

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held by Zoom on Tuesday, March 16th 2021

Chairman	Mrs S Hughes		
Councillors	Mrs V Burns	Mrs J Matravers	Mr M Chester
	Mr O Goodfellow	Mr R Steele	Mr D W Lovatt
	Mr J Woolley		
Clerk	Mrs J Sherratt		

1. Apologies

Mr D F Trueman.

The meeting was hosted by Cllr. Sam Hughes

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, held by Zoom on February 23rd 2021

Proposed by Cllr. Chester, seconded by Cllr. Lovatt with all in favour the Minutes were signed as being correct

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Planning

- 4.1 SMD/2020/0636 Proposed agricultural dwelling at Salter's Ford Farm, Newtown, Biddulph, Staffordshire ST8 7SW

Members of Rushton Parish Council fully support this Planning Proposal

- 4.2 SMD/2021/0071 Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed use: Single storey outbuilding, new access and associated hardstandings at Cloud Wood End Farm, Toft Green Lane, Cloudside CW12 3QF

Members of Rushton Parish Council have no objections to this Planning Proposal

- 4.3 SMD/2021/0067 Change of use of the existing office and garages(Sui Generis) to a private school with a vocational workshop training centre(D1) and retention of garages and offices at Mill House Garage, Macclesfield Road, Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire SK11 ORS

Members of Rushton Parish Council have no objections to this Planning Proposal, but:-

- They want to be assured that this site will not become residential
- Premises situated on a blind bend – must safeguard the safety of the children
- Concerns about future plans?
- They ask that it should be brought before Committee

4.4 SMD/2021/0127 Erection of agricultural building at Sand Bank, Macclesfield Road, Rycroft Gate, Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire SK11ORP

Members of Rushton Parish Council wish to enquire does this Planning Proposal supersede SMD/2019/0341?

- *Is this Proposal an addition to the previous one or has the first one been withdrawn?*
- *Is it in addition to the previous one or instead of?*
- *If not, why have they not built the previous one?*
- *Not in favour of two more on site.*
- *They have no objections to one new building on site*

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

5.1 Highways

At the end of January 2020, 40mph signs should have been replaced by 30mph signs, all through Rushton. Still ongoing. Delayed by corona virus

Latest news “Sometime soon”! Latest update - March 2021

Water running down Sugar Street, outside school wall Ref. No. 4203828

Report again. Health and Safety hazard to Schoolchildren

New Ref. No.4226090

A problem with signs from Beat Lane going through to Rudyard Lake has been passed on to C.C. G Heath

Cllr. Chester is responsible for looking into the problem into wooden railings leaning near to the house belonging to Kate Brown on Beat Lane.

Stephen Holford. S.C.C. has reported back to Cllr. Chester.

S.C.C. is willing to provide posts and rails, if the owner of the property will erect them.

Cllr. Chester to speak to Cllr. Trueman who will liaise with the owner

Roger Bailey to erect the fence for Kate Brown

Overgrown trees

Clerk unable to talk to anyone at Canals and Rivers Trust. Will keep trying.

After filling in an online questionnaire with an agreement of response within 7 working days, still no response

Clerk has asked Cllr. Chester to discuss this matter with the Ranger, who has agreed to go and look at the problem

Wall has now been hit in same area. Cllr. Chester to speak to Ranger.

Overgrown tree branches

Catching lorry mirrors on the A523 in-between the "Royal Oak" and Sandbank Farm

Ref.No.4226092

Closure of Dingle Lane

To be shut for 1 day beginning on December 17th over the next five days.

This did not happen! Might have happened since!

Pothole in-between Royal Oak and Rushton Cottage in Sugar Street SK11 OSE Ref.No.4230155

Pothole in Alley Lane just below School House SK11OSG Ref.No. 423056

Tarmac rising by kerb in front of Old Vicarage garden on Main Road SK11 ORN Ref.No 4230157.

Flooding in front of Drummer's Knob in dip. Referred to C.C. Mrs C G Heath

Grid 6 inches higher than the road in Dingle Lane at SK11 ORX. For anyone on pushbike, this is an accident waiting to happen

Ref. No,

Large pothole in road below Gablestones on Beat Lane. SK11 Ref.No.

5.2 Rushton Churchyard

Thanks to Chris Dale and all others involved in charge of clearing the Churchyard

Stump grinder has now finished its work. Invoice received from David Hall for £450.00 + V.A.T. for the hire for a day. Paid.

£50.00 (Fifty pounds) left over from Norma Hawkins's grant money to be used for the Churchyard.

Cllr. Lovatt to ask if there is anything else they need. Contribution to roof?

Council to send £50.00 (Fifty pounds) towards the Upkeep of the Churchyard

Would Heaton Parish Council be willing to contribute to "light on sensors" or "solar lights"?

Heaton Parish Council will make a decision once they start meeting again in person

5.3 "Bus Stop" sign bent on the Main Road.

Sign opposite "The Old Police House" on the Main Road is bent over and set in concrete. Report filled in for it to be repaired. Cllr. Steele in charge.

Nothing further to report.

5.4 Houses at Marsh Mews, Macclesfield Road, Rushton Spencer

A house has once again been let at "Marsh Mews" without any local people or the Council being consulted.

Letters had been sent to Ben Haywood and Mark James at S.M.D.C. Planning Dept.

No response from either

Clerk to contact Norma Hawkins

Letter now been handed over to someone else at S.M.D.C. Still no reply

5.5 Banking

Cllr. Chester has now sorted out the Building Society Signatures i.e. Roger Steele, Martin Chester, David Trueman and Jackie Matravers. He will now look into the prospect of "Internet Banking

5.6 Land on Field behind Will Nixon's Garage

Dog training on site

- Not sheep fenced
- Car Parking
- Planning Permission – Change of use
- Opening up entrance onto Railway Track? Planning Permission?

Cllr. Chester to speak to the Ranger

This idea is not now going ahead.

Tree fallen down embankment, 150 yards from the Knott Inn towards Macclesfield, blocking stile.

Clerk to report. Ref. No.21038781

5.7 Noticeboards

Paint the wooden ones or purchase new plastic ones? Cllr. Steele to investigate price.

Plastic ones are not suitable. New wooden ones are very expensive. Lengthsman to rejuvenate.

5.8 Phone boxes

Is power still on at Woodhouse Green? Broken panes of glass need fixing.

Defibrillator in this one?

One on Station Road

Looking for volunteer labour to fix the bookshelves. If none forthcoming then the lengthsman is to be asked. Julie and Ruby Goodfellow have offered to help with books

5.9 Litter picking

Hi-visibility jackets and litter picking sticks are to be stored at Rushton Garage

Spring litter pick to go ahead.

5.10 Cloudside Shooting Club

Residents have collected evidence that Covid 19 rules were broken

March 31st 2021 Licence to be reviewed.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Staffordshire Parish Council’s Association

Subscription due of £136.00

7 Finance

Neighbourhood Plan Account

Balance in account £ 5.00

Current Account

Balance in account £ 7, 867.21

Staffordshire Parish Council’s Association £136.00

St. Lawrence P.C.C. – Upkeep of Churchyard £ 50.00

With cheque of £540.00 still to be banked?

Co-op Bank

Balance in account £ 2,015.00

8. Open Forum

2 "No Tipping" signs have been erected along Long Edge Road.

Houses on Sugar Street

Person funding these building works has now withdrawn extra funds.

Site abandoned

Water is running through the built houses

Houses – uninhabitable

9. Dates of the next meetings

Tuesday, April 13th at 7.30pm by Zoom. Cancelled.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 11th 2021at 7.00 pm

Signature_____

Date_____