

# ROPE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE

### PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – (Chairman)  
Councillor Robert Dodd (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Marjorie Dodd  
Councillor Heather Gage  
Councillor Maurice Simon  
Councillor Andy Pennance  
Councillor Chris Flaherty  
Mrs S Togay – Clerk

### **In Attendance:**

County & Borough Councillor Margaret Simon  
PC Daniel Sambrook/PCSO's Neil Flanagan

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Chris Flaherty, Councillor Brian Silvester

### 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

### 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman once the following amendments were made:

Cllr Flaherty was in fact absent and was incorrectly also included on the present list/  
Remove Borough Councillor title for Cllr R Dodd.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING:

**Dog Fouling** – This was becoming a problem in the Parish. Cllr Margaret Simon had been involved with extra signage. In addition the community wardens had been requested to come along to Fuller Drive Fields and Rope Lane and the FIDO had been asked to clean up Fuller Drive. Further consideration was given to the problem and suggestions were a press release relating to the problem in the parish mentioning the potential £1k fine plus consideration of temporary signs on light columns in the school area.

**Parish Noticeboard** – There had been problems with the original proposed site at Shavington Sports Centre and The Chair had suggested consideration of the green space on Edgewood Drive. After some discussion the Clerk to gain permission regarding the following sites and give instructions to go ahead:

1. Fuller Drive grass verge near boundary sign, 2. Grass verge at junction Bankfield Ave and Rope Lane, 3. Bus Stop on Rope Lane.

**Street Lighting Columns** – The columns identified in November had now been attended to but there were now further faulty ones. Cllr Margaret Simon would report this to Highways.

**Boundary Committee Review** – The Chair had prepared a draft response and emailed to all Councillors. The main issues raised were that Rope should be aligned with all or part of Wistaston not Willaston and that the area at the bottom of Fuller Drive (now in Shavington) should be in Rope not in a ward.

It was agreed that in addition we would support 3 Members representing Willaston, Wistaston and Rope.

**RESOLVED:** That Rope PC was happy for The Chair to amend the comments as above and send to The Boundary Committee.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The daffodil bulbs granted to Rope PC by Cheshire East had all been donated to Berkeley School for planting.

**Fence on Rope Lane Bridge** – Cllr Margaret Simon had requested again that this be improved.

**Bankfield Ave (1<sup>st</sup> house)** – The garden wall had been taken up and there was a trench present. The Clerk to inspect and assess if there was any responsibility.

**Gasometer, top Oak Tree Walk** – There was a smell of gas in the area. The Clerk to report.

**Missing School Boundary Fencing on Rope Lane** – Cllr Margaret Simon to report.

**Pot Holes, Eastern Road** – report to Highways as Cheshire East are eager to assess damage caused by recent extreme weather conditions.

6. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO's Neil Flanagan provided crime figures for the Wells Green/Rope beat. There had been 7 crimes in the area including 2 incidents in relation to an empty property on Edgewood Drive which was now therefore to be included in a regular patrol.

There had also been 5 incidents of ASB including parking near the school, rowdy behaviour and 2 related to malicious crimes on Facebook.

The next Neighbourhood Action Meeting was on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

There had been no problems in relation to the Circus that had taken place.

The Police had spoken to The High School in relation to dangerous bicycle riding and the Head was to mention it in assembly.

The Chair asked if the bike light initiative that was occurring in the West End was in other areas.

There was some mention of the accident on Rope Lane.

The proposal regarding double yellow lines at Berkeley School was mentioned. Margaret Simon had dealt with the request directly to Rob Welch of Highways who had recommended that this was not an appropriate approach but was in fact an enforcement issue. Cllr Margaret Simon provided a copy of the email to PCSO NF who would invite Rob Welch to the next Neighbourhood Action Meeting. The Clerk had also logged this problem with the Highways Complaints System and had not yet received a response. The Clerk was to also follow up this complaint.

PCSO NF would provide an updated poster for the Rope Noticeboards and a copy of the Newsletter for the website

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

Rope PC had not objected to the planning application on Edgewood Drive.

## 8. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

The Clerk had attended both Crewe and Nantwich LAP Meetings and explained the format of the meetings. LAP Managers were being appointed when various topic task groups would be formulated and begin to meet. Feedback to the Parishes would be cascaded via Parish representatives sitting on the LAPS.

## 9. CLERKS REPORT:

### **Correspondence Received:**

A list of correspondence received was circulated and the communications made available:

### **Cheshire East**

#### **Planning Applications:**

P09/3375N - Demolition of existing dwellings and erection of 8 bungalows, Edgewood Drive  
P09/4135N – 2 storey extension, 24 Bankfield Ave

#### **Planning Decisions:**

None

#### **General Correspondence:**

Public Notice for Crewe Community Governance Review  
Cheshire Shared Services ref i-supplier  
Draft Cheshire East local list SPD (Supplementary Planning Doc)  
Standards Committee Agenda  
Town & Parish Council Consultation

#### **Cheshire Police Authority:**

Eastern Area Have Your Say Meeting Notice

#### **Other:**

Boundary Committee – Draft recommendations, 2<sup>nd</sup> letter ref clarification of draft recommendations  
Cheshire Community Action Newsletter  
YMCA Community Newsletter, Issue 2  
CPRE – Fieldwork, Dec

A thank you letter had been received from St Mary's Church thanking Rope PC for the donation of £200 made towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

## 10. FINANCE:

### **A. Requests for Financial Assistance:**

None

### **B. Payments**

#### **Section 137 Payments:**

None

#### **General Payments:**

£302.75	Clerk's Salary
£61.00	Society Of Local Council Clerks Fees 2010
£178.25	Audit Commission for external audit 09/10
£1000.00	Cheshire East (donation to Shavington Sports Centre)

### **C. Precept 2010/2011**

A financial statement as at December 2009 was produced showing a summary of expenditure from April 2009 to December 2009 and predicted expenditure to end March 2010. The figures were considered with respect to the setting of the precept for 10/11.

The Chair also provided a projection of expenditure and income with a suggested 2.3% increase. These projections were discussed in relation to the precept increase of Cheshire East and also whether there had been any indication as to whether the Ward Budget previously received would continue this year.

Within discussions Rope PC discussed any projects that it would like to carry out in the coming year. It was decided that a Newsletter would be prepared in draft which would include a request for ideas from parishioners. Members were asked to provide the Clerk with any items they would like to see in the newsletter plus and ideas for projects.

The Clerk was also asked to follow up the Prize that the Parish had proposed for Shavington High School

**RESOLVED:** The precept would be increased by 1.9% and an amount of £11,450 requested from Cheshire East