



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
23RD MAY 2016 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE**

PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Stefan Pyra -Vice Chairman
Councillor Margaret Simon
Councillor Brian Silvester

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk, CEC Ward Councillor Sarah Pochin, CEC Ward Councillor Steve Edgar, Mr John Fox – member of the public

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Maurice Simon, Councillor Andy Pennance, Councillor Chris Flaherty, PCSO Peter Corbett

28 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

29. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st March 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30. MATTERS ARISING:

None that are not included in the main body of the minutes

31. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Mr John Fox brought up several issues for consideration as follows:

Bus Services in the Parish – This issue had been brought up at the March meeting and Mr Fox had been in touch with D & G. He still found the information on the various bus service providers confusing as he did not use computers. Councillor Pochin offered to contact him and assist in providing information.

Parish Noticeboard – Mr Fox asked again about the provision of additional noticeboard. Rope PC had no plans for further noticeboards but his comments ere noted.

Traffic Island outside Shavington Academy– the bollards are still damaged. Councillor Pochin to report to Highways.

Bankfield Avenue – Mr Fox stated that there was some markings in the road surface in this area indicating work to be done but he felt it was piecemeal. Councillor Pochin explained that there was considerable work being done in the area including pavements..

32. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Councillor Pochin provided a report as follows:

Pavement work – this was to be carried out in Bridge Close and Bankfield Ave by CEC

Berkeley School Car Park - The details had now been agreed with CEC and should alleviate the problem. 70K had been supplied for Phase 1 with the school then proposing a second phase to multi surface the play area. 106 agreements would state that the area must be available during certain hours. This now has to go to the formal stages but it is felt that this is a huge achievement.

Rope Lane Nursery – Councillor Pochin gave an up to date précis to the situation which had been continuing for several years. Rope PC resolved that they fully agreed to Councillor Pochin pursuing the matter to give a final solution. It was suggested in the first instance that a site visit be organised and would liaise with the Chair on this matter.



Dog Fouling – CEC had a present purge on dog fouling pan Cheshire East. The Chair to liaise with the Community Wardens to obtain the appropriate poster

Ward Walk – Councillor Pochin requested a ward walk as she found them extremely beneficial.

Bin Stickers – Councillor Pyra commented that he felt that this exercise had been extremely beneficial and would like to thank Councillor Pochin for her hard work towards the initiative.

33. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Rope Bank Avenue Corner Hedge – Councillor Margaret Simon had formally complained to Cheshire East. In order to see progress Councillors to follow up again with the support of Councillor Pochin. In addition further overgrown hedges had been seen in Bridge Close and Bankfield Avenue. The Chair and Councillor Pochin to inspect during the ward walk.

34. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

SID – a report had been circulated ref SID results. The results indicated that the SID needed moving to a more effective place.

35. POLICING MATTERS:

PCSO Peter Corbett apologized for the lack of Police presence but had provided a report. He had also visited the Chair in order to explain the delay in using the new enforcement speed camera due to formal procedures being put in place on Rope Lane but hoped it would be used in the next few week.

The report included the following :

Crime – 2 incidents of theft from Rope Lane Nursery.

ASB – These included problems with pupils and parents at Berkeley School walking across a resident's garden plus a male urinating in public near Shavington Academy.

Councillor Silvester asked if there was any further progress on the amount of PCSO presence in the Parish. It was suggested that Chief Inspector Lee be contacted.

36. PLANNING MATTERS:

All relevant matters had been mentioned in the Chair's Report for 2015/2016.

Postcode Change – Councillor Silvester had noted that Wistaston had gone through the process of formally having Wistaston on all residence addresses in the parish. He suggested that Rope consider a similar exercise. After discussion it was decided that there was no public appetite for this change at the moment but that it may be a topic to create feedback in a future parish newsletter.

37. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

None

38. CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors electronically... All other items were included in the main body of the agenda.

A letter from Edward Timpson MP had been received offering Member's Tours of the Houses of Parliament. The Clerk to scan in and send to Councillors.



39 FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

Wistaston Memorial Hall had requested financial assistance towards the refurbishment of the kitchen area.

B Payments

Section 137 Payments:

RESOLVED: that a grant of £400 donated to Wistaston Memorial Hall

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£262.86 S Togay – Clerk's Salary

£ 65.71 HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary

£380.40 Reimbursement to Chair for laptop and scanner/printer

The website License fee had recently been paid by the Chair and amounted to 71.80 dollars. The Chair to supply the Stirling amount and a cheque to be issued in accordance with this figure.

C. Audit Procedure

The Clerk had provided Councillors with copies of the Bank Reconciliation, Summary Of Accounts and figures relating to the Annual Return 31 March 2016. She requested that Rope PC approve the Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016 and Accounting Statements 2015/2016.

RESOLUTION:

That Rope PC approve Sections 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016 and it be signed and dated by the Chair and Clerk on its behalf.

That Rope PC approve Sections 2 – Accounting Statements 2015/2016 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016 and it be signed and dated by the Chair and Clerk on its behalf.