



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

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

PC Daniel Sambrook

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Marjorie Dodd, Cllr Andy Pennance, Ward Councillor Brian Silvester

53. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Councillor Bob Squirrell ref the request from St Mary's church for a donation
Councillor Robert Dodd ref the request from Wistaston Memorial Hall for a donation and a planning application recently received with regard to the Nursery based at Rope Green Farm.

54. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th September, 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55. MATTERS ARISING:

Dog fouling Bins – Streetscape Officers had been requested to inspect the bins. Further discussions took place ref of the problem area on Fuller Drive and the Clerk would inform the Dog Wardens of further details.

Rope Lane Nursery – In progress

Planted Area, Acorn Bank Close – The Clerk had ascertained that this area was not maintained by CE and Cllr Bowkett agreed to ascertain the ownership by Land Registry.

Wybunbury Charity – Further funds had been received and 2 applications for £40 were now received and being processed.

56. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Berkeley School – A proposal for extended double yellow lines in the vicinity of the school was in process with the consultation period now at an end

Discussions took place in relation to Highways Projects in the parish. The Clerk was to research a recent list of Highways projects in the area.

Manhole Cover – Eastern Road/Rope Lane Junction. The Clerk to inspect that all had been made safe.

Crash Barrier, Rope Lane Bridge and Safety Rail near Shavington School, Rope Lane – The Clerk to chase these matters up with Highways.

Street Lighting Column, Oak Tree Walk – Clerk to report that it was not always lit.

Gresty Lane – There had been the consideration of applying a weight limit by Shavington PC. The Clerk to contact Shavington Clerk to offer the support of Rope PC.

Cheshire East Website – The Chair had been monitoring the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) for any major amendments in the Rope area. After some discussion it was decided that a further Rope Newsletter would be delayed until the final draft of the SHLAA was in place.

57. POLICE MATTERS -

PC Daniel Sambrook gave a report on any ASB or crime that had occurred in the parish.

There had been no incidences of ASB this month with just 2 incidents at the school and 2 burglaries.

The stone throwing incident at both Rope Lane and Fuller Drive mentioned at the previous meeting had not been linked.



The parking problem at Berkeley School continued to be addressed with a meeting with the Head Teacher. Agreement to move the times of pick up for both Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils to coincide was now in place in an attempt to condense the period of pick-up time and a number of notices had been included in the school newsletter. The Police had also taken certain actions over a 2 week period when officers had spoken to all parents picking up and dropping off and door to door letters being delivered. The second week had involved the issuing of tickets. However, on monitoring the situation a few days later, the problem was still the same.

There was a proposal for additional double yellow line marking in the vicinity of the school.

Discussions took place as to how other schools in a similar situation had addressed the problem. Some schools had employed a security company at key times.

PC Sambrook had received complaints regarding the Rope Lane/Crewe Road Lights and several fines had been issued.

The PCSO's still continued to be in attendance at the Interactive sessions.

58. PLANNING MATTERS

Rope Green Farm – a planning application had been received ref further adaptations to farm buildings. Rope PC had no objection to the application.

The Clerk now received the planning applications electronically and could cascade them to all councillors.

59. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Neighbourhood Action Meeting – Had not been well attended and the usual issues of parking and speeding were raised.

Shavington School Prize Giving – this had been a very successful evening and the school seemed to be 'on the up'.

60. CLERKS REPORT:

Correspondence Received:

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

Cheshire East

Member Satisfaction Survey ref Highways
Polling District, Polling Places and Polling Station Review
Information on Ringway Jacobs

Planning Applications:

CE11/30009N – Beechcroft Ave – Single Storey Ext to rear

Cheshire Police Authority:

None

Other:

Cheshire Community Action – AGM Invitation
CPRE – copy of Cheshire Viewpoint
Chalc – Ref Superfast Broadband
Chalc – Ref CE LDf – Planning our Rural Communities
CPRE – copy Of Fieldwork
CPRE – copy of Countryside Choice
Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – copy of Newsletter 'Engage'.

61. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

1. A request was received from St Mary's Church requesting a donation for a contribution towards the upkeep of the graveyard.



2. A request was received from Wistaston Memorial Hall requesting a donation for a contribution towards carpeting in one of the side rooms.

B Payments

Section 137 Payments:

RESOLVED: That Rope PC donate £250 to St Mary's Church towards upkeep of the graveyard

RESOLVED: That Rope PC donate £300 to Wistaston Memorial Hall towards replacement of damaged carpets

General Payments:

£310.02 Clerk's Salary

£3,933.33. 2nd payment to Shavington PC for PCSO

DATES OF 2012 MEETINGS:

Monday 16th January

Monday 19th March

Monday 21st May

Monday 9th July

Monday 17th September

Monday 19th November