



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT SHAVINGTON ACADEMY

PRESENT:

Councillor Bob Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Stefan Pyra – Vice Chairman
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Margaret Simon
Councillor Ben Wye

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk, CEC Councillor Sarah Pochin

61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

62. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Councillor Bob Squirrell ref St Mary's Church request for donation.

63. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th September 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

64. MATTERS ARISING:

Defibrillator – In relation to Councillors asking if a thank you letter from Spar had been received for the Rope donation, the Clerk confirmed that none had been received.

Ward Walk This had now taken place and had gone very well. Unfortunately, the Dog warden could not attend and the Chair was going to contact for further action. PCSO Vicky Moulton was now back from maternity leave and would be invited on future walks.

Bollards in Verge On Rope Lane. – these had now been changed to wooden ones. Councillor Pochin was to chase this up again.

Obscured Traffic Sign, Rope Lane Bridge This was still obscured.

Rope Bank Avenue At the Junction With Bankfield Avenue – This area had now been patched and unfortunately had caused a hump. Councillor Pochin to follow up.

Gresty Lane Flooding – The problem seems to have been solved.

65. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Walkways - The walkways were now looking good but there was a problem with dog fouling. As mentioned, The Chair was going to contact the Dog Warden to investigate the situation.

Bridge Over Laidon Avenue and Glaisdale Avenue – Councillor Simon reported that this was corroded and loose. Councillor Pochin was to follow up.

66. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Pochin reported on the following matters:

New Homes Bonus – The chair had already distributed information on this subject for information.

Councillor Pochin had assisted in putting in a bid for Rope in relation to a mental health charity providing a support mechanism for teenagers. The Chair also informed the Council that Shavington Academy had provided information and a questionnaire in relation to a bid they were submitting.

Housing – The Government had stated that even though the Local Plan was in place that if the plan had less than 5 years housing then it could provide the opportunity for applications in non-designated area. There was nothing in the Rope Parish of any significance locally.

67. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Berkeley Academy Yellow Lines – These were looked at on the Ward Walk and are on the list for amendment as agreed with Highways as they are no longer suitable for the area since the car park was sited. Councillor Pochin to follow up.

Safer Parking At School Gates – this is an initiative in conjunction with The Fire Service and has already been carried out at Berkeley Academy. Discussion took place with reference to the speed limit in the area of the school and it was felt that as a lot of work had been done in the past it had extensively improved the situation. It was felt that no formal change to the advisory 20 mph needed to be done at present. It was however important to keep pressure on the users and consider the 'Twenty's Plenty Campaign' in relation to the rat run areas when parents were late



68. POLICING MATTERS

PCSO Vicky Moulton had contacted the Parish to inform us that she was now returning to her post in the Parish after her maternity leave. The Clerk would make sure she received paperwork for future meetings.

Councillor Wye confirmed that he was to be carrying our Speed Watch Training in early December.

69. PLANNING MATTERS:

New Action Plan For Crewe – There was now a consultation being carried out on 29th November at Crewe Alexandra in order to prepare for HS2. The Chair had studied the documents on the Cheshire East Website. He had some concern about the open space between Crewe and Wistaston and Rope. The Chair has intentions to attend the meeting.

The Chair did state that in relation to the regeneration of Crewe this could be an opportunity to install a cycle/walking path similar to the one on Middlewich Road which could also help with a safe route to school. This had always been cost inhibitive and may present an opportunity.

70. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

War Memorial at Wistaston – There was an open day on Saturday 10th November where all stakeholders were invited to observe and ask questions. The Church had begun fundraising. A quote had been received for £11,430 plus architect's fees. Rope have pledged £2,000 and Wistaston £4,000 to £4,500. It is suggested that our contribution is made within this financial year.

Crewe Town Council – Crewe Town Council had met with the relevant parishes. Issues that were brought up were:

- Crewe Regeneration
- The Consultation Direct with HS2 regarding construction of the line and the Environmental impact.
- Crewe Town Centre Development – This is rather slow as there was difficulty in attracting major retailers. However there was a pro-active initiative regarding events in the town centre
- Community Governance Review – Cheshire East are considering the ward and parish boundaries. Information is available on the CEC website.

Shavington Academy Prizegiving – this had been very successful and the Chair had attended. He had spoken to Carole White (Headteacher) reference funding as they would like to refurbish the toilets etc. Discussions took place as to whether there were any 106 monies to be tapped into. Councillor Pochin will follow this up.

71. CLERK'S REPORT:

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

Code Of Conduct - The Clerk had received correspondence from CEC Daniel Dickinson, Acting Director of Legal Services and Acting Monitoring Officer in relation to the adoption of a new Member Code Of Conduct which was also adopted by Rope PC upon CEC recommendations. Some Councils had passed a resolution that automatically adopting any new code amendments/details etc. For those councils that had not done this, CEC recommendations are that members agree or formally resolve to continue to operate under the pre-2018 code for the time being and looking forward adopt and apply the code following the 2019 elections. With this in mind, the, Council agreed to the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: that Rope PC will continue to operate the pre-2018 Code of Conduct and be advised to adopt and apply the new recommended code following the 2019 elections.

Meeting dates for 2019 were now provisionally booked and will be (subject to amendment):

Monday January 21st 2019
Monday 18th March 2019
Monday 20th May 2019
Monday 15th July 2019
Monday 16th September 2019
Monday 18th November 2019

Rope Parish Council Meeting – 26th November 2018.



In order to remind councillors of the Parish Council Meeting Dates, Minutes would now include the date of the next meeting as the final point.

72. FINANCE

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

A request had been received from St Mary's Wistaston for a donation to the upkeep of the graveyard.

B. Section 137 Payments:

RESOLVED: That a donation of £500 be made to St Mary's Wistaston

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£272.80	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£ 68.20	HMRC
£197.40	Shavington Academy for room hire

C. Consideration Of Precept for 2019/2020

A letter had been received from Cheshire East in relation to the Parish Precept and Tax base Arrangements. The Chair had provided information and distributed figures based on this information. Councillors discussed the figures and options in order to make an informed resolution as to the amount of Precept to be requested. It was agreed that the amount payable for a band D house should remain unchanged at £7.49.

Resolution: Rope Parish Council agreed to request a precept amount of £6,426.00

73. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 21st January 2019.