

MINUTES OF ROWTON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

MONDAY 02 NOVEMBER 2020 at 7.00pm

Held via Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillors Paul Shannon (Chair)
Howard Hopwood (Vice-Chair)
Glenys Harrison
Peter Thomas
Michael Smythe
Bob Knight

In attendance Clerk Christine Davies
Cllr Stuart Parker (left 7.55pm)

1 Apologies

None

2 Declaration of Interest

None

3 To consider approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 07 September 2020

Minutes were signed as a true and correct record by Cllr Paul Shannon (Chair).

4 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Newsletter Distributed to residents w/c 5/10/20 and appreciative feedback received from several residents.

South East Chester Cycle Plan Awaiting outcome of meeting with CWaC.

5 Covid-19

Cllr Shannon attended a meeting in early October to discuss CWaC's pandemic response. However, the direction of that meeting has been overtaken by rapidly changing national events and subsequently we are now facing a second lockdown.

6 Public Participation

No members of the public requested to join the virtual meeting.

Cllr Stuart Parker said that at the moment CWaC's main concern was dealing with Covid-19 and the implications that the second lockdown restrictions will have on business, in particular, the hospitality sector. The new bus/cycle lanes recently introduced on some roads in Chester have caused some controversy with complaints from residents. The scheme will be reviewed after its trial period of six months.

The Chair, Cllr Shannon, requested Item 10 be brought forward for Cllr Parker's input.

10 Carols on the Green

Due to the second lockdown restrictions being in place until 2 December it was agreed that the event would unfortunately have to be cancelled. However, the Christmas Tree is still due to be delivered w/c 7 December 2020. Cllr Peter Thomas to liaise with Richard Fitton and Richard Salmon to ask if they can erect the tree and put up the lights as in previous years. Cllr Stuart Parker said that the Parish Council could apply to his Member's Budget for funding to hold a Community event, when safe to do so, next year.

Action: Clerk to put notice on noticeboards re cancellation and update website.

7 Finance The following expenditure was approved:-

Payments	Amount	Cheque No Online Payment	Statute Power
Cheshire Community Action – Annual Membership	£20.00	OP	LGA 1972 s111
Deva Print – Newsletters	£60.00	OP	LGA 1972 s142
CM Davies – Sept Sal 153.60 + 19.95	£173.15	OP	LGA 1972 s112
Bank Balance as at 05/10/20	£6069.23		

8 Highways

i) Japanese Knotweed on Claypits Lane – Originally reported to Streetscene by Cllr Paul Shannon. However, there appears to have been some confusion about identification of the weed and the job was signed off. Consequently, Clerk has emailed the Service Delivery Manager at Streetscene to request urgent action.

ii) Overgrown hedges and encroachment onto pavement in the vicinity of Vaynol on Whitchurch Road – Highways have contacted landowner to cutback hedge and small works order has been placed to have soil/vegetation removed on pavement.

iii) A41 Pedestrian Crossing. Cllr Parker said that funding application for the project is still under consideration by the senior management team. He will notify the Parish Council as soon as a decision is made.

9 Planning

Following Planning Application received and comments submitted:-
20/0345/FUL: Thurnby, Greenfield Lane – Single storey and two storey extension, alterations to front elevation and rendering of the whole property:
No Comment submitted 27/10/20/.

National Planning Reform – Planning for the Future - 4/11/20: Cllr Hopwood to attend virtual meeting hosted by CWaC and will report back.

11 Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed, that as we do not know how long social distancing restrictions will be in place, that a virtual meeting be organised with Cheshire Community Action. Meeting to be organised at January 2021 Parish Council meeting.

12 Issues for Discussion/Consideration

Agenda item for January 2021 meeting: Agree schedule of meeting dates for next 12 months.

13 Date of Next Meeting – 7pm Monday 11 January 2021