

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly and Parish Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, May 7 2014 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 R Steele
	Mr D F Trueman	Mr L W Young	
Visitors	Mr J Pears, Ms A (Sam) Hughes, Mrs A Bailey, Mrs A Young, Mr B Beech		
Clerk	Mrs J Sherratt		

7.00 pm Parish Assembly.

30 minutes for Public Participation. The Parish Assembly had been advertised on the Noticeboards.

Some of the Visitors came to discuss Agenda 12.8

7.30 pm AGM

1. Apologies for absence
Mrs P Brown, Mr R Bailey.
2. Election of Chairman to Rushton Parish Council 2014/15
Cllr. Trueman nominated Cllr M Chester for the position of Chairman for 2014/15. Cllr. Lovatt seconded the proposal with all remaining Cllrs. in favour and Cllr. Chester accepted.

Before finishing his term of Office, Cllr. Lovatt thanked the Clerk. Cllr. Chester and Cllr Steele were also thanked for chairing the 2 Meetings when he was unable to attend.
3. Signing of Acceptance
Chairman's Acceptance form to be signed at the next meeting.
4. Election of Vice- Chairman
Cllr. Trueman nominated Cllr. S J Bostock Gibson for the position of Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Lovatt
Cllr. Betton proposed Cllr. Young, who did not wish to stand.
Cllr. S J Bostock Gibson was then elected to the position of Vice Chairman.
5. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting, held on April 1 2014
These had been circulated and were signed as correct by the Chairman.
6. Approval of the Accounts of Rushton Parish Council for the financial year ending March 31st 2013
Waiting for the interest to be added on at the Cooperative Bank.

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

No amendments made.

8. Approval of the Standing Orders of Rushton Parish Council

No amendments made.

9. Declaration of Interest

None.

10. Planning

- 10.1 10.1 SMD/2013/1163 Conversion of outbuildings and single storey extension to existing house at 2, Woodhouse Green Farm, Woodhouse Green, Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire, SK11 ORS

PASSED

- 10.2 DET/2014/0008 Proposed building to cover existing farm yard at Sprinks Farm, Dingle Lane, Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire SK11 ORX

PASSED

- 10.3 SMD/2014/0170 & Demolition of existing structures and redevelopment of existing garage storage unit, new office space extension and formalisation of existing access/parking arrangement at Mill House Garage, Macclesfield Road, Rushton Spencer

Members of Rushton Parish Council fully support this Planning Proposal.

SMD/2014/0190 Display of two externally illuminated free standing signs and one non-illuminated fascia sign at Mill House Garage, Macclesfield Road, Rushton Spencer

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11. Matters arising from the Minutes

11.1 Highways

Beat Lane to be closed to all traffic from May 28 until June 20

Give Way sign on Meerbrook Road opposite Charles Knowles Lane in need of attention.

11.2 Village Lengthsman Scheme

Following letter to Mr Ken Gibson, who has retired as Rushton's Village Lengthsman:-

I have been asked by Members of Rushton Parish Council to write and thank you for all your work as our Village Lengthsman during these last few years.

The work that you have done on the "Highways" has been greatly appreciated by everyone.

Thank you.

Cllr. Betton to advertise for a new Village Lengthsman in "Link"

11.3 Complaints

Green Meadows Farm

At the time of the Meeting, Mrs Walker was unable to locate the letter asking her to look at the developments at this property.

She has since confirmed that the house was extended under "Permitted Development" and the size of the building was in order.

High Lea

Mrs Walker needed confirmation that the entrance and roadway was of recent construction.

After receiving this, she is now looking into the complaint.

12. Correspondence

S.C.C.

12.1 Staffordshire Parish Councils Association

Correspondence received

12.2 Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2014/2015

Letter received.

S.M.D.C.

12.3 Weekly List of Planning Applications

Filed.

12.4 Adoption Statements

Received.

12.5 Local Plan – Special Parish Assembly Meeting

Cllr. Steele reported on this Meeting.

5 new houses to be built in Rushton before 2031.

Various sites were mentioned.

Others

12.6 Helping people to cope during power cuts

Letter received + box with items needed during a power cut. Box to be given as a Raffle prize at the Rushton Methodist Church's Garden Party.

12.7 History to today

Leaflet received.

12.8 Royal Oak

Sam Hughes explained that some of the parishioners wish to acquire and develop the Royal Oak Public House for the benefit of the local community.

Shares would be sold at £200.00 per share.

£300,000 is needed + V.A.T. to purchase the property.

Councillors were in favour.

13. Finance

13.1 Accounts for 2012/2013- held over until June Meeting.

13.2 Raise a cheque for £20.00 for the hire of the Rushton Methodist Church for the May Meeting

Cheque No. 609 Signed by Cllr. S J Bostock Gibson and Cllr. D F Trueman

13.3 Parish Precept – paid end of April

13.4 Raise a cheque for Aon Insurance for £358.04

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13.5 Village Lengthsman Repayment - £88.00

After April Meeting

Britannia Building Society	1,005.79
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Nat.West. Bank	698.16
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May

Parish Precept

Village Lengthsman repayment	88.00
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Rushton Methodist Church	20.00
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A-on Insurance	358.04
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Britannia Interest	1.01
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After May Meeting

Britannia Building Society	1,006.80
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Nat.West Bank

To be completed when precept paid in is known.

16. Open Forum

Mrs Bailey reported on the problems with septic tank drainage at properties belonging to herself and Mr and Mrs Proctor.

Helen Anderson from Churnet Valley Living landscape Plan wished to come to one of our Meetings to discuss grants. June Meeting - if she is available.

Stile on A523 outside Royal Oak is too high and wobbles. Can it be replaced?

17. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, June 5th at 7.30 pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm