



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER 2016 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Stefan Pyra -Vice Chairman
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Maurice Simon
Councillor Margaret Simon
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Brian Silvester

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk, PC Ollie Cross, CEC Councillor Sarah Pochin

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Stefan Pyra, Inspector Kate Woods

54 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

55 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th July 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

56. MATTERS ARISING:

Bankfield Avenue – the paving had now been patched.

57. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None

58 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Councillor Pochin provided a report:as follows:

Highways Issues: A parish walkabout with Highways Maintenance had taken place and the following actions to take place:

- Wisterdale Close, Bridge Close, Thornton Drive and Bankfield Avenue are to resurfaced in due course
- Kerb Weed spraying to take place with a twice a year schedule place for the future.
- New Street Name Plates were ordered for for several roads in the area. If
- White lines were to be remarked in Rope Bank Avenue.
- Shavington Crossing Point outside Shavington Academy to be tidied up and in line with a new policy railings removed.
- SID to be moved to the other side of Fuller Drive.
- 20mph signs now outside the school.
- The Formal Ward Walk to take place on 20th September. The Chair agreed that the large formal ward walks were very constructive but would also like to continue with the more informal ones.
- Rope Lane Nursery: Councillor Pochin had spoken to Mark Hinckley and CEC Officers. Everyone was now communicating but there was as yet no resolution and some confusion on the export and import of soil, TPO's etc. . It was suggested that it would be beneficial to carry out a site visit and it was decided this should be arranged when the new planning application for a car park came in.



- New Crossing on Rope Lane – As the crossing is now being constructed the SID is now not appropriate and it was suggested a move nearer Wells Green but still within the boundary. Councillor Pochin to suggest a site for consideration.

59 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

.Evergreen Way – the hedge at Acorn Bank now very overgrown. Councillor Maurice Simon suggested we should help ourselves and a working party to take place on Sunday 23rd September at 1.30 to tidy up the pathway. Councillors and Clerk to take part.

60. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

See Item 58 for details.

61 POLICING MATTERS:

PC Ollie Cross had provided a 'Beat Rep'. The theft of a mobile phone at the Medical Centre was mentioned but no crime trends or emerging problems were identified in the Parish.

There had been a concentrated presence of PCSO's during the first week of term at Berkeley Academy and this high profile will be continued. Councillor Maurice Simon had spoken to a few local residents who now felt a lot happier. The Chair thanked PC Cross for this effort. In addition Councillor Margaret Simon mentioned that the number of Enforcement Officers at Cheshire East was to be increased .

PCSO Agreement:

Unfortunately Inspector Kate Woods was unable to attend due to illness.

A report was presented by the Chair providing the background information on our agreement. The Chair had been in discussion with Cheshire Constabulary and it was admitted that the amount of presence in Rope had not been a fair appropriation and steps were being taken to address this with the very open discussions taking place with the Police.

Discussions took place as to whether the Parish wished to continue with the agreement including the positive impact on ASB in the parish, whether the service was still available and the large portion of precept which was spent on this service and if it was value for money. It was felt that a formal decision this evening would give a positive message to the Police and our residents and cement the positive relationship we have with Cheshire Constabulary. for the part funding the future post this financial year 2016/2017. Councillors made the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Rope Parish Council would like to continue part funding the PCSO Scheme for the financial year 2016/2017.

All Councillors voted in the affirmative except Councillor Brian Silvester who wished to have this minuted.

62. PLANNING MATTERS:

Strategic –The Local Plan Hearing has resumed. No results yet in relation to local appeals.

Local Planning Issues - Phone Mast – this would seem to be going ahead.

Awaiting Rope Lane Nursery Applications.



63. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

The Chair had attended the Wistaston Duck race and had bumped into Mr John Moor , Chair of Wistaston PC and spoken about the Wistaston War Memorial. There will be a future meeting with regard to proposals for renovation.

The Chair had also spoken to Derrick Millington and Ray Westwood ref Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association. Discussions took place with regard to representation. The Chair to speak further on this matter..

64. CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors electronically... All other items were included in the main body of the

65 FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

None

B Payments

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£262.86	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£ 65.71	HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary
£5.00	CEC License for board Berkeley Academy
£120.00	BDO (External Auditor)
£3992.50	Police and Crime Commissioner (for PCSO Service)
£50.00	Royal British Legion for remembrance wreaths

C. Audit Procedure

The Clerk reported that the Audit for the year ended 31 March 2016 was now completed. Issues arising to be followed up were:

VAT to be claimed

Inspection Period to take place to include the first 10 working days of July..

Bank Statements to show balance at 31st March 2016 – special statements therefore to be requested from the bank as they usually only dated to 30th..

Minutes not signed and initialled – this however would appear to be a mistake as this was in fact in place.

RESOLUTION: Rope PC accept and approve the completed Annual Return for 2016/2017.