



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **In Attendance:**

PC Linda Clarke

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR**

Councillor Maurice Simon, Councillor Margaret Simon, CEC Ward Councillor Brian Silvester

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Relevant planning issues with regard to land owned by Councillor R Dodd

### **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING:**

The Clerk had contacted Jackie Weaver at CHALC ref verbal advice on planning that had previously been discussed. Jackie had stated that the Parish could not have a virtual committee but the Council can delegate decision making powers to the Clerk and the Clerk may then canvas members to help formulate the response. With this in mind the following resolution was made by the Council:

**RESOLUTION:** That Rope Parish Council delegate planning decision making powers to the Clerk when necessary and the Clerk may then canvas members to help formulate the response of the Council.

**Pollution In the Brook, Evergreen Way** there had been further contact with the Environmental Agency who had again monitored the area. There had been some leakage from the Network rail site

**Trees in Glaisdale and Farndale Avenue** - the trees had been reported and ANSA had agreed that the trees should be reduced by 30% rather than completely removed. The Clerk had requested that the maple trees should have a TPO placed on them but had had an illogical response. Clerk to clarify.

**Rope Donation to Shavington School Prize** – The Chair had spoken to the school ref a donation. The Clerk had sent an email requesting a formal letter or email to Lucy Davies.

### **5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Lochleven Road/Rope Bank Avenue Junction. There was sand still on the road.

### **6. POLICE MATTERS:**

PC Linda Clarke who has replaced PC Sambrook introduced herself to the Council and gave a brief report on the ASB/Crime in the Parish:

ASB/Crime this period included theft from motor vehicle, tools stolen, theft from business (fuel stole from building site, assault (domestic injury), breakage of tractor window at Rope Garden Nursery, aggressive dog incident, noisy neighbour, car racing around the Parish. There was also some graffiti on the wall on Oakhurst Drive and Acorn Bank Close

### **7. PLANNING MATTERS:**

**Rope Garden Nursery** - The planning application was not now to be discussed at the January Planning Meeting as the Cheshire East Officer was still working on it.

**Local Plan**- this was still being worked on with a time table produced relevant to progress. There was a new application in in Willaston for 120 houses. The Chair pointed out that there were now 2 versions of a proposed letter to the Secretary of State. One was being produced by Shavington PC and Rope PC.



had been invited to make comment and therefore provided a paragraph. The second was similar but was being produced by CHALC and a comment request also received by Rope. After discussion by Councillors, the following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION: That Rope PC to give delegated powers to The Chair to approve and sign the Shavington Joint Letter to the Secretary of State on behalf of Rope PC.

#### **8. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

**Hands Off Wistaston Neighbourhood Plan Meeting** -The Chair had attended 'Hands Off Wistaston Meeting' when parishes were being encouraged to produce Neighbourhood Plans and offered officer and financial support by CEC to do this. The Chair felt they could be advantageous but that at present they were not relevant to Rope PC.

**Shavington Governors Meeting** – Councillor Pyra had attended his first meeting and had been appointed an Associate Governor. He reported to Council that it had been a very upbeat meeting.

**Wistaston Memorial Hall Meeting** – Councillor Dodd had attended and a request received for financial assistance

#### **9 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:**

Letter from Chris Moulton requesting a joint letter to Secretary of State

Invitation to meet Crime Commissioner 9<sup>th</sup> December

P App 68 Oakhurst Drive – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Extension

CEC Letter ref A – Z Local Services Booklet asking for assistance to distribute

Request for grant from Nantwich Museum

Information from United Utilities ref 'Winterwise Campaign'

P App14/5301N – Rope Farm, Rope Hall Lane – change of use from farm to 3 dwellings.

Town and Parish Council Conference Presentation

CEC Traffic Management LAP Reports

Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable Newsletter

CHALC Training Day Information

Road Closure Notifications CEC Highways

CHALC Information on affordable housing REF Rural Housing Alliance

Cheshire Constabulary Review Of The Year

Information Session Notification on Crewe Green Link Road from Subcontractors Morgan Sindall

Annual Civic Service Invitation Wistaston PC

#### **10. FINANCE:**

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

A request had been received from Wistaston Memorial Hall for Financial Assistance for Hall enhancement projects

##### **B Payments**

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

RESOLUTION: That a grant of £200 be given to Wistaston Memorial Hall. Councillor Dodd to provide request letter at next meeting.

##### **General Payments:**

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£253.07	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£63.66	HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary
£65.00	Society Of Local Council Clerks Annual Fee

**Date of next Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**