

MINUTES OF ROWTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 10 MAY 2021 held at 7.00pm
Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Present: Cllr Bob Knight
Cllr Glenys Harrison
Cllr Paul Shannon
Cllr Peter Thomas
Cllr Howard Hopwood

In attendance Christine Davies (Clerk)
Cllr Stuart Parker

1 To elect Chair Person and Vice-Chair Person

Nominations for the position of Chair Person were called for:

Cllr Peter Thomas proposed Cllr Howard Hopwood and this was seconded by Cllr Glenys Harrison– agreed unanimously.

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair Person were called for:

Cllr Howard Hopwood proposed Cllr Peter Thomas and this was seconded by Cllr Bob Knight – agreed unanimously.

2 To receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Howard Hopwood as Chair completed and signed his declaration of acceptance of office to be forwarded to Clerk for signature.

Cllr Peter Thomas as Vice-Chair will complete and sign his declaration of acceptance and forward to the Clerk for signature.

3 To receive apologies

Cllr Michael Smythe

4 To receive Chair's Report

The outgoing Chair, Cllr Paul Shannon, presented his report which included the following:-

Due to the ongoing pandemic Parish Council meetings have been held remotely. In line with national guidance there was no Annual Meeting in May 2020. There have been no changes in membership to the Parish Council. The Parish Council was delighted when the decision was confirmed to install a signalled crossing on the A41 by Rowton Lane and acknowledged the excellent work of the Crossing Campaign Group. Because of Coronavirus restrictions we were unable to organise the annual carol singing on the Green but some seasonal cheer was provided by the Christmas tree. Other actions placed on hold were the proposed training of parish councillors in the use of speed monitoring equipment and

the possible development of a Neighbourhood Plan. Thanks are due to the group of volunteers who help to make the Green an attractive focal point of the village. An extraordinary meeting was held in December to deal with 2 urgent matters. Firstly, it was agreed to apply to the Cheshire Community Policing Fund for litter picking equipment and secondly to support two plans produced by neighbouring parish councils to reduce speeding on A41 and improve cycling provision. Finally, the Chair thanked the Clerk for her efficient administration, CWaC Councillor Stuart Parker for his advice and support and to all members of Rowton Parish Council for their commitment and wisdom in what has undoubtedly been a difficult year. The full report can be viewed on the website

www.rowtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Resolved: The Chair's Report was accepted unanimously.

5 To receive Financial Report for the year ending 31 March 2021

The Financial Report was received and accepted unanimously by all members which gave a breakdown of income and expenditure for the financial year 2020/21.

The full report can be viewed on the website

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Resolved: The Financial Report was accepted unanimously.

6 Open Forum

There were 3 members of the public present at the meeting.

A local resident who lives on the A41 Whitchurch Road asked the Parish Council for advice about the development of the land adjacent to her property. The resident said that a new entrance onto the A41 has been installed, a gravelled road laid, stables removed and established trees taken down. She stated that all in all it seemed as though this part of the green belt was being "decimated". She had contacted CWaC and a Planning Officer had visited the site. At this point the Chair, Cllr Hopwood said that the property in question was within the Christleton Parish boundary and Cllr Thomas said that no Planning Application had been submitted. A family member of the property/development in question said that the land had been cleared so that a road could be laid across the field to give access to the stream as flooding takes place when it gets blocked up. He said that no planning permission was required to lay the road to the stream. He said that there had been speculation about the installation of glamping pods, but this was not the case, and that he was willing to show people around. Cllr Harrison said a member of the RSPB had told her that trees had in fact been taken down. She also said that the stables had been removed to which the owner of the property said that the stables were wooden and rotten and therefore the building was taken down and that the hardstanding is still there. Cllr Thomas said he thought that the land needed clearing as it was "rat infested". Cllr Thomas said, with regard to

issues relating to this site, then as it is situated in Christleton to contact Christleton Parish Council and to contact CWaC for advice re planning.

Another resident enquired if there was an update on the campaign for Average Speed Cameras on the A41. Cllr Thomas said that CWaC had installed counters on the A41 which will provide data of the speed and number of vehicles. Cllr Thomas said that he was still awaiting this data and Cllr Stuart Parker replied that he would chase this up on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to forward data to resident once available.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Confirmed as an accurate record:

Signed
(Chair/Vice Chair)
Date