

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Tuesday, January 20 2015 at Rushton Methodist Church, Sugar Street, Rushton.

Chairman	Mr M Chester		
Vice Chairman	Mrs S J Bostock Gibson		
Councillors	Mr G R Betton	Mr D W Lovatt	Mr L W Young
County Councillor	Mrs C G Heath		
Visitors	Mr D Brain, Mrs A Bailey, Mrs P Bailey, Mr W Nixon, Mr R Dooley		
Clerk	Mrs J Sherratt		

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs P Brown, Mr R Bailey, Mr R Steels, Mr D F Trueman.

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meetings, held on November 19 2014

These had been circulated and were signed as correct by the Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interest

None.

4. Planning

- 4.1 SMD/2014/0573 Single storey side link extension at Greenfields, Dingle Lane, Rushton Spencer SK11 ORX

REFUSED

- 4.2 SMD/2014/0591 Agricultural access and track (retrospective) at High Lee Farm, Mill Lane, Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire SK11 ORS

REFUSED

Cllr. Heath to challenge S.M.D.C. on the consistency of their planning decisions re High Lee and a development at Barnswood in a neighbouring Parish.

- 4.3 SMD/2014/0619 Removal of existing conservatory at Springfield House. Mill Lane, Rushton Spencer, SK11 ORS

PASSED

- 4.4 SMD/2014/0633 Erection of a domestic garage/stables at Mill House Cottage, Mill Lane, Rushton Spencer

This application has now been withdrawn.

- 4.5 SMD/2014/0809 Replacement cattle sheds at Hall House Farm, Askerbank Lane, Rushton Spencer

Members of Rushton Parish Council fully support this Planning Proposal.

- 4.6 SMD/2014/0813 Single storey side link extension (resubmission of SMD/2014/0573) at Greenfields, Dingle Lane, Rushton Spencer

Members of Rushton Parish Council fully support this Planning Proposal.

- 4.7 SMD/2014/0836 and 0837 Demolition of existing lean – to and erection of a rear extension, new entrance canopy to the side entrance, installation of an extraction flue and internal and external alterations at The Knott Inn, Station Lane, Rushton Spencer.

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

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

5.1 Highways

Leek Old Road

Mr David Brain, Co-ordinator for the Dane Valley First Responders attended the Meeting to discuss accidents on the Old Road and measures that could be taken to avoid them in the future..

Mary Anne Rafferty, Community Liaison Officer, S.C.C. had inspected the area with Mrs Heath.

Ideas:-

- Will probably be able to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph as there is a build up of properties. A survey will be done on the whole length, criteria studied and then a traffic order has to be advertised.
- Need more barriers
- Rumble strips (but not close to any houses)

Beat Lane

It is not considered necessary to introduce a 50mph speed limit as there are no changes of environment along the road.

2 “low bridge” signs possible on the Main Road, but it would then displace larger vehicles on to side roads and cause further issues.

5.2 Village Lengthsman Scheme

Bent railings near to Wolf Lowe now appear to have been straightened

Invoice received for £223.75

5.3 Rushton Churchyard

Invoice has been received by Mr Philip Knowles for £250.00 invoicing St. Lawrence P.C.C. – for having the tip removed and the hedges cut in the Churchyard, by David Sherratt.

It had already been decided that on completion of the work, the contractors would invoice the Parish Council directly, with remittance to follow. Awaiting a correct invoice.

5.4 Drainage around "Marsh Mews"

Letter received from Robert Weaver, Head of Regularity Services, S.M.D.C.:-

"This matter is a civil matter between the septic tank owners and the landowner. However, the Council is continuing to do all it can to facilitate a resolution between the parties. The Environmental Health Team is reviewing the current position with the drainage agents and the various insurance companies to see if there are further avenues that can be explored to try and help the residents resolve the drainage problem."

Clerk to contact Mike Towers, Principal Environmental Health Officer to assess an update.

Mr Towers had nothing further to report - dispute still ongoing.

6. Correspondence

S.C.C.

- 6.1 Staffordshire Parish Councils Association
Correspondence received

S.M.D.C.

- 6.2 Weekly List of Planning Applications
Filed

- 6.3 Parish Precept requirements for 2015/16
Council Tax support grant will be £22.77

Proposed by Cllr. Young, seconded by Cllr. Lovatt with all in favour that the Precept should be £2,652.00

7. Finance

7.1 Raise a cheque for £223.75 for Village Lengthsman

Cheque No. 508 Signed by Cllr. S J Bostock Gibson and later by Cllr. D F Trueman

Other cheques held over to next meeting as only 1 signatory present.

After November Meeting

Co-op Bank	1,006.80
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NatWest Bank	2,990.41
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Co-op Bank	1,006.80
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NatWest Bank	2,766.66
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8. Open Forum

Mill House Garage

Mr Will Nixon and his agent Mr Richard Dooley attended the Meeting to discuss their recent Planning Applications.

S.M.D.C.Planning Department were not adhering to the "dates of determination" that they had set.

S.M.D.C. Councillor has already been into their offices to discuss why local businesses are not getting the support they need.

Mrs Heath to liaise with Cllr. Hawkins on how the dispute may be resolved.

Fly Tipping

Cllr, Lovatt brought it to Council's attention that fly tipping has occurred on a lay bye on Long Edge Road. A letter was discovered with a name on it of possibly who the fly tipper might be!

Martin Goldstraw

A Mr Martin Goldstraw from Telford has made a request via Richard Bailey to have electronic minutes sent to him.

As we are such a long way away, has he the wrong Rushton in mind?

The Council does not "do electronic minutes."

9. Date of next meeting as Thursday, February 12 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signature_____

Date_____

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