Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, May 4 2016 at Rushton Methodist Church, Sugar Street, Rushton.

Chairman Mr R Steele
Councillors Mrs A J Hughes Mrs J C Matravers Mr R Bailey
Mr G R Betton Mr D F Trueman
Visitor Mr M Chester
Clerk Mrs J Sherratt

Annual Parish Meeting
Mr Chester had no matters for discussion.

1. Apologies and Welcome
Mrs S J Bostock Gibson, Mr L W Young
Mr D W Lovatt had not received his minutes and agenda by e-mail

2. Election of Chairman
Cllr. Trueman proposed Cllr Steele, seconded by Cllr. Matravers, with all in favour. Cllr. Steele accepted and took the Chair.

3. Signing of acceptance
Cllr. Steele signed the Chairman’s form.

4. Election of Vice – Chairman
Cllr. Steele proposed Cllr. Lovatt, in his absence, seconded by Cllr. Bailey with all in favour. This is on condition that Cllr. Lovatt accepts

5. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, held on April 4 2016
These had been circulated and were signed as correct by the Chairman.

6. Approval of the accounts for the year ended March 31st 2016
To be approved at the next meeting.
Asset Register – 3 Noticeboards and 1 Seat to be reduced by 10%

7. Approval of the Risk Assessment Document for Rushton Parish Council
Approved.
Approval of the Standing Orders of Rushton Parish Council

4 Councillors instead of 3 to form a Quorum. In the event of a tie, the Chairman to have the casting vote.

Declaration of Interest

None.

Planning

10.1 SMD/201 SMD/2016/0015 Revised Plans

Details of reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping and scale for residential development comprising 9 dwellings, including partial demolition of the existing cottage and garage pursuant to outline planning permission SMD/2012/0155 allowed on appeal (reference APP/B3438/A/12/2180250 at land at Sugar Street, Rushton Spencer.

This Application went before the Planning applications Committee on April 14 2016

Letter from Canals and Rivers Trust

They will not allow any surface water to feed into the Canal.

10.2 DET/2016/0020 Change of use from an agricultural building to a C3 dwellinghouse at Brickyard Farm, Newtown Road, Newtown, Biddulph.

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

10.3 SMD/2016/0188 Proposed agricultural access and track (retrospective) part reinstatement of new boundary wall at High Lee Farm, Mill Lane, Rushton Spencer

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

10.4 SMD/2016/0227 Provision of new field access and hard track at Little Lymford Farm, Tunstall Road, Cloud Side

Members of Rushton Parish Council wish to object to this Planning Proposal

- There already is a good access to this property
- The proposed hard track is on a bend in the road
- Visibility splay
11. Matters arising from the Minutes

11.1 Highways

Footpath, near to the Laurels, on the corner of Beat Lane – sinking in Ref.No.4044021

*Footpath fretting – no action required*

Potholes on Beat Lane, outside Earlsway and Cliffe Park House. Ref.No.4044022

*Scheduled for completion in near future*

Pothole in the dip in Dingle lane Ref.No.4044023

*Job No. has been given. Work to start soon.*

Junction at Tanhouse Lane, tree roots stopping water discharging into brook Ref.No.4044024

*Work has been booked to clear the obstruction*

By Cherry Brook, banking collapsing, dangerous to walkers Ref.No.4044025

*This information has been forwarded to the relevant department at S.M.D.C.*

11.2 Village Lengthsman Scheme

Repayment of £653.28 received

Lengthsman’s wages will be refunded in this current financial year

11.3 Dog Poo Bin

Cllr. Hughes still working on resolving this situation

“Link” article to advise dog owners of their responsibilities

11.4 Neighbourhood Plan

May 24 Meeting at 7.30 pm at Rushton Methodist Church to discuss

Hire of hall to be paid for by Rushton Parish Council
11.5   HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Mug
       Cllr. Bostock Gibson to order 150 mugs with a photo of the Queen on, and with a gold rim. Rushton
       Parish Council also to be added.
       To save carriage fees, Mr Chester to collect

12. Correspondence

S.C.C.
12.1 Staffordshire Parish Councils Association
       Correspondence received. Taken by the Chairman.

S.M.D.C.
12.2 Weekly List of Planning Applications
       Filed

Others
12.3 Community Council of Staffordshire
       Letter received asking for subscription. Declined.

12.4 Notice received
       Referendum on the UK’s membership of the European Union in the Staffordshire Moorlands voting
       area

13. Finance
13.1 Accounts and audit for 2015/2016
       Held over to next meeting

13.2 Raise a cheque for £20.00 for the hire of the Rushton Methodist Church for the May Meeting
       Cheque No. 641 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. R Bailey

13.3 Raise a cheque for Zurich Insurance for £278.92
       Cheque No. 642 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. R Bailey
13.4  Raise a cheque for £134.00 for Staffordshire Parish Council’s Association
Cheque No. 643  Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. R Bailey

13.5  Parish Precept paid end of April - £1770.13

13.6  To acknowledge Village Lengthsman Repayment of £653.28

14.  Open Forum

No matters forthcoming

15.  Date of next meeting - June 7 2016

After April Meeting

Co-op Bank  1,007.81
NatWest Bank  289.45

June

Rushton Methodist Church  20.00
Zurich Insurance  278.92
Staffordshire Parish Council’s Association  134.00
Parish Precept  1,770.13
Village Lengthsman repayment  653.28

Co-op Bank  1,007.81
NatWest Bank  2,279.94

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm