



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22ND MAY 2017
AT SHAVINGTON ACADEMY**

PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Stefan Pyra -Vice Chairman
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Brian Silvester

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk, Part Meeting – PC Ollie Cross

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Margaret Simon, Councillor Maurice Simon, CEC Councillor Sarah Pochin.

28. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

29. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30. MATTERS ARISING:

None.

31. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None

32. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

There were no outstanding items to report. Councillor Pochin requested that any concerns are reported to her.

33. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

There had been complaints with regard to the now installed phone mast. Discussions took place as to whether any tree cover could improve the appearance.

34. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) – Further discussions took place on the proposal for the Parish to purchase a SID. The Chair would obtain more information so that a decision could be made at a future meeting.

Signage at Traffic Lights – This would be rereported.

Rope Bank Avenue – the potholes in the vicinity of this area were still bad.

Bridge over Brook on Gresty Lane – foliage is obscuring any hazard signage.

35 POLICING MATTERS:

PC Ollie Cross called in to the meeting to ascertain if there were any issues. He reported that there were no asb or crime patterns emerging and that there was no progress on the potential drug problem near the New Life Church.. Councillors to email him if there were any concerns.

Meeting with Shavington PC ref PCSO Provision – The Chair and Vice Chair had attended a joint meeting and it was felt that Shavington Council had come to a similar conclusion as Rope PC that fully funding a PCSO would be very expensive and that we should consult with our residents. It was decided that both parishes would produce a one item newsletter in the Autumn to obtain feedback and promote further discussion.

Discussion took place as to whether the agreement would be flexible in its terms. Councillors would like to see a copy basic agreement at the earliest opportunity. Councillor Silvester enquired whether we had any up to date figures regarding patrol attendance in the parish. The Chair stated that latest figures held were for four months ago.

36. PLANNING MATTERS:

Rope Garden Nursery – The Clerk had chased up any progress on planning applications and had been informed that there would be no further progress during the Summer months as it was the busy season for the Nursery.

37. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Wistaston Memorial – The Chair gave an update as the church architects were looking at the structure. Therefore the situation was ongoing and further updates would be forthcoming..

Willaston Civic Service – The Chair had attended on behalf of Rope PC..

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Wybunbury United Charities – The Chair had attended and a cheque for £154.57 received for distribution.

38. CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence - All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors electronically. A letter had in addition been received from Sandbach Town Council in relation to the proposed closure of Household Recycling Centre in Arclid. Rope PC felt that this not relevant to our area and no comment to be made.

Rope PC Risk Assessment – The Clerk had circulated an updated version of the Parish Risk Assessment at the March Meeting in order to for Councillors to review its appropriateness. Please let it be noted that Rope Parish Councillors resolved at that meeting to accept the revised Risk Assessment.

Pension Regulator – in line with new legislation the Parish had to offer its employees the opportunity to take part in a pension scheme. The Council's staging date was 1st July and appropriate actions had been taken to be compliant.

39. FINANCE

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

No requests had been received.

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

No payments made.

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£268.17	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£32.07	HMRC for March 2017
£67.04	HMRC
£67.00	SLCC
£399.00	Aon UK Ltd Insurance
£10.00	Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association annual fee

C. Audit 2016/2017

The paperwork for the Audit was being prepared. The Clerk had provided the figures from the Annual Return, the bank reconciliation and a summary account for information prior to the meeting. The Clerk requested that Councillors approved the figures for the Annual Return 2016/2017 and requests the Chair sign it on behalf of Rope PC.

RESOLVED: that Rope PC approve the Annual Return and the Chair sign it on behalf of the Council.