



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
21ST JANUARY 2013 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Robert Dodd - Vice Chair
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Counci Simon Bowkett
Councillor Maurice Simon
Sue Togay– Clerk

In Attendance:

Pcso'S Michelle Minton, TraceyBurndred

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Marjorie Dodd

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

General - None

Dispensation For Setting The Precept

In order to be compliant with the new Code Of Conduct, it is necessary to request the necessary Dispensation for setting the precept. In order to grant Dispensations, in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, to those Members Of The Parish Council who have made written requests in the prescribed form the resolution was:.

The Clerk reported that all Members of the Parish Council (with the exception of Councillor Marjorie Dodd currently absent) had, in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, made written requests in the prescribed form requesting the necessary Dispensation to take part in the debate and vote on the Parish Precept. The exemption would last 4 years from the date of this meeting

RESOLVED: That all Members be granted the Dispensation as requested.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th November 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Rope Lane Nursery: This issue was still dragging on. The banners had now been removed from the railings. Maria Cross of CE had been awaiting information from The Environmental Agency and this had now been received but showed no concerns. Therefore it is unlikely that there will be any enforcement action. Highways had been informed of blocking of the gulleys and this would seem to have been actioned as the situation had improved. After considerable discussion the Clerk was to compose a letter and address to Edward Timpson MP in order to try and gain satisfactory resolution.

24 Bankfield Avenue – the owner of the offending vehicle which was driving over the pavement to gain access to his land and depositing vast amounts of mud on the pavement had received a letter from Highways informing him that if the practise continued, Highways would remove and bill him direct for costs.

Sleeper forming bridge over brook Evergreen Way – the Environmental Agency had stated that this was not in their ownership. The Clerk to ascertain any responsibility by CE.

Overhanging Trees at Beechcroft Ave (Mr Gillot) – This had been discussed at The Governors' Meeting and Mr Gillot had been asked to pay for the tree work. No decision yet made.

Planning App 11/4549N Rope Lane – this had been under appeal and had now been approved.

Berkeley School – this had recently had an Ofsted Inspection and the school had received a 'good' across the board which was an improvement from 'satisfactory previously'. A well done to the staff of the school.



5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Chair Reported on the latest information with regard to the Local Development Framework (LDF). There is now an opportunity to respond to the next stage of the LDF which is the Development Strategy. After some discussion the Chair to supply comments on behalf of Rope PC.

Cold Weather Resilience Kit – The Clerk had received the offer of a kit which it would be agreed she would obtain. The Clerk also to ascertain if it was possible to obtain a grit bin.

Berkeley School Speed Warning Lights – these were still not working. Cllr Silvester had followed up. Clerk to ascertain latest position.

6. POLICE MATTERS:

There had been 8 incidents in the parish, mostly asb including a fight on Nantwich Road and Whirlow Road and speeding on Fuller Drive.

There was still parking near Berkeley Primary School with vehicles parking opposite the zig zags but not near a junction so they were not breaking any laws. Further requested extension of the lines may not be programmed in for another 2 years. The school regularly mentioned the problem in its newsletter asking for consideration

With regard to the request for further extension of enforcement powers for the PCSO's. This could take some time.

Speeding continued to be a problem with the Chair suggesting that if the SID was of some use that it may be useful to procure one. However, the PCSO's do not have access to a vehicle.

There was a general increase in shed break-ins in Crewe in general which were targeting expensive bikes. There were some Police initiatives to address these.

7. PLANNING ISSUES:

None

8. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

None

9 CLERKS REPORT:

New Code Of Conduct – The completed 'General Notice Of Registerable Interests forms had now been on the whole completed and returned in order to supply them to Chalc who were co-ordinating them for Cheshire East Monitoring Officer.

Membership of ChALC– As ChALC had been integral to some of the more complex issues that were now dealt with by the parish, the Chair asked members to consider whether it was appropriate for Rope PC to join ChALC.

RESOLUTION: After some discussion it was decided that at present Rope PC would not join ChALC.

General Correspondence Received:

X2 Cheshire East Correspondence ref Precept Request

Invitation to Annual Civic Service St Mary's Church

Copy Of Fieldwork

Copy of CE Local Plan, Development Strategy and Policy Consultations.

Thank You letter from St Mary's Church ref donation.

10. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

A request for contribution to Wistaston Memorial for replacement of stage curtains

B Payments

Section 137 Payments:

RESOLVED: That a contribution of £300 be given to Wistaston Memorial Hall



General Payments:

£313.06 Clerk's Salary
££114.00 JDH for Internal Audit
£63.00 Membership of Soc For Local Council Clerks

C Precept for 13/14

Before discussions took place it was decided that as Cheshire East Precept Request deadlines were so near to the January Meetings of the Parish Council that the discussions for the Precept for the coming year should be held at the November Meeting. Councillors considered the Financial Projection supplied by the Clerk. An amendment was made to the Clerk Salary Figure for 2010 which should have been £1240.08 not 240.08. The total for this column however was correct. The Chair had also presented an Expenditure and Income Report. After discussion the following resolution was made:

RESOLVED: That the precept request to Cheshire East Council is £11,730.00