

Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, February 6 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 D F Trueman
	Mr L W Young		
Clerk	Mrs J Sherratt		

1. Apologies

None. All members attended.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, held on November 15 2017

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

Welcome extended to new Parish Councillor – Mr R Milne.

3. Declaration of Interest

None.

4. Planning

None.

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.

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

Pothole in Alley Lane, near to School House

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

Grit Bin requested in Askerbank Lane

5.2 Neighbourhood Plan

Progressing - in the name of the Parish Council.

A lively discussion took place on the benefits or not of having a Neighbourhood Plan

Draft copy should be ready by the end of March 2018

6. Correspondence

S.M.D.C.

6.1 Parish Precept

Cllr. Hughes proposed £3,525.00, seconded by Cllr. Bailey

Cllr. Lovatt proposed £3,400.00, seconded by Cllr. Matravers

Cllr. Steele proposed £3,173.00 but failed to find a seconder.

The first proposal (the same as last year) was carried by 6 votes to 3.

Others

6.2 Consultation on "Leekfrith Parish Neighbourhood Plan"

1 paper copy, but available to look at on-line

6.3 NatWest

Letter received.

7. Rushton School "Safety Camera" signs

Discussion adjourned until March Meeting

8. Finance

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

Cheque No. 674 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. D F Trueman

8.2 Raise a cheque for £485.45 for J Sherratt – Clerk April – September 2017

Salary £450.00, Expenses £35.45 .

Cheque No. 675 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. D F Trueman

8.3 Letter acknowledging donation to “The Link” received

8.4 Precept received in the Autumn of 2017 - £1,767.27

After November Meeting

Co-op Bank 1,008.82

NatWest Bank 3,599.90

Neighbourhood Plan

Balance £3,200.00

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7. Open Forum

Mr M Chester has sent 2 letters to the Parish Council.

i) Road signs in the Parish

The Chairman to investigate the locations formally listed, except Item No. F which is in Heaton Parish.

ii) Procedure of co-option onto the Parish Council

Questions asked as to why interviews of the candidates did not take place, and the procedure used for co-option.

Letter to Mr Chester held over until after the March Meeting

8. Date of next meeting –Wednesday, March 7th 2018

Later adjourned until Tuesday, March 13th 2018

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

Signature_____

Date_____