

MINUTES OF ROWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 20 MAY 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Paul Shannon (Chair)
Howard Hopwood (Vice-Chair)
Bob Knight
Glenys Harrison
Peter Thomas

In attendance: Clerk Christine Davies

1 Apologies

CWaC Cllr Stuart Parker (meeting)

2 Declaration of Interest

None

3 To consider the approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11 March 2019

Resolved: Minutes approved and signed as a true record by Cllr Paul Shannon (Chair)

4 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

None

5 Public Participation

No members of the public in attendance.

6 Highways

- i) Build-up of mud on pavement nr Vaynol, Whitchurch Road – Completed. Pavement cleaned by Highways with digger on 27/03/19
- ii) Surface of Moor Lane at Junction with A41 – this is not to do with sunken manhole covers but a dip which is becoming increasingly worse. Clerk to chase-up
- iii) Blocked culvert – mid-way short Rowton Lane. Job has been escalated today with Streetcare – Clerk to chase-up
- iv) Build up of turf/debris on pavement on left at junction of long Rowton Lane with A41. Job has been escalated today with Streetcare – Clerk to chase-up.
- iv) Pedestrian Crossing Action Group – Cllr Peter Thomas who has been assisting the group said that its online e-petition on CWaC website has been successful in obtaining the necessary number of signatures to secure a meeting with the Council. The e-petition runs until 13/11/19. Cllr Thomas confirmed that the Pedestrian Crossing also has the backing of Cllr Simon Kent of the Traffic Group on Christleton Parish Council, the Headteacher of

Christleton High School and the local MP Chis Matheson. Cllr Thomas requested the Parish Council add their support to the campaign by including this as an agenda item at the next meeting. The Parish Council agreed to this and also to display the petition poster on the noticeboards.

7 Training

Cllr Howard Hopwood booked onto Chairmanship training course on 06/11/19. Unfortunately, Cllr Paul Shannon unavailable to attend any of the ChALC Chairmanship training courses so requested to be booked onto “Being a Good Councillor” on 11/09/19. Clerk to action.

8 Village Green

It appears that the grass has been cut by a contractor used by Rowton Hall Hotel. As the Parish Council’s consent had not been sought to do this then the Council’s own third-party liability insurance would not have covered this work carried out on Parish Council land. The Parish Council is grateful for the Hotel’s kind assistance in maintaining the Village Green but requires sight of the contractor’s own third-party liability insurance.

Resolved: Contact General Manager at Rowton Hall Hotel to request copy of contractor’s third-party liability insurance.

Action: Clerk to action

Village Green Volunteer Group – There are only 5 volunteers now from an original rota of 8.

9 Finance

The following expenditure was approved:-

| Payments | Amount | Cheque No |
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| ChALC annual subscription | £132.48 | 000726 |
| CM Davies Mar Sal 216.33 + 31.31 expenses | £247.64 | 000727 |
| ChALC – Chairmanship Training – P Shannon | £35.00 | 000728 |
| ACC Business Solutions re extra page/website | £39.50 | 000729 |
| CM Davies Apr Sal 208.97 + 25.99 expenses | £234.96 | 000730 |
| Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society – Annual Sub | £8.00 | 000731 |
| ChALC – Chairmanship Training – H Hopwood | £35.00 | 000732 |
| Bank Balance as at 03/05/2109 | £7133.70 | |

10 Annual Return

i) To approve Section 1 Governance Statement 2018/19

All questions on the Annual Governance Statement were read out and correctly answered and duly signed by the Chair and Clerk.

Resolved: The Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019 was approved by all members present.

ii) To approve Section 2 Accounting Statement 2018/19

The Annual Accounting Statement was circulated, duly approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk

Resolved: The Annual Accounting Statement 2018/2019 was approved by all members present.

11 Annual Insurance

Parish Council has long term agreement with Came & Co. The current annual insurance expires on 31/05/19. The new long-term agreement premium is a 16% increase on last year. The Parish Council wish to query this increase before proceeding.

Resolved: Came & Co to be contacted requesting explanation

Action: Clerk to action this

12 Planning

Planning Applications 19/00772/FUL Tekarra, Greenfield Lane: single storey extension and 19/01253/FUL Thurnby, Greenfield Lane: part double storey extension – No Comments submitted. Planning decision received re 19/00226/FUL Arden Croft, Greenfield Lane: erection of double garage – Approved.

13 Footpaths

Cllr Paul Shannon has made contact with an officer at CWaC who is responsible for reporting issues. He is being sent a booklet outlining parish councils' responsibilities.

14 Fly-Tipping

Cllr Hopwood has photographic evidence of fly-tipping on the field left of junction of long Rowton Lane with A41. The pictures show burnt out fires but also more significantly black bin bags.

Resolved: Environmental Health to be contacted

Action: Clerk to action

15 Website

In light of compliance with regulations regarding accessibility not being required until September 2020 it was agreed to investigate what action other local Parish Councils are taking.

Action: Cllr Hopwood to contact Kelsall Parish Council

16 Issues for Discussion/Consideration

Carols on the Green – possible change of location to be discussed.

17 Correspondence

The Clerk Magazine – May 2019

Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2019

Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society – Chair's Report 2018

SP Energy Networks – Call 105 in Emergency Poster and cards

(Poster to be displayed on Noticeboards)

Seafarers UK re “Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day” on 03/09/19

Glasdon Brochures

18 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 22 July 2019

Meeting finished at 9.20pm