

## Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly and Parish Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, August 13 2014 at Rushton Methodist Church, Sugar Street, Rushton.

Chairman	Mr M Chester		
Councillors	Mr G R Betton, Mr L W Young,	Mr D W Lovatt, Mr D F Trueman	Mr R Steele,
Clerk	Mrs J Sherratt		

1. Apologies for absence  
Mrs S J Bostock Gibson, Mrs P Brown.  
Mr R Bailey did not attend.
2. Approval of minutes of the previous meetings, held on July 2 and July 23 2014  
These had been circulated and were signed as correct by the Chairman.
3. Declaration of Interest  
4.5 Cllr. Trueman
4. Planning
  - 4.1 DET/2014/0023 Proposed change of use of milking shed to a dwelling house at Green Meadows Farm, Long Edge Road, Rushton Spencer, Macclesfield.  

WITHDRAWN
  - 4.2 SMD/2014/0428 Conversion of redundant Barn at Rushton Hall Farm into accommodation ancillary SMD/2014/0429 to the adjacent Listed farmhouse at Rushton Hall Farm, Dingle Lane, Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire.  
*Members of Rushton Parish Council fully support this Planning Proposal.*
  - 4.3 SMD/2014/0361 To construct a 40m x 20m horse arena. The surface to be black rubber, to be fenced with post and rail. To include a new access track and a stable block 10m x 9m constructed as a portal frame building, clad down to floor with timber, cement fibre roof at Green Meadows Farm, Long Edge Road, Rushton Spencer, Macclesfield.

*Members of Rushton Parish Council would like to make the following comments:-*

- *Proposed development will be on the top of a Public footpath and therefore needs re-siting.*
- *Overhead power lines are not shown on the plan.*
- *A clause needs putting into the decision notice that any development given is for the applicant's own private use and not for commercial reasons.*
- *Why isn't the building recently erected on this site being used for stabling?*
- *There appears to be excessive development on this site.*

#### 4.4 SMD/2014/0312 Amended description

Application for a Certificate of proposed lawful use or development for two storey front extension off the original "principal" elevation. A single storey side extension and a single storey rear extension at Salters Ford Farm, Newtown Road, Newtown, Biddulph.

*Members of Rushton Parish Council feel that this extension is too big for a property that has previously been extended.*

*They also feel that the proposal would not be in keeping with the original property.*

#### 4.5 SMD/2014/0389 Erection of two storey extension to side of detached dwelling house at Rushton Mills House, Mill Lane, Rushton Spencer

*Members of Rushton Parish Council fully support this Planning Proposal.*

### 5. Matters arising from the Minutes

#### 5.1 Highways

Trees need trimming along Long Edge Road.

Along Askerbank Lane through to the junction leading to Rushton Churchyard entrance overgrown trees and hedges are encroaching on the highway.

In-between Gablestones and Cliff Park House on Beat Lane, grit is coming across the road and making the road narrow.

#### 5.2 Village Lengthsman Scheme

Proposed by Cllr. Trueman, seconded by Cllr. Steele, that Clive Hambleton be offered the vacant Village Lengthsman position.

Trying to find him a map of the Parish.

Following letter to Mr Clive Hambleton:-

*I am now in a position to inform you that your application to be the Village Lengthsman for Rushton Parish Council was successful, at the agreed rate of £12.50 per hour.*

*I look forward to receiving your details of work undertaken, how many hours it took and the date you did the work in due course!*

Following letter to Mr Jason Talbot:-

*I am sorry to have to inform you that your application to be the Village Lengthsman for Rushton Parish Council was unsuccessful.*

### 5.3 Town & Parish Council Consultation on Site Options and Development Boundaries

Gavin Clarke and/or David Davies, S.M.D.C. not willing to attend a Meeting at Rushton but would meet with Councillors at Moorlands House.

Cllr. Steele to arrange a Meeting and attend with Cllr. Betton.

### 5.4 Rushton Churchyard

(1) Churchyard keeper has 2 projects in mind that need tidying up – clear the tip and cut hedges and trim trees – 2 contractors in mind.

Proposed by Cllr. Trueman, seconded by Cllr. Young that Rushton Parish Council pay for the 2 contractors direct.

(2) Proposed by Cllr. Betton, seconded by Cllr. Lovatt that a letter be sent to the Church stating that the Parish Council is willing to pay for these 2 extra jobs, but that we would need proof from the Church that the money would be spent on this project.

As there was 1 abstention, the Chairman had the casting vote and decided that he would telephone the Vicar for her views on the 1<sup>st</sup> proposal and then telephone Mrs Beale later with the Parish Council's decision.

## 6. Correspondence

### C.E.C.

- 6.1 Cheshire East Council Local Plan Strategy – Independent Examination  
Letter received.

### S.C.C.

- 6.2 Staffordshire Parish Councils Association  
Correspondence received.

### S.M.D.C.

- 6.3 Weekly List of Planning Applications  
Filed.

### Others

#### 6.4 World War 1 Exhibition

Rushton Parish Council has previously agreed to pay for the hire of Swythamley and Heaton Centre for 1 day with Heaton Parish Council paying for the other.

Swythamley weekend is now confirmed as 25/26 October, with the hire fee being £100.00 per day.



Cllr. Steele kindly offered to pay for the hire of Rushton Methodist Chapel for the exhibition there in November.

6.5 Peak District National Park Authority

Letter received on "Community Engagement Programme for the Staffordshire Moorlands"

7. Finance

7.1 Raise a cheque for £20.00 for the hire of the Rushton Methodist Church for the Meeting on July 23

Cheque No. 613 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. D F Trueman

7.2 Raise a cheque for £20.00 for the hire of the Church for the meeting

Cheque No. 614 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. D F Trueman

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

Cheque No 615 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. D F True man

After July Meeting

Britannia Building Society	1,006.80
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Nat. West Bank	1,880.57
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Ruston Methodist Church	20.00
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Miss S Ogden	20.00
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Co-op Bank	1,006.80
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NatWest Bank	1,820.57
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8. Open Forum

No matters forthcoming.

9. Date of next meeting    Wednesday, September 10 at 7.30 pm

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