



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
21ST MARCH 2011 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

CEC Councillor Margaret Simon, PCSO Peter Corbett

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

CEC Councillor Brian Silvester.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

13. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th January, 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the amendments that Councillor Maurice Simon had in fact been in attendance and ref 10c) the percentage increase was in fact 4.8% not 3.5%.

14. MATTERS ARISING:

Rebranding Of Noticeboard – The boards' rebranding had now been completed.

Green Gap Policy – The Chair had responded to the consultation request received from Cheshire East.

Daffodil Bulbs: – These had been delivered to Shavington High School and Councillor Robert Dodd for planting and had been included in the Shavington High School Website news. However, Cheshire East had mowed the areas and destroyed the planting. The Clerk to check that this does not happen in the future by flagging up with Streetscape.

Rope Lane Nursery – All the issues mentioned had now been reported to Cheshire East Environmental Health, Planning and Highways Departments and feedback was being awaited. It was suggested that British Transport Police were informed of the proximity of the pallets to the railway line.

Newsletter – The Spring edition is now in draft form. Cllr AP wished to ascertain if Berkeley High School had any articles to be included and would supply copy in time for print. If space were available, then dog fouling, the success of the interactive sessions also be included. The Chair to approve final draft and then to be sent to print prior to Census and Elections for distribution.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Rope Lane Bridge – there is now a tree growing out of this. Clerk to ascertain responsibility and alert.

Street Name Plates on Rope Lane Bridge – The Clerk to inspect and inform Cheshire East of requirements.

Give Way Sign near medical centre – Clerk to inspect and report to Highways.

New Cheshire East Recycling Scheme - Councillor Simon Bowkett asked if there was any change to collection dates. The Clerk informed Council to look out for information being distributed by CE Council in the near future

16. POLICE MATTERS -

PCSO Peter Corbett gave a report on any ASB or crime that had occurred in the parish.

The 'Let's Walk Road Safety Awareness Training' was now being delivered by the PCSO's and had been presented to over 100 children at Berkeley Primary School. Other initiatives carried out were in relation to travel safety and included advice on cycling by patrols during peak travel times and also the attendance of officers on school buses to address asb issues.



The Neighbourhood Action Meeting was to take place tomorrow and continued to be successful. The Gresty Green Homewatch had flagged up the problem of individuals entering private gardens and officers were addressing this issue in the neighbouring area.

Interactive Sessions at Shavington Sports Centre had been excellent and were considered a great success as some users that had been on youth offending schemes were now showing improved behaviour. Approximately 15 young people had attended each session and a total of 365 had attended the free sessions.

The Spar Shop in Rope Lane had some money for community initiatives. If Councillors had any ideas for this, please contact PCSO PC directly.

The Chair mentioned the mention of violent crimes in Rope that had shown in the statistics on The Police Website but the PCSO was unable to make comment.

Councillor Andy Pennance mentioned a problem with fly tipped bags on Evergreen Way near Acorn Bank and Councillor Chris Flaherty mentioned a vehicle on Oakhurst Drive which may cause an accident. Clerk and PCSO to look into these matters.

17. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chair had attended the Town & Parish Council Conference where the Local Development Framework was on the agenda. Willaston PC continued to be very pro-active with regard to the Green Gap Policy and had attended or written to many local councils to ask for support.

18. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

The Town and Parish Council Conference had been attended by the Chair and during a Q & A Session The Green Gap Policy was mentioned but was considered too big a topic to be fully debated at the meeting. The Chair took the opportunity to speak to Adrian Fisher, Head of Planning. The first round of consultation on this matter would be followed by further consultation later in the year.

Berkeley School Governors Meeting – Councillor AP informed Council of the school's intention to consider changing the end of school times so that Key Stage 1 and 2 children finished at the same time to assist congestion caused by long periods of vehicle waiting by parents with children with varied finishing times.

Cllr Margaret Simon mentioned the proposed crossing point that had been part of the Laidon Avenue Development 106 agreement instead of traffic calming measures that had been originally requested. This project would now be chased up as it had come to the top of the priority list and agreement now had to be obtained with the developers as well as budget allocation sought.

Election Briefing Meeting – The Clerk had attended a briefing meeting with regard to the forthcoming elections on May 5th. Nomination papers were handed out to all Councillors for completion and needed to be returned to The Chair's address by 1st April for the Clerk to hand in to Electoral Staff at Westfields in good time for the closing date. The Electoral Roll had been received electronically by the Clerk and passed on to the Chair.

19. CLERKS REPORT:

Correspondence Received:

A list of correspondence received was circulated and the communications made available:

Cheshire East

None

Cheshire Police Authority:

Priorities Consultation Results plus information of Police Budget

Other:

The Playing Field



Greenspaces South Cheshire – Community Interest Co (CIC) intro letter ref improvement of greenspaces
Cheshire Community Action – Annual Review and Feb Newsletter

WFS Telecom Ltd – Pre-application consultation with Local Community ref Telecommunications base station on
Crewe Road.

Copy letter from Shavington PC in relation to Mrs Bailey's complaint ref horse dropping on Rope Lane Bridge

20. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

None

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

£310.02	Clerk's Salary
£175.57	Zero Signs for noticeboard rebranding
£195.00	Annual Clerk's expenses
£91.00	Cowdall's Printers for Newsletter

C. Annual Consideration of Clerk's Salary

Councillors considered the Clerk's Salary and asked that the Chair ascertain some comparative information from neighbouring parishes before a decision could be made.

Changes To Ward Representation

Cheshire East Councillor Margaret Simon informed the Council that due to her selection to represent the Wistaston Ward in the forthcoming elections, she would no longer be representing the Rope Ward and this would be sadly her last meeting. The Councillors of Rope Parish Council would like to give great thanks for the dedication and concern she has given to the Parish for some considerable time and wishes her well in both the elections and her new ward.