

## Rushton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Wednesday, January 4 2017 at Rushton Methodist Church, Sugar Street, Rushton.

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

1. Apologies  
None. All members attended.
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, held on November 8 2016  
These had been circulated and were signed as correct by the Chairman.
3. Declaration of Interest
  - 4.1 Cllr. Bailey
  - 4.2 Cllr. Trueman
  - 8.2 Cllr. Hughes
4. Planning
  - 4.1 SMD/2016/0779 Listed Building Consent for internal alterations and associated drainage, reinstatement of bunded oil tank to the rear and new extraction grille to the west elevation at Hall House Farm, Askerbank Lane, Rushton Spencer  
*Members of Rushton Parish Council fully support this Planning Proposal*
  - 4.2 SMD/2016/0709 Two storey rear extension and the addition of an upper storey over a single storey outrigger (resubmission of SMD/2016/0395) at Dye House, Dye House Lane, Rushton Spencer, Staffordshire SK11 ORS  
*Members of Rushton Parish Council have no objections in principle to this Planning Proposal*

4.3 SMD/2016/0746 Formation of a new vehicle entrance at New House, Beat Lane, Rushton James  
*Members of Rushton Parish Council have no objections to this Planning Proposal*

4.4 Following letter to Mr D Harrison, the owner of Ivy House, Rushton Spencer

*It has been reported to us that there are holes dug into the land at Ivy House, Rushton Spencer.*

*This ground is adjacent to the "Royal Oak" septic tank. This hole is filled with water giving off an obnoxious smell.*

*Rushton Parish Council wants to know as to what action you propose to take to prevent this happening?*

*We look forward to seeing a quick solution to this situation.*

*c.c. Planning Enforcement Officer, S.M.D.C.*

In addition, Cllr. Bailey to telephone Mike Walker, Environment Agency

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

5.1 Highways

Overgrown hedges encroaching on road, catching high sided vehicles on the Old Road, leaving Rushton. Also, a tree branch needs attention on the opposite side of the road

Mr Alan Wilshaw to provide a quote for the hedge cutting in question

Gullies blocked on Long Edge Road Ref.No.4066944

5.2 Village Lengthsman Scheme

Notice of termination of letter of agreement received from S.C.C.

5.3 Dog Poo bins etc.

Decided to remove a bin from the village and place it near to the sign of the Staffordshire Way.

The process of moving the bin has now started.

5.4 Neighbourhood Plan Area

People willing to take on this work now need to prepare a "submission"

Up to £9,000 in Grant Money is available from S.M.D.C. - spread over 2 years

Following letter to S.M.D.C.:-

Neighbourhood Development Plan

*I am writing on behalf of Rushton Parish Council to apply for the parish of Rushton to be designated a Neighbourhood Planning Area in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. A map of the area is attached.*

*Rushton Parish Council is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Planning Act 1990 and therefore qualified to undertake neighbourhood planning for the identified area. The Council has received unanimous support for this approach from an open meeting on August 25 with 34 people in attendance. The plan is to be created on behalf of the parish by a team of 10 parishioners (including parish councillors) led by Councillor Sam Hughes. The Parish Council will oversee the activity.*

*We are keen to now make progress with the plan which will help to shape how the Parish will grow over the years and would therefore appreciate your swift acknowledgement of this intent.*

*Please contact Councillor Hughes on 01260 226368 or [samhug368@yahoo.com](mailto:samhug368@yahoo.com) if you require any further information.*

Discussion took place as to which account the Grant Money could be paid into - offshoot from Rushton Parish Council?

Cllr. Steele to discuss with NatWest Bank

5.5 HM Queen Elizabeth II 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Commemorative Mugs

A few left to sell at a price of £3.50 each.

5.6 Rent of land at Charles Knowles Lane

Last paid in the year ended 31/03/2013

£20.00 received from Mr Norman Faulkner to bring the rent up to date.

From and including 2017, the rent to increase to £10.00 per annum

Following letter to Mr Faulkner:-

*Thank you so much for your payment of £20.00, which brings the account up to date.*

*At their Meeting in November, Rushton Parish Council agreed to increase the rent to £10.00 per annum, starting from 2017.*

*At their Meeting in January 2017, Council voted not to sell the ground at this point in time.*

*Kindest regards to you both*

## 6. Correspondence

### S.C.C.

#### 6.1 Staffordshire Parish Council's Association

Transparency Fund – the Chairman to enquire if a computer could be purchased for use in the Chapel.

If a positive outcome emerges, then consult with the Chapel Authorities.

Answer – No.

The Chairman to enquire re the installation of line rental

### S.M.D.C.

#### 6.2 Weekly List of Planning Applications

Only 1 list received from early November.

#### 6.3 Parish Precept

Council has to make provision for loss of Village Lengthsman money

Bearing this in mind, the proposals were as follows:-

Cllr. Lovatt proposed £3,000

Cllr. Hughes proposed £3,525 – the same as last year

Cllr. Betton proposed £2,950

Cllr. Hughes's proposal was seconded and carried by the 5 other Councillors

The relevant paperwork was signed

Others

6.4 B.K.V. Competition  
Entry form received

7. Finance

7.1 Raise a cheque for £20.00 for hire of Rushton Methodist Church  
Cheque No. 653 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. D F Trueman

7.2 Raise a cheque for £876.25 for S.M.D.C. – Half of Contested Parish Election Fee from 2015  
Cheque No. 654 Signed by Cllr. R Steele and Cllr. D F Trueman

7.3 After November Meeting

Co-op Bank	1,008.82
NatWest Bank	2,762.07

January

Rent of ground	20.00	
Rushton Methodist Church		20.00
S.M.D.C.		876.25

After January Meeting

Co-op Bank	1,008.82
NatWest Bank	1,885.82

8. Open Forum

8.1 Green Belt Survey

Recently been held. No changes are to be made.

8.2 Community Speedwatch

12 volunteers are now to undertake Community Speedwatch in Rushton

High vis jackets and signs need to be purchased at an approx.cost of £400.00

A contribution was asked for by Cllr. Hughes who then declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion

Cllr. Steele proposed £200.00, seconded by Cllr. Trueman

Cllr. Bailey proposed £250.00 but failed to find a seconder

The proposal of £200.00 was carried

8.3 Wormhill

Mr Chester brought to Council's attention that "Wormhill" would feature on BBC 1 on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 9.30 pm

9. Date of next meeting – Tuesday, February 7 2017

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.26 pm

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_