



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
15TH JULY 2024 AT NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Andy Pennance -Chair
Councillor Richard Weilding
Councillor Sue Jones
Councillor George Jones
Malcolm Crook

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Chris Flaherty -Vice Chair, Councillor Nick Churchill.

17. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

18. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19. MATTERS ARISING:

Parking – The problem with vehicles parking in the layby near the school had been reported. The local PCSO had been attending but after discussion it was suggested that she inform Councillors of when she is attending so that they can join her. It was felt that there should be a focus on the parking problems at the schools in the new school academic year.

The Clerk clarified the enforcement powers of the Police (obstructions) and the Cheshire East Borough Council Traffic Wardens (yellow lines).

ANSA – the clerk had requested that the parish is notified of any tree works in the parish. Unfortunately, ANSA had responded to state that this was not possible. It was noted that both ANSA and ORBITAS would now be brought back in house at Cheshire East.

Evergreen Way– the overgrown footpath had now been cut back.

Dunham Crescent Tree – the overgrown branches had now been cut back.

20.. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

21. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

All relevant correspondence received since the last meeting had been forwarded electronically to Councillors for their attention. All other matters were included in the body of the meeting.



22. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cheshire East Councillor Allen Gage was not in attendance. The Clerk was again to provide him with the future meeting dates of the Council.

23. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Footpaths - The Clerk read out an email from Councillor Churchill in relation to the lack of access on the footpaths due to crops. An email had also been received from the footpath officer who on a site visit had cleared the vegetation from around the stiles and gates. The Clerk would forward Councillor Churchill's email to Richard Ankers for attention.

Oak Tree Walk – Branches from tree works had been left to rot and could potentially be a hazard. To be reported on Fix My Street.

Planters – these had been successful, and Councillors would like to install further ones in the parish. A suggested site is at the Rope Lane/Bankfield Avenue Junction. The Clerk to ascertain ownership of the area and any potential permissions needed.

Green Open Space, Path for dog walkers. A path installation for dog walkers was considered but as this was on Cheshire East land and extremely expensive, this project would not be pursued.

24. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Speeding on Eastern Road - The Clerk to contact Councillor Allen Gage to see if there was any potential for a change in speed restrictions.

Berkeley Academy – parents were parking in the gap between the yellow zig zag hatchings and obstructing the sightline from the car park. The Clerk to contact Councillor Allen Gage highways and highways to request remarking of the area.

25. POLICING MATTERS:

There were no officers in attendance. Councillors Sue and George Jones had been conducting Speedwatch sessions with the PCSO by sharing the Shavington Speed Gun. They proposed that Rope Parish Council procure a speedgun for Parish Use. RESOLVED: that Rope Parish Council purchase a speed gun to the value of £300. The Clerk to arrange payment when invoice was received and confirm costs at the next meeting.

Discussions took place with regard to the Police & Crime Commissioner meetings which had previously been held. The Clerk to contact the PCC Office to ascertain if they are to recommence. It was also believed that the previous 'Cluster Meetings' are also to recommence. The Clerk to ascertain if this is correct.

26. PLANNING MATTERS:

24/2266N – Shavington Sports Centre, Rope Lane, Shavington, CW2 5DJ
Replacement of existing fence to sports pitch
RESOLVED: Rope Parish Council has no objections to this application.



27. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre – Councillors Flaherty had provided an update on the rebuild of the Memorial Hall and verbal thanks had also been received from the Chair of the meeting for the donation Rope had provided to replace the defib pads and battery. A thank you letter had also been received directly from Diane Edge-Robinson.

Councillor Flaherty had also help cover the stand at Wistaston Fete on 15th June.

Thanks to be given to Councillor Flaherty for her input and attendance at these events.

28. FINANCE

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Further information on the request for equipment from the New Life Community church had been sent with no response at present.

No other requests for financial assistance.

B. PAYMENTS

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

S Togay Clerk's Salary - July	£169.50
HMRC - July	£ 42.40
S Togay Clerk's Salary – August	£169.50
HMRC – August	£ 42.40
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00
J D Services	£ 32.18
CEBC (noticeboard license)	£ 5.00
Clear Insurance Management	£467.98

29. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Clerk had provided the latest copy of 'The Good Councillors Guide' to all Members. The Chair had found it particularly useful and commented on various issues that were under our responsibility including our positive response to the community, awareness of Freedom of Information and Data Protection issues on using emails, social media, or WhatsApp. It was also felt that the Parish Standing Orders should be reviewed. The Clerk to provide a copy of the present Standing Orders and the recently formulated NALC Model Standing Orders.

30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th September 2024