



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT NEW LIFEW COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.

PRESENT:

Councillor Stefan Pyra – Chair (SP)
Councillor Andy Pennance -Vice Chair (AP)
Councillor Ben Wye (BW)
Councillor Chris Flaherty (CF)
Councillor Rob Hassall (RH)

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk
Sergeant Martin Caldwell (part meeting).

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None received.

59. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Councillor Stefan Pyra in relation to Shavington Academy
Councillor Rob Hassall in relation to Berkely Academy and Shavington High School

60. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

61. MATTERS ARISING:

Councillor Dodd – The Clerk had sent an email to Councillor Dodd to check he was well after a procedure. The Chair would contact him by telephone to follow up.

Overgrown Hedges Rope Bank Ave/Laidon Ave – The hedge at 23 Rope Bank Avenue had been reported as overgrown and residents had now been served with a Hedge and Tree Order from Cheshire East.

The Chair had formulated a relevant letter relating to overgrown hedges in the area as advised by Cheshire East for future use.

In addition, a parishioner had complained that vehicles were parking at the top of Rope Bank Avenue on the same side as the overgrown hedge also noting that the double yellow lines were very faded. The Clerk had reported this to Highways.

It was remarked that the promised continuation of yellow zig zags outside Berkeley Academy had not been completed. Councillor RH to follow up with the school.

Stiles – The Clerk to provide co-ordinates to new PROW Officer at Cheshire East for follow up relating to installation of kissing gate.

CEC Permissions ref Queen's Jubilee trees/benches etc on Borough owned land or verges including the area on Salander Crescent/Rope Bank Avenue. Clerk to pass on contact details to Chair to pass on to resident regarding potential verge use. The siting of a bench in the Parish was discussed and the bus stop on Fuller Drive was considered as a potential site.

Contact With Organisations in the Parish regarding Financial Support – St Mary's, Wistaston had sent a thank you letter relating to Rope PC donation in July. A request had been received from Wistaston Memorial Hall which would be included in Finance Section 71A.

Facebook – The Facebook page now had a few relevant postings. Important that all actions of the Parish be headlined on this media outlet to heighten profile. The Clerk to provide the Newsletter list and some draft articles formulated for the newsletter to Cllr RH once these articles had been checked with the author that they were still relevant.

Dropped Kerbs in Oakhurst Drive – the Clerk to chase up email to Planning checking on permissions.

Dunham Crescent/Oaktree Walk – low wooden rail reported, and repair completed.

Potholes Rope Bank Avenue. Reported and confirmed completed. The Chair will view area and report back if repairs are evident. In the complaint to Highways the Clerk had requested resurfacing of area rather than ad hoc patching.



Evergreen Walk footpath to Acorn Bank Close/Pathways behind New Life Church – these were again overgrown. The Evergreen Walk footpath had been reported and cut back. The path at the back of New Life Church had been inspected and reported (smaller paths over brook to Kimble Close and Crofters Close were highlighted as extremely bad. The Clerk had also informed Shavington PC Clerk as pathways straddles both parishes.

62. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

63. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Councillor not in attendance. The Chair will speak with Councillor Janet Clowes again regarding non-attendance and lack of contact.

64. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

The Vice-Chair mentioned the concept of reducing the open space mowing to include some wildflower areas. The Clerk to contact ANSA to see if this was possible

65. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

No new issues.

66. POLICING MATTERS:

Sergeant Martin Caldwell kindly attended the meeting out of duty hours which was much appreciated. Issues in the Parish were discussed:

Inconsiderate Parking at Berkeley Academy and Shavington Academy. This was a continuing problem. Police so not have enforcement powers on double yellow lines yellow lines but do have enforcement powers for obstruction. Police had attended at school start and finish times and advisory notices were given out and posters used. It was hope that this had improved the situation by continued Police presence when possible. Councillor RH confirmed as a School Governor that the school continually enforced the necessity for considerate parking. Councillor CF requested that we could also use these posters. Sergeant MC to provide.

It was noted that congestion in the Shavington Academy car parks meant that more vehicles were pavement parking on Rope Lane. Unfortunately increasing double yellow lines near the schools migrates the parking problem to the next area. The Clerk to contact CEC to ask for Community Warden presence. Councillor RH to create posts to inform public Police are about as a deterrent for inconsiderate/illegal parking and speeding.

Oakhurst Drive/Edgewood Drive – issues with parking on road though not illegal was causing problems with visibility.

Speeding – Speedwatch carried out by PCSO's on Rope Lane and Gresty Lane. Councillor CF had been approached to see if 30 mph could be reduced to 20 mph. The Clerk to ascertain the procedure for this.

ASB – The Clerk had reported incidents to PCSO regarding drug use and asb witnessed by Councillors. This was a widespread problem with the use of cannabis becoming common. Councillors to continue to report any incidents of this in the Parish for Police attention..

Police Social Media – Sergeant Caldwell asked if we were happy with the grouping of parishes in the Police FB pages. Councillors confirmed there were not problems. Councillors requested that reminder posts for Police surgeries were used near to surgery times.

Sergeant Caldwell did state that if there was a series of incidents within the Parish then Police would be happy to attend further meetings. The Chair thanked him for attending out of duty hours and being so approachable.

67. PLANNING MATTERS:

Mr Fox had contacted the Chair in relation to 41 Rope Lane and the lack of comment from the Parish Council. The Chair confirmed that Rope PC had no concerns about the intentions of the new home-owners to use the site for redevelopment.

68. GOVERNANCE REVIEW:



The Clerk had previously circulated the information. The Chair to provide wording for response to consultation

69. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

The Clerk had attended a Willaston Parish Council Meeting providing clerical services due to the Clerk's being unavoidably unavailable. One point picked up from the meeting was the local Police Cluster Meetings chaired by Willaston Councillor Colin Todd. The Clerk had requested more information and Councillor CF was happy to be the contact for these meetings.

70. CLERK'S REPORT:

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

71. FINANCE:

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

1. Wistaston Memorial Hall had requested financial support towards an internet connection for users of the facility.

B. PAYMENTS

Section 137 Payments:

Resolved that a donation of £200 be donated to Wistaston Memorial Hall.

General Payments:

S Togay Clerk's Salary £331.62

** (includes additional hrs for Willaston PC recharged.
(£291.62+£40.00))

HMRC (£72.90+£10)

£ 82.90

Room Hire NLCC

£ 36.00

** A cheque was received from Willaston PC for £50 for clerical services by the Clerk. These hours were added to the Clerks Salary and appropriate tax paid

72. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor BW was attending his first meeting of WSLA this week and asked Councillors to clarify the sort of items that could be considered for financial support and would report back on relevance of Rope Representation at meetings.

Berkeley Academy now had an appropriate space for external meetings. As this was in Rope, the Clerk to contact the school to ascertain the cost and availability.

73. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 15th November, 2021 – New Life Community.