



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2020 AT SHAVINGTON ACADEMY

PRESENT:

Councillor Stefan Pyra – Chair
Councillor Ben Wye – Vice Chair
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Rob Hassall

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

1.. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Ben Wye

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

3. COUNCILLOR VACANCY:

Mr Rob Hassall was in attendance and introduced himself. After some discussion the following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION: That Rope PC co-opted Mr Rob Hassall onto the Council. Mr Hassall completed the Declaration of Acceptance in order for him to take part in the rest of the meeting. 'Register Of Interest Forms' and Code Of Conduct Information was provided to be completed and returned to the Clerk at the next meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th November 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

Re-siting of Rope Noticeboard in Berkeley Academy – the Clerk had sent an enquiry to ANSA with no response (FS142071348). A second enquiry had been sent with no response. The Clerk to investigate alternative arrangements. At present the board to stay as is.

Newsletter - It was agreed that an edition should be published in the Spring. Suggestions for items were: Speedwatch, New Head at Shavington, Precept Spend, Shavington Youth Club, request for street name plates and highway signs obscured and maintenance of weeds in gutter, don't park on pavement, trees, Rope PC Meetings – come and meet us. Councillor Wye had provided a draft article on flooding and asked whether councillors had a view on 'chip in to bus services'.

Rope Lane Nursery – the clerk had looked into the planning applications outstanding on this site in relation to the provision of the car park and also the export and import of soil. and it was felt that the Parish would like to have the support of the Cheshire East Ward Councillor to discuss with Planning.. Unfortunately, he had not attended since July despite regular communications. The Chairman to contact CEC Councillor Allen Gage.

WSLA an Shavington Sports Centre Request for Financial Assistance – The Clerk had informed both organizations that a further request for funding should be sent once the projects were underway. A thank you note had been received from WSLA.

Speedwatch – The Clerk had contacted PCSO Nigel Hobbs and put him in contact with Councillor Ben Wye who had arranged speedwatch session on the following dates: 28th Jan, 31st Jan, 3rd March, 19th March, 21st April and 24th April.

Planning Application 19/1517N – 16 Beechcroft Ave, Erection of boundary fence. This had gone to appeal and had been dismissed. The main issue being the effect of the proposed development on the character and appearance of the area.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Evergreen Way had still not been cleared and there was all sorts of building and gardening rubble potentially from an adjacent property. The footpath adjacent to the church was also very narrow. The clerk to take photos and report.

Boundary Signs – It had been reported by Facebook related sites that some of the Rope and Shavington Boundary signs had been graffitied. The Clerk to check them all and arrange cleaning.

7. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

CEC Councillor Allen Gage was unfortunately not in attendance.



8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

There was still a pothole problem in the Parish and it was felt that this should be referred to Councillor Allen Gage.

9. POLICING MATTERS:

Invitation to meet with Police & Crime Commissioner, 4th Feb, Crewe Police Station. Councillor Chris Flaherty planned to attend as a representative of Rope PC.

10. PLANNING MATTERS:

None

11. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

It was suggested that Councillor Rob Hassall may wish to attend the Wistaston Sport and Leisure Association meetings. if convenient... The Clerk to ask Councillor Margaret Simon to give him further information.

12. CLERK'S REPORT:

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

13. FINANCE

The Clerk provided a financial report showing spend and income to date and projected spend and income to financial year end. This would assist in any financial decision making and would be updated and provided at each meeting.

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

None

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£ 281.90 S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£ 70.47 HMRC
£ 78.00 Annual Fee Society of Local Clerks.

C. Consideration Of The Precept 20/21

The Clerk had returned the completed forms for the Precept Request for £6,609.00 to Cheshire East.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 16th March

Please note the following dates for future 2020 Rope PC Meetings:

Monday 16th March 2020

Monday 18th May 2020

Monday 13th July 2020

Monday 21st September 2020

Monday 16th November 2020