

**MINUTES OF ROWTON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING  
MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm  
held at Rowton Methodist Church, Moor Lane, Rowton**

Present: Councillors      Howard Hopwood (Chair)  
   Glenys Harrison  
   Bob Knight  
   Peter Thomas

In attendance Clerk                      Christine Davies  
   One member of the public  
   Cllr Stuart Parker      (left at 7.50pm)

**1 Apologies**

Cllr Paul Shannon (holiday)

**2 Declaration of Interest**

None

**3 To consider the approval of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 26 July 2021**

Minutes were approved and signed as a true and correct record by Cllr Howard Hopwood, Chair.

**4 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

**A41 Traffic Data** Cllr Thomas reported that Highways have still not released the data for the speed assessment of the A41.

**ePetition re Average Speed Cameras on A41** This epetition instigated by Cllr Thomas has now expired. Sufficient signatures were received to secure a meeting with CWaC in October which Cllr Thomas will attend.

**5 Public Participation**

One member of the public attended the meeting regarding the ongoing issue of flooding and sewage problems in Moor Lane. Their property in Moor Lane has been severely affected in the past, including instances of raw sewage in the front and back garden, United Utilities taking 4 days to clear the sewage, and the last incident in August resulted in her pet dog contracting an infection.

**6 Highways**

**Moor Lane** Cllr Stuart Parker is very much aware of the ongoing situation and has attempted to raise it with the Deputy Chief Executive of CWaC, Charlie Seward, but, unfortunately, he is away on leave. The Chair, Cllr Hopwood, said that as this is a serious environmental problem he would contact Mr Seward directly.

**Japanese Knotweed – Clay Pits Lane** Cllr Knight reported that he had visited the site and it was worse than he anticipated. He confirmed that the owner of the adjoining field has been notified of its presence. The eradication of the weed takes between 3-4 years so it needs to be dealt with urgently. Street Scene were notified in May of this year but so far it has not been attended to. It was agreed to escalate this issue to Cllr Stuart Parker for his assistance and to also notify Rowton Hall Hotel of the potential spread of the weed.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Parker and Rowton Hall Hotel

**Rowton Lane Waste Issue** This unfortunate and distressing issue is being dealt with by the Police and PCSO Linda Bailey has reported that they are possibly aware of the identity of the individual and the situation is being dealt with from a multi-agency approach.

## 7 Finance

The following retrospective expenditure for August and September was approved:-

Payments	Amount	Cheque No/Online Payment	Statute Power
CM Davies Aug Sal £226.44 + £18.19 Expenses	£244.63	OP	LGA1972-Sec 111
Penny Lane Accountants – Payroll	£5.00	OP	LGA1972-Sec 112
CM Davies Sept Sal £195.84+ £13.04 Expenses	£208.88	OP	LGA 1972-Sec 111
Penny Lane Accountants – Payroll	£5.00	OP	LGA 1972-Sec 112
Bank Balance as at 03/09/2021	£9205.14		

Print out from Electronic Cash Book reconciliation verified and signed and dated by Cllr Glenys Harrison

## 8 Councillor Vacancy

The following action was agreed. Advert to be placed in A41 Magazine, article to be included in the forthcoming newsletter and Cllr Hopwood said he would also promote it in the Rowton Support WhatsApp Group.

## 9 Planning

No Comment were submitted against the following Planning Applications:-  
21/02982/FUL – 6 St George’s Crescent CH3 7QR – boundary runs across property: Front porch and single storey front extension, frontage of property to be rendered.

21/03102/FUL – Cheriton, Rowton Lane CH3 6AT: Alterations to windows and doors to front side and rear, erection of single storey side rear extension.

21/03080/FUL – 1 Croft Close, CH3 7QQ: Single storey extension to rear.

Objections were submitted against the following Planning Applications:  
21/02908/LDC (Lawful Development Certificate) – Rowton Moor Nurseries, Promised Land Lane CH3 6AY: C3 Dwelling House completed and occupied as

a single dwelling for over 10 years. The main objection being Parish Council concern regarding compromise to the integrity of potential green belt development within the Parish

21/03007/FUL: Land at Greenfield Cottage, Greenfields Lane CH3 6AU: Erection of detached dwelling with detached double garage and new vehicular access. Objection made due to inaccuracies and errors in the supporting paperwork.

#### **10 Litter Picking Volunteer Group**

Clerk confirmed advert has been inserted in September's edition of the A41 magazine. It was agreed to include it in the forthcoming newsletter and to promote it in the Rowton Support WhatsApp Group.

i) To consider purchase of box to store equipment.

It was agreed that a suitable box is required to house the litter picking equipment as well as lights etc for the Christmas Tree.

Resolved: Cllr Thomas to research suitable weatherproof box

#### **11 Carols on the Green**

Date set for Thursday 9 December at 6.30pm. Cllr Thomas to order 16ft tree from Walker's Nurseries for delivery w/c 29 November. Cllr Harrison agreed to purchase refreshments. Event to be advertised in forthcoming Newsletter. It was agreed to apply to Cllr Stuart Parker's members budget fund towards the cost of the event.

#### **12 Newsletter**

First item to be Carols on the Green followed by request for volunteers for the Litter Picking Group. Other articles to include Councillor Vacancy, A41 Speed Camera ePetition, return of the Mobile Library, Emergency/Useful numbers. Councillor information and date of next meeting. 200 x A4 double-sided colour printed newsletters to be distributed w/c 11/10/21 at the latest.

#### **13 Issues for Discussion/Consideration**

Smart SID – Explore possible purchase. To be agenda item for November meeting.

#### **14 Correspondence**

Clerks & Councils Direct – September edition.

#### **15 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 08 November 2021**