



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2011 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE

PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – Chairman
Councillor Robert Dodd - Vice Chair
Councillor Marjorie Dodd
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Simon Bowkett
Sue Togay– Clerk

In Attendance:

CEC Councillor Margaret Simon, CEC Councillor Brian Silvester.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Clr Maurice Simon, CEC Councillor Margaret Simon,

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th November, 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Rebranding Of Noticeboard – A quote from Zero Signs had now been received.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should give instructions to Zero Signs to go ahead with the rebranding of the.

Green Gap Policy – The Chair had responded to the consultation request received from Cheshire East.

Daffodil Bulbs: – Two sacks of daffodil bulbs received from Cheshire East had been received and one sack had been delivered to Councillor Dodd for use in the Rope Lane/Shavington School Verges. The second sack had been delivered to the school and a thank you had been included in the school newsletter.

Acorn Bank River – the Clerk to request Streetwise to clear rubbish in area.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Rope Lane Nursery – several issues were raised concerning the site at Rope Lane Nursery including a filled in ditch causing water to run to the lowest point and flooding an area near the gate, the road boundary being encroached upon, large vehicles blocking the lane, piles of soil and ballast being present in the Lane and within the narrow area of the site near the brook which had raised the level of the land. Environmental Services had been alerted to some of these problems. The Clerk to follow up original request to Environmental Services.

Dog Fouling – there was a continual problem at the end of Oak Tree Wall on Fuller Drive. The Clerk to mention to Community Wardens and Streetscape.

Flytipping – there was a continual problem of furniture on Rope Hall Lane. The Clerk to report to Streetscape/

Potholes – Councillor Margaret Simon had reported several serious ones on Rope Lane Bridge and outside the Primary School which had been attended to. Councillors were asked to report any serious potholes to Councillor Simon.

Railings Rope Lane Bridge – the Clerk to inspect and report to Highways.

6. POLICE MATTERS -

There had been a bad traffic accident involving a pupil from St Thomas More School on a bicycle. It was felt that there should a message in the Parish Newsletter to flag up the high risk of careless bike riding in the area.

7. PLANNING MATTERS



There had been few applications. There was a Town and Parish Council Conference on Planning on 27th January at Congleton Town Hall.

In relation to the LDF Consultation taking place, Willaston PC were being very proactive in commenting on the Green Gap Policy and Rope PC Chair was also very keen to support their stance and was keeping a watchful eye on the position at CE.

8. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Shavington High School – The Chair had attended the Prize Evening in relation to the presentation of The Rope Prize for Service to the school. Shavington PC had also now requested a prize to be presented in relation to the Environment.

9. CLERKS REPORT:

Correspondence Received:

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

Cheshire East

General Correspondence:

None

Cheshire Police Authority:

Notice ref Police Question Time

Other:

Shavington High School Newsletter

Mid Cheshire Footpath Society Walks Programme Jan – June 2011

ChALC – Letter ref elections and councillor vacancies

ChALC – Information ref Seminar on Devolvement of Services

ChALC – Ref Electoral Review

CPRE – Edition Countryside Voice winter 2010

CPRE – Natural Collection Gift Catalogue

Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Trust –Edition Of Engage

CPRE – Edition Fieldwork

Wistaston PC – Invitation to Annual Civic Service

Cheshire County Playing Field Assoc - Newsletter

Election in May 2011 would mean that all Rope Parish Councillors would be re-elected in addition to Cheshire east Ward Councillors. The Clerk would soon be gaining further information from Cheshire East on elections and would brief all Councillors when received. A copy of the Electoral Register had been requested by the Clerk.

Any articles for the Spring Newsletter would be much appreciated.

10. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

A request was received from St Mary's Church in January when £250 was awarded however it was decided that we would look further into an additional donation once budget figures were available.

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

RESOLVED: A further donation of £500 was awarded to S Mary's Church..

General Payments:

£310.02 Clerk's Salary

£30 Shavington School Prize.

£61 Annual Subscription Society Of Local Council Clerks

C. Precept For 2011/2012

A financial projection had been provided by the Clerk and the Chair had used this in order to prepare a rough budget for next year. Discussions took place regarding the setting of the precept for next year especially with regard to the cessation of the Cheshire East Ward Budget and the effect this would have



on such things as the provision of the interactive sports sessions and the continuing funding OF PCSO's in the parish BY rope PC.

RESOLUTION: -the previous year's precept be increased by 4.8% and a request presented to Cheshire East for £12,000.