MATTERS ARISING:

Shavington School Pupils On Bikes – PCSO to speak to Mrs Berkenshaw with regard to dangerous bike riding and request this issue is brought up at assembly.

Berkeley School – There was some concern that unlawful access to the school grounds may cause injury due to broken bottles.

Dog Fouling – Cllr Maurice Simon mentioned this as a problem in the area and Cllr Margaret Simon had fed this in to the Community Wardens as well as a suggestion of more signage near the school.

Circus – The PCSO's had called in to the circus organizers who had assured them there was ample parking and there had been no problems.

Noticeboard – work had now been completed at the entrance of Shavington Sports Centre but it was felt that this might not be the best site for the new parish board. Some consideration was given to a site on Bankfield Avenue or by the bus stop at the Medical Centre on Rope Lane. The Clerk to look into the possibility of these potential sites in relation to permissions for siting needed.

55. . ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Signage – Councillor Margaret Simon informed the Council of a signage tidy up in the ward that she was carrying out.

Street Lighting Columns – Some columns were out in Oak Tree Walk but Cllr Margaret Simon would deal with this

Trees By Berkeley School – these had now been trimmed back

56. . POLICE MATTERS

PCSO's Neil Flanagan and Peter Corbett attended the meeting and reported on Police matters in the parish of Rope.

The Neighbourhood Action Meeting held in November was only short but included was information on the review of the geographical area covered by the PCSO's. The main issues were parking and speeding. Halloween had passed without undue incidents. In October there were 6 crimes in contrast to 21 in October 08 and there were 4 events of ASB.

Berkeley School - One main issue that was discussed was the problem with parking in the vicinity of Berkeley School during drop off and pick up time at the Laidon Avenue and Rope Bank Avenue Junctions. The Clerk to contact Highways in relation to the provision of double yellow lines in the area and also to contact the Headteacher to inform of the complaints to the PC and urge them to do all that is necessary with regard to parents parking inappropriately.

Rope Lane – After further discussions in relation to school traffic on Rope Lane the Clerk to investigate the possibility of having 30 mph floor markings on Rope Lane.

Once again Council thanked the PCSO's for all their hard work.

Provision Of PCSO's for 2010-2013

The Chair and Clerk had attended a pre-meeting of Shavington PC with Inspector Paul Broadhurst, which was specifically related to the provision of PCSO's for the next three years.

Inspector Broadhurst had explained that there would be an increase of approx 7.2% on the amount that had been charged for officers during the previous period. This would mean an amount of £11,800 per officer, which would be apportioned as previously with Rope paying a contribution of one third.

All Shavington PC Members were happy with the new arrangement after some questioning of why an increase was necessary and other issues in relation to the amount of time spent in the two parishes and why other areas did not pay a contribution. It was agreed that the affect of the PCSO's was nothing but positive and that as we funded them directly there was the bonus of such initiatives as spending time in the local schools in our parishes which would not happen in normal circumstances. The Clerk to Shavington had post their parish meeting informed the Rope Clerk that Shavington PC would continue to fund the PCSO's in the parishes.

Consideration was given as to whether Rope PC continue to fund directly the PCSO's in the parishes of Shavington and Rope.

RESOLVED: Rope PC unanimously agreed to continue making a contribution to the PCSO's in the Shavington and Rope parishes.

Community Speedwatch –it was agreed that this was successful, as it had provided statistical data. However it was felt that we should enquire about the Police Speedwatch Team showing presence in the area and also request the cost of a portable SID. The Clerk to enquire from PCSO Neil Flanagan.

57. . PLANNING MATTERS

A single planning application for a brick and timber garage was considered for comment.

58. . FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Police Neighbourhood Action Meeting – attended by The Chair – already discussed in Item 56.

Shavington Sports Centre Activity Suite Launch – The Clerk had attended on behalf of the parish.

Crewe LAP (Local Area Partnership – The Clerk had attended and explained that at present the various task groups were being formulated. She would enquire from Cllr Ray Westwood how Rope PC would obtain feedback.

Boundary Committee Review – Cllr Margaret Simon explained the proposals within the review and requested that Rope PC make comment. The Chair to co-ordinate a response.

59. CLERKS REPORT:

Correspondence Received:

To follow.

60. ROPE PC RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk had reviewed the old Rope PC Risk Assessment as part of an exercise to assess and update the parish documents and systems and presented an up to date version for consideration by Councillors for amendment and adoption. This would also be reviewed and minuted on an annual basis in line with auditor's recommendations.

RESOLVED: That Rope PC adopt the new Risk Assessment Document however with the amendment on Page 2 that 'Regular inspection and maintenance arrangements for physical assets take place 4 times annually and that the bench given to Rope PC be added to the asset register.

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

St Mary's Church had requested a donation towards the upkeep of the graveyard

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

RESOLVED: That a donation of £200 be made to St Mary's Church

General Payments:

£310.02 Clerk's Salary

C. Audit

The Clerk had supplied the Audit Commission, who were appointed as the external auditors, with some information in a specific format and was now awaiting the final report and invoice