

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday, March 13 2018 at Rushton Methodist Church, Sugar Street, Rushton.

Chairman	Mr R Steele		
Vice Chairman	Mrs S Hughes		
Councillors	Mrs J Matravers	Mr R Bailey	Mr G R Betton
	Mr D W Lovatt	Mr R Milne	Mr L W Young
Clerk	Mrs J Sherratt		

1. Apologies
Cllr. Trueman

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, held on February 2 2018
These had been circulated and were signed as correct by the Chairman

3. Declaration of Interest
None.

4. Planning
 - 4.1 SMD/2018/0073 Erection of single storey extension and reconstruction of outbuilding to form additional accommodation at Mill House, Cloudside, Congleton
Members of Rushton Parish Council have no objections to this Planning Proposal.

 - 4.2 Update given by Cllr. Hughes on the recent developments concerning Ivy House, Sugar Street.
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5. Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Highways
Concern over dead tree, falling over opposite Sandbank Farm.
Refer to Highways. Ref. No.4084326
Still having problems locating this tree.

In the meantime, Cllr. Bailey has received correspondence from Colin Albutt, S.C.C. concerning the other dead tree on Macclesfield Road.

Clerk to telephone Mr Albutt with the Chairman's Telephone Number.

Signpost down, at end of Dyehouse Lane, near to Corn Mill.

Pothole in Alley Lane, near to School House, SK11 OSF

Side of road sinking again in-between Pex House Farm and Woodhouse Green

Grit Bin requested in Askerbank Lane

Vehicle access sign, leaning at top of Charles Knowle Lane

5.2 Neighbourhood Plan

Progressing - in the name of the Parish Council.

Copy of Electoral Roll needed, to notify all residents of the "Neighbourhood Plan".

Clerk to obtain a copy.

5.3 Standing Orders - Co-option onto Parish Council

Clerk has been into S.M.D.C. to inquire if Mr Mark Trillo has a template for "Co-option onto the Parish Council".

No reply received.

Following letter to Mr Martin Chester:-

Thank you for your recent letters. With apologies for not responding sooner.

Interviews for the position as Parish Councillor did not take place as all candidates were known to the Parish Councillors.

In a small village, everybody tends to know each other and therefore C.V.'s and interviews would not add anything to the process.

In 2010 C.V's and interviews were used and the Parish Council felt that this did not add anything to their knowledge of the candidates.

The method used in choosing a new Parish Councillor was endorsed by the Staffordshire Parish Council's Association as already explained in a telephone call to you by myself a few days after the co-option.

We will agree a process on "Co-option onto the Parish Council" and put it in the "Standing Orders" and also on the Parish Council website.

We are sorry if you feel aggrieved in any way, but we feel that everything was done above board.

6. Correspondence

S.C.C.

- 6.1 Staffordshire Parish Council's Association
Subscription due for 2018/19 - £135.00

Others

- 6.2 Best Kept Village Competition
Entry forms for 2018 received.
- 6.3 Rushton Methodist Chapel
Meeting to be held mid April 2018. Any interested parties asked to attend to discuss fund raising.

7. Finance

- 7.1 Raise a cheque for £20.00 for the hire of the Church for the meeting
Cheque No. 676 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. R Bailey
- 7.2 Raise a cheque for £135.00 for Staffordshire Parish Council's Association
Cheque No. 677 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. R Bailey
- 7.3 Resolved to move £1,000 from NatWest Bank to Co-op Bank
Cheque No. 678 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. R Bailey
- 7.4 Raise a cheque for £700.00 for Ken Wainman Associates – Neighbourhood Plan Consultant
Cheque No.700 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. R Bailey

After November Meeting

Co-op Bank	2,008.82
NatWest Bank	2,444.90

Neighbourhood Plan

Balance £2,500.00

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7. Open Forum

Mick Heath, from Heaton House Farm is to purchase a fertiliser spreader and have it modified to spread grit.

Needs grit, delivering to Heaton House Farm.

Money from Parish Councils to keep roads open in severe weather?

Would be prepared to grit private lanes in return for payment.

Council - ok in principle provided that the grit is still supplied at the other various locations within the Parish.

8. Date of next meeting –Tuesday, April 10th 2018

Later adjourned until May 2018

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

Signature _____

Date _____