Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, October 4 2017 at Rushton Methodist Church, Sugar Street, Rushton.

Chairman	Mr R Steele		
Vice Chairman	Mrs S Hughes		
Councillors	Mrs J Matravers Mr L W Young	Mr R Bailey	Mr D W Lovatt
Visitor	Mr J Gibson		
Clerk	Mrs J Sherratt		

1. Apologies

   Mr G R Betton, Mr D F Trueman

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, held on September 6 2017

   These had been circulated and were signed as correct by the Chairman, after small amendments.

3. Resignation of Parish Councillor

   Cllr. S.J.Bostock Gibson has tendered her resignation by letter to the Chairman.

   Following letter to Jane:-

   We are all very sorry that you felt that you needed to resign as a Councillor on Rushton Parish Council.

   Your long standing service to the Council has been greatly valued.

   Any comments you raised were always for the benefit of the Parishioners of Rushton.

   With our very best wishes for the future.

   Kindest regards

   The Clerk to contact S.M.D.C. for advice on the correct procedure, to elect a new Councillor.

   Mr Jonathan Gibson raised the following issues:-

   - Signs on Railway Track

- Dogs on leads

Following letter to Rights of Way, S.C.C.

Are you aware of signs advertising/promoting a business on the Staffordshire Way at Rushton Spencer?

Following a complaint by a Parishioner, we have been asked to contact you and enquire if you have any objections to these signs being there?

Following further incidents of sheep worrying could we please have some "Please keep your dogs on leads" or "Please keep your dogs under control" signs.

Thank you.

Cllr. Hughes to put this information in "The Link" magazine.

Cllr. Bailey to liaise with the Ranger re fences.

4. Declaration of Interest

None.

5. Planning

No planning applications received.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

6.1 Highways

Concern over dead tree, falling over opposite Sandbank Farm.

Refer to Highways. Ref. No.4084326

Highways report – cannot find tree in question

Telephoned again, and gave the inspector Cllr. Bostock Gibson's telephone number to ring and hopefully assist him in locating the problem tree!

Caravan situated on the pavement and blocking it for pedestrians, at the Hanging Gate, opposite the Beat Lane turning. Not a Highways issue, a Police obstruction issue. Police Ref. No. 30.07/633

A report of Police on site for 3 consecutive days but caravan remains in situ. Telephone Police again.

Caravan has now been removed.

Overgrown vegetation blocking pavement from the "Royal Oak" northwards. Ref. No.4086213

The Chairman to contact Mr W Prince to see if he would be prepared to do a little work for the Parish Council.

Jobs include:-

- Nettles on pavement outside "The Laurels"
- Clear around Daniel's Well
- Paint 2 Telephone Kiosks
- Varnish wooden seat
- Attend to Noticeboards

Mr Prince has agreed to paint the Telephone Boxes at a cost of £40.00 each, and the Noticeboards at £10.00 each.

Cllr, Hughes has purchased the paint for the Telephone Boxes. Cheque needed for £72.00.

5.2 Neighbourhood Plan

Ongoing.

5.3. Community Speedwatch Team

The Community Speedwatch Team are hoping to obtain a grant towards 2 cameras, costing £2,500. Maintenance costs would be approx. £170 per annum.

The Clerk has inquired from Zurich Insurance how much the insurance of the speed cameras would be per annum. This amount would be paid back to the Council by the Community Speedwatch Team.

Reply:- In the first year, nothing , each subsequent year approx. £5 per annum.

7. Correspondence

S.M.D.C.

7.1 Consultation on Preferred Options Local Plan

Cllr. Hughes has put in a response on the "Local Plan" on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Group This response wascirculated to all Councillors.

8. "Dogs on leads" signs on railway track

This item was dealt with under Agenda Item 3.

9. Rushton School "Safety Camera" signs

C/F to next meeting.

Others

Visit to Westminster

Karen Bradley, M.P. is organising a "Coach Tour to London on November 16th

6. Finance

October

6.1 Raise a cheque for £20.00 for hire of Rushton Methodist Church

Cheque No. 671 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. R A Bailey

6.2 Audit completed - no problems.

After October Meeting

Co-op Bank	1,008.82
NatWest Bank	2,502.09

Neighbourhood Plan

Balance £3,900.00

7. Open Forum

No items forthcoming.

8. Date of next meeting –Tuesday, November 7th 2017

Later postponed to Wednesday, November 15th 2017

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signature_____ Date_____