



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2019 AT SHAVINGTON ACADEMY

PRESENT:

Councillor Bob Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Stefan Pyra – Vice Chairman
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Margaret Simon
Councillor Ben Wye
Councillor Brian Silvester

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk, CEC Councillor Sarah Pochin

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Chris Flaherty

15. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Councillor Bob Squirrell ref St Mary's and Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association.

Councillor Margaret Simon ref Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association.

16. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st January 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17. MATTERS ARISING:

Ref Item 5: Floodlighting and Complaint of Football Activity To Adjacent Residence at Berkeley Academy - At the last meeting Councillors had agreed to contact the school in response to a complaint from a resident. The Chair had investigated and found permission for the floodlighting had been given and felt therefore a letter to the school would give no solution as there had been an opportunity for objection at the time of application. It was also believed that a school would not have to have permission to allow play on the car park area. It had previously been part of the school field. Councillor Pochin had also had a complaint from a resident with a schedule of times which she would pass on for further consideration.

Hump On Rope Bank Avenue/Bankfield Ave: This had deteriorated even further and could result in a burst water main. Councillor Pochin to follow up with Highways.

Councillor Ben Wye reported that the Highways work on Rope Bank Avenue had been completed with the addition of white lines which he had requested. A thank you to Highways on that problem.

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

None

19. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Pochin informed Councillors that she would not be standing at the forthcoming election in May for Wistaston Rope Ward at forthcoming elections as there was a vacancy in her home ward. She thanked Councillors and stated it was a pleasure to have worked alongside them.

She reported on the following items in the Parish:

She had had some support from the resident of Rope Hall with regard to the problem traffic lights on Rope Bridge which were now solved. She also reported that a Highways Officer had stated that they were upgrading pedestrian facilities in that area in the new financial year.

The resident of 20 Laidon Avenue complained about the noise from Berkeley Academy as mentioned in Matters Arising.

New Homes Bonus grants had now been awarded and unfortunately none of the Rope Schemes had been successful. It was felt that some of the criteria should have been further clarified. In the area, Wistaston Allotment Society had been granted an amount for rigid fencing. The next trench of Monies was now available for application.

The Council thanked Councillor Pochin for all her hard work in the Parish and wished her well.

20. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Councillor Pochin will chase up the hump on Rope Bank Ave/Bankfield Ave Junction.



21. POLICING MATTERS

PCSO Vicky Moulton had provided a Beat Report which had been circulated. Councillor Ben Wye informed Councillors that he had now completed his Speed Watch training using the Shavington Speed gun which was also available to Rope in return for carrying out sessions in Shavington Parish

22. PLANNING MATTERS:

Strategic Issues: The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has now been introduced which take affect on 1st March 2019. The Chair had provided information and discussions took place as to whether the Parish wished to take advantage of CIL monies available to the Parish. The item to be deferred for decision to a future meeting and information to be supplied by the Clerk

Local Issues:

18/1250N Land to rear of Oak Leaf Close. The Chair pointed out that this will be interesting as a test to the strategic green gap.

19/1043N: Berkeley Academy. This application related to the staff car park and it was felt that there were subtle changes to the original which did not deem any objection.

19/0931 Outline Application for new detached dwelling on garden area, 23 Laidon Avenue.

Discussions took place on the plans and details from the application. It was noted that there was no Officer Advice. The Council felt there was no need to object unless any complaints were received from residents.

23. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

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

Town & Parish Council Conference – the Chair had been unable to attend the rescheduled meeting but had received briefing notes on the conference. One item which had been brought up was the Community Governance Review which could affect Rope.

24. CLERK'S REPORT:

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

Elections 2nd May 2019:

The Chair confirmed that he was now moving out of the Parish and felt it was only right to allow a resident of Rope to stand for Council. He was hoping to serve his new Parish of Wistaston. The thanks of all Councillors and The Clerk was expressed for all the hard work he had done over the years and wished him all the best for his future endeavours. A job well done.

The Clerk requested all nomination forms that Councillors wished to be delivered by her to the Elections Office for checking be provided and Electoral Role details be appropriately inserted.

Rope Parish Council Risk Assessment – a copy of the present Risk Assessment had been circulated for consideration:

RESOLUTION: The Rope PC Risk Assessment was accepted as still appropriate for the coming financial year.

25. FINANCE

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

1. A request had been received from Wistaston Memorial Hall for a donation towards replacing some notice boards.
2. A request had been received from Wistaston Sport & Leisure Association towards a cabinet to house a defibrillator.
3. The Chair advised that Wistaston War Memorial Project was underway and asked Councillors to consider donating the earmarked £2,000 within this financial year.

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

1. Resolved: That a donation of £100 be made towards the cost of the notice boards to Wistaston Memorial Hall.
2. Resolved: That a payment of £200 be made to WSLA towards the cabinet for a defibrillator.
3. Councillors felt they would like to pay the donation once the planning application was received.

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£272.80	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£ 68.20	HMRC
£ 351.58	Annual Clerk's Expenses



C. Annual Review of Clerk's Salary 2019/202.

The Clerk withdrew from the meeting whilst Councillors considered a review of the Clerk's Salary.

RESOLUTION: The Clerk's Salary to be £2,114.22 per annum for Financial Year 2019/2020.

26. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 13th May 2019.