



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT SHAVINGTON ACADEMY**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Bob Squirrell – Chairman  
Councillor Stefan Pyra – Vice Chairman  
Councillor Chris Flaherty  
Councillor Andy Pennance  
Councillor Ben Wye  
Councillor Brian Silvester

**In Attendance:**

Sue Togay – Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor Margaret Simon, CEC Councillor Sarah Pochin.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Ben Wye ref items to do with Berkeley Academy.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman but with the following amendments:

Item 70. The amount of £4,0000 has too many 0's and should be amended to £4,000.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Dog Fouling** - The Dog Warden had been unable to attend the Ward Walk and the Chair was chasing up as the dog fouling seemed to be getting worse in the parish. Request Councillor Pochin to ascertain if Keith Davies is still the appropriate officer.

**Bollards in Verge On Rope Lane.** – These were still in place and there were now also some placed in the verge at 3 Rope Bank. Request Councillor Pochin to contact Highways ref these.

**Rope Bank Avenue At the Junction With Bankfield Avenue** – This area had now been patched and unfortunately had caused a hump. Councillor Pochin to follow up.

**Ref Minute 66 - Ref the 5 year housing supply:** Councillor Silvester asked what was the latest position on this. The Chair explained that this was a variable situation and that it should be monitored but was well over the 5 years at present.

**Ref Minute 69: Ref New Action Plan for Crewe:** Councillor Silvester asked about the HS2 meetings that the Chair had attended and given feedback on at the November meeting. The Chair reiterated that there was no environmental impact on the Parish and at the meeting in relation to The Station Development. The target area had been concentrated very much to the area immediately around the station again showing no direct impact on Rope.

**Ref Item 72C – Ref The Precept.** Councillor Silvester enquired if there was in fact an increase in the Precept. It was confirmed that this was not the case.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

**Walkways** – Work had now been done on the walkways but on Evergreen Way there was a tree that had not been removed and another one that looked instable. Request Councillor Pochin to follow up to see if ANSA were to return and complete works and check tree.

**Berkeley Academy** - Councillor Pyra had had a complaint from the residents next to Berkeley Academy. in relation to the designated 'football area'. There was high flood lighting which was not expected, and the children played football at lunchtime and break often kicked the ball over the fence. The residents had written to the school with no response. Refer to Councillor Pochin and in addition The Chair and Clerk to send a letter to the school from the Parish.

Councillor Flaherty mentioned that there was litter on the field. It was also mentioned that the Rope PC Notice Board was hard to access and see now that the palisade fence was erected. It was suggested that this could be re-sited. The Clerk to look at removal and potential new sites for the Board.

**Rope Lane Bridge** – a large pothole was apparent on the bridge

**6. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Pochin had sent her apologies.



**7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Covered under other categories.

**8. POLICING MATTERS**

PCSO Vicky Moulton had provided a beat report. Councillor Wye asked if there was a Police attendance at meetings. Under the new arrangement where we do not pay for our PCSO it was unlikely. The Clerk does however provide Agendas and Minutes to PCSO Moulton and she was always available to contact.

Councillor Flaherty mentioned that there were groups of youths who unfortunately had no lights on their bikes.

**9. PLANNING MATTERS:**

The Chair reported that there were no concerns in relation to the 'New Action Plan For Crewe' or local issues

**10. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:**

None.

**11. CLERK'S REPORT:**

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

- A thank you letter had been received from St Mary's in relation to the donation we had made in November.
- An invitation had been received for the Annual Civic Service of Wistaston PC on 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- Cheshire East BC had offered to provide a copy of the Electoral Register for the Parish. This was to be picked up by the Clerk.
- The Clerk had received an invitation to The Town & Parish Election Briefings. The Clerk to attend on 18<sup>th</sup> February to pick up briefing packs for Councillors. She would advise of their receipt and provide at the next meeting.

**12. FINANCE**

**A. Requests for Financial Assistance:**

None.

**B. Section 137 Payments:**

None.

**General Payments:**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be made:

£272.80	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£ 68.20	HMRC
£ 76.00	Society Of Local Council Clerks.

**13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019.