



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
20TH JULY 2015 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

CEC Ward Councillor Sarah Pochin, CEC Ward Councillor Steven Edgar, PCSO Peter Corbett, Tom Unsworth- resident Sue Togay - Clerk

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Maurice Simon

32. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th May 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments:

The Bank Mandate was in hand to make amendments to signatories.

34. MATTERS ARISING:

Berkeley School Planning Application ref TPO on significant tree – Councillor Sarah Pochin was pushing for a TPO to be placed on these trees as all agreed including the Tree Officer that the tree would die if construction work proceeded inappropriately.

Beechcroft Avenue - Due to the parking on the verge it was planned to install a low level bar style wood fence during the school holidays.

Double Yellow Lines Outside Berkeley School – Now completed

Evergreen Way leading to Acorn Bank Close – Some rough cutting back had occurred but it may have been done by a resident. The Clerk to speak to Charlie Griffies at ANSA to request a good cut back.

SID – This had been requested on Fuller Drive opposite Bramwell Close. Councillor Pochin had sourced one and it would be suitably sited.

Rope Bank Avenue – Councillor Pennance to check if potholes completed. There had been some piecemeal repair which Cllr Pochin and Margaret Simon would monitor.

25. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Trees on the perimeter of Berkeley School – previous incident had resulted in an agreement via the Chair of Governors. On this occasion, the Clerk to write to the Head Teacher (Ken Mitchell) and request a reduction in on all boundary trees on the school perimeter to an acceptable height. Councillor Flaherty would liaise with Chair and Clerk on wording.

26. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Pete Corbett provided a report.

Crime incidents for the period included an assault with injury. ASB included 5 incidents including a stolen laptop, disturbance on Lochleven Road, vehicle obstruction on Hanbury Close.

Mr Tom Unsworth, resident of Rope Bank Avenue was allowed to make comment at this point as he wished to bring the school parking problem at Berkeley School for discussion to the Council. Residents could not get out of gates, buses were having trouble getting through. Drivers of parked vehicles were also abusive if asked to move. He believed that although the zig zag lines had been put down, there



was no improvement and felt that these problems had been going on for a long time with no full solution. The School, CEC Wardens and Police had all been working to try and find a solution. The school was communicating with the parents via Newsletter, CEC wardens only had enforcement powers on double yellow lines and Police only had enforcement powers where obstruction was occurring. Many cars in fact were not officially illegally parked. Rope PC had no powers over any of the issues but had for several years attempted to liaise with all agencies to improve the situation.

Councillor Sarah Pochin felt that a new solution needed to be devised. Opportunity may arise in relation to potential building work occurring with the creation of 2 new classrooms at Berkeley School. Maybe a drop off zone or layby could be incorporated. Councillor Pochin stated here was also funding available for these common parking at school issues on a first come first served basis.

Councillor Margaret Simon mentioned the Safety Committee which may be the best vehicle to form a cross agency group to consider the solution not just for Berkeley School but all others in Cheshire East. There was an opportunity for a member of the public to be co-opted which Mr Unsworth may wish to consider.

PCSO Corbett suggested that the Police asked for the vehicle owners to park more considerately.

A Root and Branch Reform Initiative had been rolled out by Cheshire constabulary and parishes had been consulted. This would have no effect on Rope. However new IT could collate patrol times in the area. It was suggested that we may wish to see this information. The Clerk to ask Sergeant Darren Wilcox if this information is available.

There was potentially a drug related problem in Salander Crescent which had been brought to the attention of the relevant agencies.

27. PLANNING MATTERS:

Local Plan- There was a six month suspension of the process with the review drawing to a close. The proposed number of dwellings was to be increased by 24% which was a worsening of the 5 year supply situation. There was a potential for the Planning Inspector to request the process to begin again and there was some lack of consultation. The green gaps identified under CNBC will become strategic green gaps and be similarly protected

Berkeley School – This was to be included in the 5th August Meeting. Further comment to be made on behalf of Rope PC.

Rope Lane Nursery – The Chair asked if anyone was able to attend the meeting. There were concerns with regard to parking on the verge and also the speeding of HGV vehicles in the area. The speed restrictions on Gresty Lane were varied – 30 mph to 40mph and back to 30mph. Due to Gresty Road highways works, there was potential speeding and displacement of heavy traffic down Gresty Lane. Rope PC resolved to monitor the situation until post the completion of Gresty Road. Cllr Pochin would monitor the application.

Proposed Mobile Mast - There was an email from Chris Taylor of Mono Consultants requesting pre-application comment from Rope PC. After discussion it was decided that the Clerk to respond objecting to the present suggested location near New Life Church suggesting a revisit to Cold Storage Area.

28. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Wybunbury United Charities – The annual meeting had been attended and £147 received. This would be distributed via the normal book token system.

Ward Walk – this had taken place and was extremely useful.



Berkeley School Governors Meeting – Councillor Pennance had completed his term as governor of the school.

Shavington High School Governors Meeting– Councillor Pyra was finding his role useful.

29 CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence Received: Very little hard copy correspondence was now received. Any electronic correspondence had been passed on to the Chair who then cascaded the appropriate items to all members:

30. 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
£377.63	Aon Insurance

C. Audit Procedure

The Clerk presented the completed Annual Return 2014/15 for approval.

RESOLUTION: That Rope PC approved the Annual Return and the document was signed, dated and minute reference noted by the Chair and Clerk.