

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, August 7 2013 at Rushton Methodist Church,  
Sugar Street, Rushton Spencer at 7.30 pm.

Chairman	Mr D W Lovatt		
Vice Chairman	Mr M Chester		
Councillors	Mrs S J Bostock Gibson	Mr R Bailey	Mr G R Betton
	Mr R Steele	Mr L W Young	
Clerk	Mrs J Sherratt		

1. Apologies for absence  
Mrs P Brown, Mr D F Trueman
  
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on June 5 2013.  
These had been circulated and were signed as correct by the Chairman.
  
3. Declaration of Interest  
None.
  
4. Planning
  - 4.1 Appeal by Mr B Kirkham, Greenfields, Dingle Lane, Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire Moorlands SK11 ORX against the refusal of S.M.D.C. to allow planning permission for change of use of land to domestic curtilage, including new access and landscaping of garden (retrospective)

Following letter to Planning Inspectorate:-

Additional comments from Rushton Parish Council:-

*They agree with the position of the access, but they do not like the landscaping. They would prefer it to be less imposing on surrounding properties.*

*As requested, I enclose 3 copies of this letter.*

*Could you please notify me of the Inspector's decision in relation to this appeal?*

*Thank you*

- 4.2 13/00630/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension at Barley House Farm, Newtown Road, Newtown, Biddulph, Staffordshire ST8 7SW

*The Members of Rushton Parish Council have no objections in principle to this development, but they do feel that it is a strange addition to this type of dwelling – the layout is not in keeping with the building.*

- 4.3 13/00786/FUL Formation of rear facing pitched roof dormers to existing house and building at Marsh View, Macclesfield Road, Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire SK11 ORN

*The Majority of the Members of Rushton Parish Council are against this Planning Proposal.*

- *There are too many windows.*
- *Overbearing on neighbouring properties.*
- *Dormers out of proportion to existing building*
- *It would be less obtrusive if “Velux style” windows were used as opposed to dormer ones.*

- 4.4 Following letter to Planning Department:-

*Members of Rushton Parish Council would like to draw your attention to a piece of land which has obviously had “Change of Use” from land to gardens.*

*It is in Dingle Lane, Rushton Spencer about 100 metres below “Greenfields”.*

*It is not owned by the occupants of “Greenfields”.*

5. Matters arising

- 5.1 Highways

Potholes down by Long Edge Farm and on the Newtown Road outside Bentley House have been repaired.

Tyres covered by nettles in lay by on Long Edge Road still need tidying up - Clerk will report back to S.M.D.C.

- 5.2 Village Lengthsman Scheme

The Village Lengthsman to be asked to cut the grass around the road junctions.

Purchase Order for 2013/14 £699.00 P6500928155

Leekfrith's Lengthsman has expressed his willingness to undertake any railing painting in neighbouring parishes.

Railings at top of Charles Knowle Lane need repairing first. Clerk to telephone S.C.C. Ladderedge for approval.

5.3 rushtonstaffspc.org

Website is now up and running – thanks to Richard Bailey.

6. Correspondence

S.C.C.

6.1 Staffordshire Parish Council's Association

Correspondence received.

S.M.D.C.

6.2 Weekly List of Planning Applications

Filed.

Others

6.3 Nat. West

Customer Review - all signatories to complete a form

6.4 Britannia

Letter received.

7. Finance

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

Cheque No. 596 Signed by Cllr. R Bailey and Cllr. R Steele.

7.2 Raise a cheque for £20.00 for Miss S Ogden – Internal Examiner of Accounts

Cheque No. 597 Signed by Cllr. R Bailey and Cllr. R Steele.

After May Meeting

Britannia Building Society 1,005.79

NatWest Bank 829.31

August

Rushton Methodist Church		20.00
Miss S Ogden		20.00

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Nat. West. Bank	789.31	

8. Open Forum

The insurers of the houses belonging to Mr and Mrs D Proctor and Mrs Annie Bailey (on the Main Road and near to the Marsh Villa Site) are paying for the repairs of the septic tanks to the two properties.

Churnet Valley Landscape Project

Strimming by volunteers by side of "Feeder"?

Old maps have been found at Hall House Farm belonging to Rushton Parish Council – to be moved to the Archives at Stafford.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, September 10, later rearranged to Tuesday, October 1.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.