



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 TH
NOVEMBER 2021 AT NEW LIFEW COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Stefan Pyra – Chair (SP)
Councillor Andy Pennance -Vice Chair (AP)
Councillor Ben Wye (BW)
Councillor Rob Hassall (RH)

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Chris Flaherty

75. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Councillor Stefan Pyra in relation to Shavington Academy
Councillor Rob Hassall in relation to Shavington Academy

76. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

77. MATTERS ARISING:

Councillor Dodd – The Chair had been unable contact him by telephone to follow up on the position of his health. The Clerk to write to him for update.

Overgrown Hedges Rope Bank Ave/Laidon Ave – The hedges at 23 and 25 Rope Bank Avenue had been subject to action by Cheshire East BC and had now been cut back.

Stiles – The Clerk to provide co-ordinates to new PROW Officer at Cheshire East for follow up relating to installation of kissing gate.

CEC Permissions ref Queen’s Jubilee trees/benches etc on Borough owned land or verges including the area on Salander Crescent/Rope Bank Avenue. Clerk to passed on contact details to Chair to pass on to resident regarding potential verge use.

The siting of two bench in the Parish was discussed and the bus stop on Fuller Drive was considered as a potential site plus the green open space where Oak Tree Walk and Dunham Crescent crossed. The Clerk to contact ANSA to ascertain costs and permissions regarding these.

This led to discussion relating to refurbishment of the noticeboards to include cleaning and the rebranding of the parish using the unused Rope Coat of Arms. The Clerk to obtain further information on the history of the ‘de Rupe’ family and coat of arms including details of ‘The Rope Window’ in St Mary’s Church, Nantwich. The Clerk to contact Zero Signs regarding refurbishment and design of a suitable coat of arms devise for use in rebranding the Parish for use in letterheads, website, social media and noticeboards etc. As access to the Berkeley Academy was limited to school opening hours, Councillor Rob Hassall would now service the information in this board.

Facebook – The Facebook page continued to be updated and slowly build up messages and information to increase traffic.

Dropped Kerbs in Oakhurst Drive – the Clerk had contacted planning via their portal but had received no response.

Potholes Rope Bank Avenue. The Chair confirmed that the notified completed repairs were not evident. The Clerk to re-report.

Wildflower Sewing in Open Spaces. – the Clerk would ascertain from ANSA any suitable open space areas in the parish

WSLA – Councillor Ben Wye had attended the meeting as a representative of Rope PC and would attend the annual AGM.

Room Hire – there had been no response in relation to potential room hire at Berkeley Academy so NLCC would continue to be used.

Speeding Restrictions – the Clerk had supplied information on the protocol for obtaining a 20-mph limit for information.

Police Cluster Meetings – Councillor Chris Flaherty was now in contact with Willaston Councillor Colin Todd(Chair) relating to relevant meetings.



78. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

79. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Councillor not in attendance. The Chair will speak with Councillor Janet Clowes again regarding non-attendance and lack of contact.

80. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

The Vice-Chair mentioned the availability of trees from the Woodland Trust for planting in Evergreen Walk and Oaktree Walk areas.

81. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

It was noted that there was excessive roadworks in the parish. This was due to upgrading of the fibre optic provision.

82. POLICING MATTERS:

PCSO Hobbs had now left and the Clerk had contacted Sergeant Martin Cauldwell to advise that the Parish were happy to receive and information to be posted on the website and noticeboards. In addition, we would continue to report any Police issues we had. In relation to items at the September meeting which he had attended, he was informed that the problems with parking at Berkeley Academy had been reported to Cheshire East (faded double yellow lines, parking on double yellow lines – wardens requested to attend).

83. PLANNING MATTERS:

It was noted that the planning application for 37 Rope Lane had gone to appeal.

84. GOVERNANCE REVIEW:

The date for comment had now expired.

85. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

The Vice-Chair had attended the Wistaston Memorial Hall/St Mary's Remembrance Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the parish. The Clerk had received a thank you from Wistaston Memorial Hall. Councillor Ben Wye had attended the Crewe Town Council Remembrance Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the parish.

86. CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence - All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors electronically for their attention.

Councillor Vacancy – applications received were considered and response letters to be issued by the Clerk to unsuccessful candidates. The Clerk to provide guidance on co-option.

Correspondence from Mr Richard Maunds – The Clerk had received an email in relation to various issues in the parish. This was discussed and points to be addressed were agreed. The Clerk to respond.

Footpath On Walkway by Berkeley Academy – this had been reported to ANSA.

Wistaston Memorial Hall – a letter had been received from the Trustees in relation to the proposal for a new build Memorial Hall requesting feedback. Councillors asked that the Clerk make contact for more detailed information.

87. FINANCE:

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

1. St Mary's Church, Wistaston had requested financial support towards graveyard upkeep.
2. Shavington Academy - A request had been received for the annual Rope Prize.
3. Remembrance Wreaths x 2 for St Mary's Wistaston and Crewe Remembrance Services. £50 paid by Clerk to be reimbursed.

B. PAYMENTS

Section 137 Payments:

2. Resolved that a donation of £50 be donated to Shavington Academy for the annual Rope Prize.
3. Resolved that the Clerk be reimbursed £50 for the RBL wreaths.



General Payments:

St Mary's Wistaston, Graveyard - As a previous request from St Mary's had been received this financial year, The Clerk to contact and ask that any further requests be delayed until the new Financial Year and paid under the Open Spaces Act 1906 Sections 9/10, Local Government Act 1972 (power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries).

S Togay Clerk's Salary	£291.62
HMRC (£72.90+£10)	£ 72.90
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00

C. CONSIDERATION OF PRECEPT REQUEST 2022/2023.

The Clerk had provided a Financial Projection to the year-end plus a letter from Cheshire East relating to the Taxbase Arrangements for 22/23 in order for Councillors to make an informed decision. After discussion the following resolution was made: **RESOLUTION:** That Parish Council agreed to request a precept amount of £6,619.00.

Consideration of the budget also highlighted the need for expenditure to reduce the amount held. Under Matters Arising - Item 77 Councillors had requested siting of two new benches in the parish and refurbishment of the noticeboards to include redesign of Rope Logo in order to address this.

88. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

89. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Proposed Rope PC Meetings for 2022:

- Monday 17th January 2022
- Monday 21st March 2022
- Monday 16th May 2022
- Monday 18th July 2022
- Monday 19th September 2022
- Monday 21st November 2022.