

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010 AT SHAVINGTON SPORTS CENTRE

### PRESENT:

Councillor R Squirrell – (Chairman)

Councillor Andy Pennance

Councillor Chris Flaherty

Councillor Simon Bowkett

Sue Togay– Clerk

### In Attendance:

PC Daniel Sambrook, CEC Councillor Brian Silvester

### 32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Maurice Simon, Cllr Robert Dodd, Cllr Marjorie Dodd, CEC Councillor Margaret Simon, CEC Councillor Ray Westwood.

### 33 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

### 34. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman once the following amendment was noted:

A 't should be inserted on the word 'the' on the website section Minute Ref 25.

### 35. MATTERS ARISING:

**Councillor Vacancy** – In order for Simon Bowkett to take part in the meeting as a full Councillor, The Chair welcomed him to the meeting and he completed the acceptance of office forms in order to take part in the meeting.

**Parish Logo** – The Chair had been working on the incorporation of a 'rope' into the intended logo design but felt it did not work to give a crisp useable design. He distributed a mocked up version of the noticeboard and sample letterhead and newsletter with the proposed logo.

**RESOLVED:** Rope PC approved the logo for use. The Chair to provide letterhead and sample logo to Clerk. The Clerk to obtain a quote to rebrand the 3 noticeboards.

**Newsletter** – Councillors would like to see another edition of the newsletter as there was important news relevant to the Rope Sponsorship of the Interactive Centre Sessions starting in September. The Clerk to produce a second newsletter and gain approval via email to be issued in September.

**Website** – The Chair reported that this was now 25% upgraded with work continuing.

**Shavington Sports Centre – Support for a Community Sports Initiative** – The Sports Centre had requested donation of £1,000 towards free Monday Evening Sessions in the Interactive Centre and the Council had resolved to donate this. In addition, Rope PC had asked The Manager if they required any further funding for the Suite and The Manager had now supplied the Council with a request for a new piece of equipment 'Body SHOKK Boxing Exercise Equipment at a cost of £700 – quote included.

**RESOLVED:** That Rope PC would donate a further sum of £700 for the new piece of equipment for the interactive suite.

### 36. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

**Grit Bins** -Cllr Margaret Simon informed Rope PC that CEC had been looking into some of the issues in relation to the harsh winter that had been experienced in 2009/10. There was an intention to site some grit bins and councillors were urged to inform her of and specific sites in their areas.

**Green Gap Policy** – A letter had been received from Willaston PC in relation to the local strategic plan with Cheshire East in relation to the Green Gap Policy. Willaston PC had made representation to CE and the Chair had written them a holding letter with the intention of replying further in full. The Chair also pointed out that there was some consultation on the LDF (Local Development Framework) in September and the new Government Policies may also affect this especially in relation to the new rules in relation to 'back garden developments'. After this consultation, it was felt that Rope PC should write to CEC and perhaps include an article in the newsletter requesting residents to write to The Planning Dept on this issue.

**Berkeley School Noticeboard** – the Chair requested the Clerk to use further means to clean the substance smeared on the noticeboard.

**Evergreen Way** - Cllr Pennance had reported this to the Clerk who had reported this to Grounds Maintenance, CEC.

### 37. POLICE MATTERS

PC Daniel Sambrook gave a report on crime in the parish for June. It had been a relatively quiet month with one theft of a hanging basket, one burglary and the theft of a paddling school. There was some ASB on the school area but there was now a policy of no presence in the school grounds.

The Gresty Lane speeding problem was discussed where it was felt that there was no improvement.

### 38. PLANNING MATTERS

None

### 39. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

**Cheshire East Crewe & Nantwich LAP Meetings** – The Clerk was attending these but had not noted many issues relating to Parish Issues. The role of the LAP's was presently being reviewed with Nantwich being used as a model. Potentially more clarity would evolve from this process.

### 40. CLERKS REPORT:

#### Correspondence Received:

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

#### Cheshire East

##### Planning Applications:

PO 10/2451N Conversion existing garage and utility area to bedroom with en-suite bedroom. Single storey rear extension, remove existing conservatory, 31 Rope Lane– 2nd Storey Side Extension, 28 Salander Crescent

##### General Correspondence:

Email ref Local Service Delivery

Local Service Delivery – Letter from Leader Of Council plus guidance notes on Service delegation to parish and town councils

#### Cheshire Police Authority:

Letter ref Police Question Time

#### Other:

Chalc – ref benefits of membership

Chalc – ref Rural Affordable Housing

Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society Walks Programme July – Dec

Cheshire Community Action

Faith Sector Survey 2010

Cheshire Community Action: Info on growing food for our future course at Reaseheath

Booklet on Habitats & Hillforts – CWAC/Heritage Lottery Fund

NHS – Cheshire & Wirral Partnership Newsletter 'Engage

#### Review Of Rope Parish Council Protocols

Councillors had recently completed the new format form under the Local Government Act 2000 for Register Of Interests to comply with the LA Model Code Of Conduct Order 2007. This was at the request of Cheshire East who wished to hold a central register of these forms. To remind Councillors of the Code Of Conduct, the Clerk had now supplied councillors with an electronic version of it.

To follow on this review, the Clerk reminded Councillors that if they receive gifts or hospitality over £25 in value in their capacity as Councillors, they should make an entry in the Register stating the nature of this gift and when it was received. The Clerk held the appropriate forms for this.

### 41. FINANCE:

#### A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

None

#### B. Payments

##### Section 137 Payments:

None

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**General Payments:**

£310.02	Clerk's Salary
£48.16	Clerk's Expenses for copyright on cartoon used on newsletter and cost relating to upgrade of website
£5.00	Cheshire East for siting of noticeboard, Fuller Drive
£51.89	Expenses to Chair ref setting up of website