

**MINUTES OF ROWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Pat Fitton (Chair)  
Morfudd Salmon  
Bob Knight  
Paul Shannon  
Glenys Harrison

In attendance: Clerk Christine Davies  
CWaC Cllr Stuart Parker (left at 8.00pm)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Karen Newbury (work commitment)

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. To consider the approval of the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 14 November 2016**

Resolved: Minutes approved and signed as a true record by Cllr Pat Fitton.

**4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

In response to an invitation from ChALC, Cllr Fitton wished her name (and her husband Richard) as outgoing Chairperson, to be included in ballot to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 23 May 2017. Clerk to action.

**5. Public Participation**

Lilian and Bill Sannwald were in attendance. They were concerned about the overhanging hedge at Woodbank, on the A41 Whitchurch Road, impeding pedestrian access, particularly school children. CWaC had indicated via email to the Clerk that action would be taken concerning this on 21 December 2016 and as far as the Parish Council could tell this had been done. However, Cllr Fitton said she would check and confirm that the hedge had been cut back enough and would contact the Sannwald's accordingly.

**6. Highways**

**A41 Traffic Issues** - Cllrs Fitton and Shannon had attended a meeting on 25 November 2016 organised by Christleton Parish Council with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) regarding the issue of HGV's exceeding speed limit between hours of 8.00pm and 7.00am, causing damage to property, sleep disturbance, vibration and noise. At the meeting the PCC confirmed the commissioning of 4 vans which incorporate infra-red technology that can monitor speeding vehicles during the hours of darkness.

It was agreed at the meeting that the Police would deploy the mobile speed vans during the peak nuisance time of 1.00am – 6.00am over the coming months and report back to Christleton PC and CWaC Highways.

### **Cheshire Villages Ward – Initiative on Speeding Traffic**

Further to the above meeting, Christleton Parish Council had sent a request to all neighbouring parishes to appoint a liaison councillor to join a group to co-ordinate response to the PCC. Cllr Stuart Parker confirmed that his ward included the A56, A51 and A41 and therefore in order to make best use of the speed awareness vans the group would need to identify key roads, locations and times where speeding HGV's during the night are causing concern for residents. Cllr Paul Shannon agreed to be the Liaison Councillor to join the group. The Parish Council identified the only suitable location for the speed awareness van to be sited at the layby where the bus shelter is, situated opposite the BP garage, on the A41 Whitchurch Road.

Action: Clerk to respond to Christleton PC.

**Overhanging hedge – A41** As confirmed above the hedge has been cut back but Cllr Fitton to check if cut back sufficiently. To be reviewed again at next meeting.

### **7. Village Green**

Clerk confirmed that unfortunately after numerous telephone calls and emails to Streetscene that the grass had still not been cut or leaves removed. Parish Council agreed to make this a priority at the next meeting.

### **8. Finance**

The following expenditure was approved:-

<b>Payments</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>
CM Davies – reimbursement of Staples printing	£79.99	000656
Walkers Nurseries – Xmas Tree	£144.00	000657
Ladywell Accountancy Services 2016/17	£42.00	000658
CM Davies Nov Sal 227.48 Expenses 23.70	£251.18	000659
CM Davies Dec Sal 169.99 + Expenses 24.10	£194.09	000660
Cllr P Fitton – reimbursement of refreshments re Carols on the Green	£33.64	000661
Bank Balance as 05/01/2017	£4451.70	

### **Parish Precept 2017/2018**

Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant. In its letter of 1/12/16 CWaC advised that the above funding would cease in 2020 and offered the Parish Council opportunity to receive total grant payment for the next four years of £82 as a single lump payment in 2017/18. The Parish Council agreed to accept the offer. Resolved: Acceptance of lump sum grant payment of £82

Action: Clerk to confirm acceptance to CWaC

Clerk circulated budget figures for 2017/18 and the Parish Council decided to maintain the Precept at the same level as 2016/17.

Resolved: Parish Council to request precept of £2977.00

Action: Clerk to confirm to Billing Authority i.e. CWaC

## **9. Planning**

To receive Planning Application No: 16/05496/FUL – 28 Croft Close, Rowton, CH3 7QQ: Demolition of conservatory to side and erection of a two-storey extension to side plus additional window. Parish Council had “No Comment” to make concerning this application.

Invitation to ChALC and CWaC Planning Information Planning Evening – Monday 20 January 2017 – No Councillors able to attend meeting.

## **10. Carols on the Green**

The event received a good turn out and the weather was clement. Thank-you letters have been sent to Paul Quellyn Roberts for providing the mulled wine, the Maudslay family for the electrical connection for the lights and to Rachel Morrey for playing the keyboard. On inspection, it has been found that a section of the tree lights has been damaged; it was decided to look into this at the September meeting. Clerk confirmed that the Application form requesting £220 has been submitted to Member’s Budget Award Scheme. The request has been approved and payment is being processed.

## **11. In Memory of Rosemary Boothroyd**

The funeral is to take place on Friday 13 January at 10.30am at St James Church, Christleton. Cllrs Fitton and Salmon to attend to represent the Parish Council. Clerk confirmed that a condolence card had been sent to the family from the Parish Council on 28/12/16. The Parish Council discussed how it could best commemorate all the work and dedication Rosemary had put into maintaining the Village Green for over 20 years. Suggestions of a bush planted in her name or a planter with plaque were put forward, however, it was felt that any decisions would be put on hold until the matter could be discussed further with her family. In the meantime, the question of maintaining the Village Green needed to be addressed. Cllr Salmon suggested compiling a rota of volunteers to which Cllr Shannon said his wife would be willing to volunteer. Cllr Salmon also suggested that a Parish Newsletter to be circulated later in the year could ask for volunteers

## **12. North West Air Ambulance Charity**

Parish Council had received request for donation. After discussing the request, the Parish Council decided it was not in a position to make a donation.  
Action: Clerk to email decision to Charity.

## **13. Information Only**

Dog Fouling Notices: In response to request 7 Dog Notices have been displayed along the length of Rowton Lane.  
Website: Clerk confirmed that so far there had been over 6600 website views.

## **14. Issues for Discussion/Consideration**

Newsletter – To consider preparing and printing of Parish Newsletter for later in the year.  
Dog Fouling – signage to be displayed by the pond on Short Rowton Lane

**15. Correspondence**

Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2017  
The Clerk Magazine – January 2017

**16. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 13 March 2017**

Meeting finished at 9.00pm