



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2010 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 Brian Silvester, PCSO Peter Corbett

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Maurice Simon, CEC Councillor Margaret Simon,

53 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chair declared his interest with regard to the request for financial assistance from St Mary's Church as his wife is the requestor.

54. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th September, 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55. MATTERS ARISING:

Rebranding Of Noticeboard – quote due in the next few days.

Newsletter – the distribution had gone well and the next issue was planned for Spring 2011. Mention of the Wybunbury Charity had resulted in the issuing of five awards. The Clerk would like all Councillors to write articles for the next edition.

Parking Enforcement – Councillor Silvester had looked into this matter and unfortunately devolvement of powers to the Police was not possible as it is a civil offence and not transferable from the local authority.

56. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Green Gap Policy –As a Borough issue, the previous CNBC Green GP Policy had expired but an interim plan in place would now protect the position until Cheshire East has put in place its Local Development Framework (LDF). Paperwork on the consultation had been received by The Chair and after some discussion it was decided that Rope PC did need to express its opinions within the consultation process. The Clerk to supply the website link to all councillors with email for comment. Hard copy of documents given to Councillors Dodd.

Daffodil Bulbs– The Clerk was due to pick up the free daffodil bulbs from Cheshire East and provide them to Shavington High School and Councillor Dodd for planting.

River at Acorn Bank – This needed some tidying up.

57. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Peter Corbett attended to give feedback on Police issues in the area. There had been 9 incidents in total of which 2 were thefts from cars, 1 push bike stolen, 1 shed break in and one key theft leading to burglary. These figures were comparable with the same period last year.

A briefing with regard to use of bike lights was due to be given in schools and he was to speak to a colleague with regard to free light supply. The Spar Shop had provided some funding for work within the schools.

The Chair updated him in relation to the information with regard to devolvement of parking enforcement powers. The Clerk to provide him with a copy of the information.



PCSO Corbett apologised for the lack of speedwatch sessions on Fuller Drive but now had more volunteers and hoped to increase the frequency. Councillors had noticed the smile SID in the area.

He also commented on the great success of the free interactive sessions with 25 attending last week. He felt that there was an affect on the ASB in the area even though no official figures had proved that.

58. PLANNING MATTERS

None

59. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cheshire East Local Service Delivery Meetings– The Clerk had attended both the Crewe and Nantwich meetings and it was felt that it was an opportunity for town and parish councils. Lead officers from Cheshire East were now contacting each council to discuss their wishes in relation to this process. Rope felt that it did not wish to take on any services but may consider in the future working as part of a cluster of parishes.

Shavington High School – The Chair and Clerk had met with the Head with very positive feedback. Information was now being supplied to him for a special section on the website and The Chair was to attend the Prizegiving to give an award from Rope PC. Berkeley School had also been offered a similar facility.

Berkeley Primary School – Councillor Andy Pennance gave a report on the recent OFSTED Inspection. It was satisfactory with improvements to be made on 3 fronts. Now that there was a new Deputy Head, there were many new initiatives and the next inspection would take place in Summer 2011.

60. CLERKS REPORT:

Correspondence Received:

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

Cheshire East

General Correspondence:

Consutation Doc on Regulation of 'Sexual Entertainment Venues'.

Local List of historic Buildings

Letter ref termination of Parish Grant

Cheshire Police Authority:

None

Other:

Cheshire Community Action Newsletter

Shavington High School Newsletter

CPRE – Cheshire Viewpoint

Dates Of Meetings For 2011:

The dates were considered for the 3rd Monday of the months of January, March, May, July, September, November except for July when the date was adjusted according to the School Holidays. In line with this practise, the meeting dates for 2011 are:

January 17th March 21st

May 16th July 11th

September 19th November 21st

51. FINANCE:

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

A request was received from St Mary's Church with regard to major work to improve the driveway for easier accessibility.

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

RESOLVED: A donation of £250 was awarded to S Mary's church with consideration at the next meeting of a further amount once a financial summary was prepared and presented.

General Payments:

£310.02 Clerk's Salary

£3,933.33 2nd Payment to Shavington PC for PCSO provision.